



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar Committee  
Date: 10/6/21**

**Call to Order:** 5:04 PM

**Members Present:** Pro-Tempore Wang, Chair(s) Gonzalez, Little, Randall, T. Murray, Roy

**Members Tardy:** Chair(s) Nasworthy (E)

**Members Excused Absent:** Chair(s)

**Members Unexcused Absent:** Senator(s) B. Murray

**Guests:** Lydia Fertil, John Dion, Parliamentarian Rowan, Senator(s) Tsouroukdissian, Fineout

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore - Reads land acknowledgement.
- Judiciary - Passed bil 55, 56. Forwarded a supreme court candidate.
- Finance - Hearing CR 25 and potentially a PAC member at large candidate
- IA - william monroe for PSU treasure. SOE dep candidate hasn't taken examPride Student Union Treasurer
- Budget - tabled 57. Heard bill 58 passed.
- SLAA - N/A
- RTAC - Didn't meet this week
- PAC - Heard request from true community uplift for CR 25. Heard cuban American student association but the president wasn't financially certified. Provided recommendations. Hearing them next week.
- Guests - X

**Roy moves to unlock agenda and move into new business. T. Murray seconds.**

**Old Business:**

- **Bill 51** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - To amend the Student Body Statutes to eliminate the Budget Committee in its entirety and restructure its current duties to the purview of the Finance Committee.
  - **TABLED**
- **Resolution 65** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - To amend the Rules of Procedure to eliminate the Budget Committee in its entirety and restructure its current duties to the purview of the Finance Committee.
  - **TABLED**

**New Business:**

- **Candidate for COSSPP Seat 5** - John Dion

- Opening Statement:
  - Dion: Thanks. Previously served as summer senator. Excited to answer questions. Yields 4:30
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
  - Dion: Yes
  - Gonzalez: Have you attended any DEI trainings?
  - Dion: No
- General Questions:
  - Little: **POI** for Chair: Is this a seat expiring for fall?
  - Wang: In office until fall inauguration
  - Gonzalez: Are you running in spring?
  - Dion: Best way to ensure i can be bipartisan representative for college
  - Gonzalez: what communities besides college do you represent?
  - Dion: important to represent everyone. Happy to champion any
  - Gonzalez: What seat did you hold in summer
  - Dion: Seat 3
  - Roy: What interests you in senate
  - Dion: Likes the process. Aspires to be a state rep. Loves FSU and wants to give back
  - Gonzalez: What legislation did you write in the summer
  - Dion: none
  - Gonzalez: Are you aware how large the college is and how close elections are
  - Dion: Yes and yes. I lost by only 3 votes
  - Gonzalez: To clarify you lost by 3?
  - Dion: Yes
  - Gonzalez: Why should we overturn the will of the student body
  - Dion: There's a large number of students that support me. I desire to remain bipartisan and not run with a party.
  - Roy: Understanding that an election doesn't speak to one's qualifications, what would you bring to the Senate?
  - Dion: The biggest skill is public speaking. A lot of students have great ideas but have trouble communicating. I want to be their voice. I'm fin certified and was an active member of the finance committee this summer. I'm willing to put in the work to be an active senator
  - Gonzalez: What committee?
  - Dion: Interested in finance and slaa
  - Little: Given that you have experience in the senate, what do you want to work on to make the changes you were talking about?
  - Dion: One issue brought to me by a peer is campus safety and safety off campus. Maybe a certificate in way to protect yourself and ways to stay safe. Additionally, wants to work on how candidates fundraise.
  - **Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable discussion. Roy seconds.**
- Closing:
  - Thank you for your questions even though they were tough. Overall, I appreciate your time and hope you consider me for this position.
- Roundtable:
  - Gonzalez: he lost an election, COSSP. Yes it was by 3 votes. Confirmed in the summer but didn't pass legislation. Applied for fall seat but isn't running for fall. Seeing as COSSP is competitive, we need to put people

in seats that constituents want in there. I've been here two years and won two years. Looks like he's trying to bypass an election. I'm against it.

