



**72nd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar
Date: December 12th, 2019**

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m.

Members Present: President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Dean, Leckie, Murcia, Vice-Chairs Villacorta, Porter

Members Tardy: Chair Daraldik

Members Excused Absent: Chair Gnanam

Members Absent: None

Guests: Vice-Chair England, Senator Sojos

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore
 - Opening and explaining agenda
 - I've been trying to go to every committee meeting. I'm going to try to go to 2 each week. If I haven't been there much yet, I will be there next Semester!
- Judiciary
 - We met on Monday, the same place at the same time. Reviewed 2 bills from Senator Weber. Both passed. Passed our rules and procedures.
- Internal Affairs
 - IA met last night in Strozier 107E. Heard 3 candidates for various SGA positions. All 3 passed. 2 will be on the Senate floor tonight.
- Budget
 - Met yesterday Globe 3500. Bill 7 passed favourably.
- Finance
 - Met this afternoon. Passed consent resolutions 6 & 7 and tabled bill 8.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs
 - Not present
- RTAC
 - Heard 3 requests. Total came out to \$5840.
- Guests
 - None

Committee Business:

- Resolution 5 sponsored by Senator Sojos
- Resolution 6 sponsored by Senator Harmon

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Resolution 5 sponsored by Senator Sojos
 - Sojos - Opening: So the purpose of resolution 5 is to facilitate the whole committee election process and try to shorten the Senate meeting where it currently happens. In essence, the elections would take place in the first committee meeting -- not the whole Senate.
 - Porter - Technical Non-Debatable: Who will be responsible for setting the meeting time/place?
 - Sojos: Either the President, Pro-Tempore, or the Senate Advisor.
 - Dean - Technical Non-Debatable: Who would be in-charge of conducting the election?
 - Sojos: Same person(s) who conducted them in the Senate, they just go to the meeting then can leave
 - Porter - Technical Non-Debatable: Would this mean the Senate President has to attend every committee meeting? What about ties?
 - Sojos: If there was a tie, yes, the Senate President would have to go. If this passed what would happen is that the committees would meet after the first Senate meeting so the President would have a week to set meeting and could theoretically have to go to the meeting. President's tie could be broken over the phone
 - Leckie moves to enter Round Table. Villacorta Seconds. **Round Table.**
 - Dean: Once everyone's already in the Senate chambers everyone is already there. That makes it easier to conduct. Moving it puts a lot more work on the President's half.
 - Murcia: As well as the President delegating, it would be very difficult to have people oversee each committee because people have busy schedules but people have already cleared their schedules for Wednesday at 7:30s.
 - Villacorta: I think this way overcomplicates the process. Puts a lot of burden onto the Senate President. Balancing all of the committee meeting times over about 5 days on top of school responsibilities and office hours puts a big burden on Senate leadership. In the event of breaking a tie, having to get the Senate President down to a meeting is an unrealistic expectation. I have a problem with the language and I think it over complicates the process.
 - Leckie: If I can ask -- what problem did you seek to solve?
 - Sojos: Make things quicker in Senate meeting and not have things tabled for 2 weeks.
 - Daraldik: I think we should table this and work on it a little more. It doesn't include fall and spring clarifications, etc. Beyond that, it's logistically a little confusing for me. Figuring out precise language. I appreciate you trying to make Senate more efficient!
 - Villacorta: Was anyone contacted about the legislation?
 - Sojos: I didn't think it was necessary, so no.
 - Porter: I appreciate the work you're trying to put in.
 - Dean moves to exit round table. Porter seconds. **Exit Round Table.**
 - Murcia moves to call the question. Porter seconds.
 - Sojos - Closing: Waives remaining time
 - Daraldik: No
 - Dean: No
 - Leckie: Abstain
 - Murcia: No

- Porter: No
 - Villacorta: No
 - **Bill fails 0-5-1**
- *Harmon relinquishes chair to Chair Murcia.*
- Resolution 6 sponsored by Senator Harmon
 - Harmon - Opening: This just is what we have to do as a committee. It sets the election day for Spring as Wednesday February 19th, 2020.
 - Villacorta - Technical Non-Debatable: Were you aware that it's national chocolate mint day?
 - Harmon: No I did not
 - Leckie moves to enter round table. Dean seconds. **Round Table.**
 - Dean: Are you aware this is 2 days after my birthday?
 - Harmon: No, but it can be a celebration of your birthday!
 - Daraldik: I think we should pass it. No substantial holidays so we should be okay.
 - Leckie moves to call the question. Porter seconds.
 - Harmon - Closing: Thanks everyone for listening! Look forward to the upcoming election.
 - Daraldik: Yes
 - Dean: Yes
 - Harmon: Abstain
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Porter: Yes
 - Villacorta: Yes
 - **Bill passes 5-0-1**
- *Murcia relinquishes chair to Pro Tempore Harmon.*

Unfinished Business: None

Final Announcements:

- Harmon: Rules has a lot of work coming up. Bills 12, 15, 17. Resolutions 9, 10, and 11. Make sure your committee members submit their absentee form. Probably hearing 4 people next semester about Senate absences. I'll send out attendance spreadsheet tomorrow or Friday.
- Leckie: I have a resolution on the floor tonight - please read it carefully! Vote with your conscience. Remind people in your committees the difference between Primary and Co-Sponsors on bills.
- Villacorta: In general, come to IA. Sustainability will be starting up again in January. The legislation from the ad-hoc will hopefully hit the floor in Spring!
- Dean: Market Wednesday after dark is tonight at 7:00pm. I'll probably swing by!

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 6:00pm, Wednesday January 15th.

Adjourned: 6:37 p.m.



Signature of President Pro Tempore