- Roy: Strongly in favor. He spoke in committees. Even went out of his way to work with me on legislation after committee meetings. He came to committee and talked a lot of sense. Great knowledge of govt. An election doesn't speak to the quality of a candidate. Going into a seat, even for a month, just means trying to serve your candidates. Exec may have misled him concerning spring vs. fall. He's one of the most prepared senators I've seen
  - Gonzalez: I disagree that elections aren't a reflection of quals. It's because of who they are, not what party they are with. He had a chance to run and he lost
  - Roy: Even looking at it that way, he only lost by 3 votes. We should hold losing against people. It's something I'm very passionate about.
  - Little: sorta on the fence about this one. He didn't write any legislation. What is he going to do with this position given the little amount of time? I'm concerned because this will be shorter than his previous term. How engaged will he be if we confirm him?
  - Gonzalez: My comments have nothing to do with his quals. The constituents said no. What they say matters. Elections matter. There's a difference between being elected and being appointed, especially by people that know how govt works.
  - T Murray: doesn't have a comment because little said what he was thinking. I'm still super on the fence. If you could keep debating, I'd appreciate it. I recognize the candidate's experience as a member of the Florida govt. I think it says something that this candidate is trying to fill a seat and do the job. Still, I'm concerned about productivity.
  - Gonzalez: having COSSP be represented isn't an issue because 2 powerful senators are representing them. I asked a Qs about what communities he's representing and what skills he's bringing and didn't give strong answers. Beyond the constituent part, you have to bring something to the table especially for this seat and it just wasn't there.
  - Roy: I wanted to speak on Trevor's comment, Are you speaking to representation in the college?
  - T murray: I was concerned about representation. 1 of the senators is a nonvoting senator president
  - Roy: going back to the legislation that he helped me with and his committee work, I can't speak highly enough on high.
  - Candidate withdraws application
  - Dion: I appreciate your time and apologize for wasting time. I thought this was a spring seat and understand the concerns about product
  - Randall: **POI** Can you clarify the fall election timeline?
  - Wang: Unfortunately the time to register has passed.
- **Candidate for Undergraduate Studies Seat 1 - Lydia Fertil**
    - Opening Statement:
      - Fertil: 2nd year student in international affairs and cyber criminology. I know it's only one month but I'd like to get my foot in the door for the future. Yields 4:20.
    - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
      - Gonzalez: Fin certified?

- Fertil: No
  - Gonzalez: Have you participated in any diversity training?
  - Fertil: No
- General Questions:
  - Roy: Given how large the college is, how would you best represent constituents?
  - Fertil: I chose it because it is large. Wanted to be a voice for people that look like me and are intimidated by SGA
  - Gonzalez: How did you hear about this
  - Fertil: Told by a friend
  - Gonzalez: Are you running in the fall?
  - Fertil: Yes
  - Gonzalez: What are your legislation ideas?
  - Fertil: No ideas at the moment. I'm going to use this term to introduce myself to the process and get new ideas.
  - Roy: Are you a candidate for campus rec?
  - Fertil: Yes
  - Gonzalez: You're running for campus rec not senate?
  - Fertil: Yes
  - Gonzalez: Why not senate?
  - Fertil: I just want to get my foot in the door and learn more about SGA.
  - Gonzalez: Is there a reason you want to join as a member and not an involved student?
  - Fertil: Yes because I want to participate in meetings
  - Little: What do you know about the senate?
  - Fertil: I don't know much but that's why I wanted to apply
  - Gonzalez: What communities do you represent?
  - Fertil: African american and international students
  - Gonzalez: Do you have any ideas of how you want to represent them
  - Fertil: Generally, I want to make it a safer space but no specifics
  - Wang: Time commitment?
  - Fertil: I'm committed. I'm doing undergrad research and classes
  - Gonzalez: What committee do you want to join?
  - Fertil: SLAA
  - Gonzalez: Why should we vote yes?
  - Everyone was in this position before and everyone needs a stepping stone to be enabled to enact change
  - **Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable. Roy seconds**
- Closing:
  - Fertil: Thanks committee for time and hopes she's appointed to the seat.
- Roundtable:
  - T Murray: as the only rep of undergrad in this committee, I think it's important that we have as many representatives as possible. We have 9 missing senators and need to fill those seats. Especially at a time when things are difficult for 1st and 2nd year students. I think that this candidate will do a good job filling the void.
  - Roy: I know we talk a lot about qual but I think we should give students the opportunity to serve in different capacities. They did their research and maybe they'll find their way back to senate. I'll be voting yes.
- T Murray moves to forward the candidate; Little seconds. No objections.
- Vote:

- Gonzalez: Abstain
  - Little: Yes
  - B. Murray: N/A
  - T. Murray: Yes
  - Nasworthy: Abstain
  - Randall: Yes
  - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE PASSES**
- **Resolution 73 – Sponsored by Senators Tsouroukdissian, Preshia (P) - Giving Senators the option to transfer sponsors and preventing legislation from sitting in committee for prolonged periods of time.**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Tsouroukdissian: This is my first piece of legislation. It's pretty simple, it's to prevent legislation to be tabled for extended periods of time. Gives the option for the sponsor to appoint someone else. If that doesn't happen for three weeks. Yields 4:03
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Randall: POI for the chair: can sponsors be changed?
      - Wang: only if the sponsor is no longer a senator
    - Gonzalez: POI for chair: If a primary sponsor wants the president to designate a new primary sponsor can he do it?
      - Wang: no. Only the committee would be able to at that point.
  - Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Gonzalez seconds
  - Round Table:
    - Little: POI for sponsor: What was the reasoning behind giving the committee the ability to kill a bill?
    - Tsouroukdissian: So it doesn't sit in committee?
    - Wang: Why is power given to committees rather than senate president?
    - Tsouroukdissian: i'd be open to amending
    - Wang: 10.18, I feel like saying their schedule limits it
    - Gonzalez: **POI** for Wang: Can a primary sponsor ask the president in senate to change the primary sponsor?
    - Referred to parliamentarian: Rowan: Primary sponsors must be changed by the committee through an amendment. Can be done on the floor through an amendment.
    - Gonzalez: technically 10.18 would be void.
    - Rowan: To make an amendment on the floor, it has to be actively considered.
    - Wang: This motion must be made in pro con when the bill is on the floor
    - Gonzalez: There are two things I want to address. We all know the reasoning behind this bill. I think it's ironic that one of the sponsors is suspended. This is caused by resolution 18 in SLAA. The precedent that this would send: Three committee meetings isn't a lot. Sometimes you can't make it to three. The formation of committees isn't made in a way to ensure that diversity of thought exists in every committee. If one committee is biased, this gives the committee the power to kill it. I understand the threshold is high but 2/3 isn't a lot to reach given the numbers right now. The precedent is dangerous regardless of amendments

- Little: I am debating how to amend 10.18. I like the ability to give a sponsor to nominate a new primary sponsor. I'm thinking about a primary sponsor can designate a new primary sponsor with the consent of the senate president. Including senate leadership is important. I like the idea of 10.18. I agree with Wang that 10.18 is too restrictive.
- ROy: On 10.18, maybe an acting primary sponsor is better. I see why you say the president, but maybe the committee chair is a better idea. It is obviously targeting a specific resolution but I think we should think how this will affect things in the future. I think of Randall's bill that would require longer conversations. I understand why things would require more time tabled in committee. Open to other perspectives.
- Wang: POI for Tsouroukdissian: Any reason for three meetings?
- Tsouroukdissian: No.
- Gonzalez: **POI** for Harmon: Is there a way that the president can change or add primary sponsors to a piece of legislation?
- Harmon: No. It must be an amendment. If the senator isn't a member any more, then I can assign a new sponsor
- Little: I think it's important to include the senate president if you're adding a new primary sponsor
- Gonzalez: Regardless, I think you can just put the senate president in 10.18.
- **Little: moves to amend 10.18 to strike "if their schedule does not allow them to defend their legislation" and add ", with consent of the Senate President, if they are unable to present their legislation"**
  - **Gonzalez seconds**
  - **Sponsor finds friendly**
- Little: I am not against this resolution in its entirety. I'm not a fan of 10.19. Before I was chair in judiciary, there was legislation tabled all summer until the end. It doesn't hurt people to keep legislation in committee. To allow a committee to shoot something down is setting a dangerous precedent.
- Randall: **POI** for Tsouroukdissian: Did you consult T. Murray on this?
- Tsouroukdissian: Why?
- Randall: We are working on something very similar to this.
- Tsouroukdissian: I did not know that.
- Randall: Would you be open to having a committee forward legislation to Rules for withdrawal instead of immediately killing a piece of legislation?
- Tsouroukdissian: yes.
- T Murray: Shares legislation that he worked on with Randall that is similar to the intent of this legislation. This legislation would take effect 5 minutes before the end of the 73rd senate. This is not supposed to be something that is targeted in anyway, just to make sure that legislation is presented on and passed in a timely manner
- Gonzalez: Does this address the concerns brought upon by chair Little,
- T Murray: There is already a stipulation in rule 5 while we try to just make this process more consistent.
- Gonzalez: This does not have to do with rule 5 as it says it can be reconsidered by the senate president, if they can see that it affects student life, its not going to a different committee
- T Murray: This is to make sure legislation just doesn't stay on the calendar

- Little: Rule and Calendar is a very busy committee and this legislation adds more bureaucratic mess to this process.
  - Gonzalez: I fully agree
  - Little: is the resolution in the drive
  - Gonzalez: I move to strike 10.19 in its entirety
  - Little: seconds
  - Wang: Does the sponsor find that friendly
  - Tsouroukdissian: I do not
- **AMENDMENT**
- Opening: Gonzalez: We can't find a solution to 10.19 as we've been working for an hour on this and we can move on with just 10.18 we won't be able to find a solution today
- Technical Non-Debatable: X
- **Little: I move to enter roundtable; Nasworthy seconds**
- Roundtable:
  - Nasworthy: I fully agree with moving this forward as a resolution that addresses the issue in 10.18 as it's obvious that there can not be a solution to 10.19 today
  - Little: We have seen this committee give people grace. We should extend that grace to other senators who are doing their duties. Three weeks is not an acceptable timeline
  - Nasworthy moves to call the questions; Little seconds
  - Closing Statement:
    - Gonzalez: This is just to move forward with the resolution
  - Vote:
    - Gonzalez: Yes
    - Little: Yes
    - B. Murray:
    - T. Murray: Yes
    - Nasworthy: Yes
    - Harmon: Abs
  - **RESULT: Amendment is Adopted.**
- Roundtable on Res 73:
  - Little: 10.18 Roy had a good point. Instead of having it say "can designate a new primary sponsor" needs to be changed.
  - Harmon: That would make it more confusing, we should just replace one of the primary sponsor or add a cosponsor. You can add a cosponsor to make it work with the rule about primary sponsor 401.2A
  - Little: if we can strike primary just to make is sponsor
  - **Little: I move to amend 10.18 to strike the word primary and to add "in line with SBS 401.2A, Gonzalez seconds. Sponsor finds friendly.**
- **Gonzalez moves to call the questions; Nasworthy seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Tsouroukdissian: Thank you for the amendments and I appreciate the debate upon the resolution.
- Vote:
  - Gonzalez: Yes
  - Little: Yes
  - T. Murray: Yes
  - Nasworthy: Yes
  - Harmon: Abs

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Suspension Hearing - Senator Fineout**
  - Total of 8.5 absences since 1/13/21
  - Opening Statement:
    - Fineout: I am currently the senator for the college of motion picture arts, its a very competitive college that is highly ranked, they unfortunately try to replicate what its like to be in the industry and send students that can do anything on a set, in the news there was a union that has one on strike about harsh labor conditions and lots of work hours, this unfortunately has led me to miss several senate meetings and committee meetings, i know this is something that should be important, i can work from 3pm to 3 am and i cant do anything about that, my schedule changes week by week, i get a schedule each sunday as my professors can make me do much. The previous senator before me got suspended and even impeached and now I understand why they accumulated so many absences.
  - Questioning:
    - Gonzalez: Point of Information to the chari: How many absences are excused?
    - Wang: 2
    - Harmon: What did you plan to do in senate and if you are unsusended what would you like to accomplish
    - Fineout: The 200 of us in the college of fine arts need a voice and i want to try to give them a voice, i actually had to get the dean's permission to be able to run for this seat, i just want to make sure my college has a voice, i was and am still interested in SGA
  - **Little moves to enter roundtable discussion; Roy seconds**
  - Closing:
    - Fineout: I want to thank you guys for listening to me, you guys may think i am a lazy senator or one that does not try, i understand that most seats are very competitive and i want to be involved but the sad truth is that there is not much that can not be done as my schedule changes week to week.
  - Roundtable:
    - Gonzalez: How many seats are allocated to the college of motion picture arts?
    - Wang; 1
    - Little: I had a roommate that was in the film school so i saw firsthand how demanding the school is, and any senator that is in this seat will run into these problems. I've seen this senator be a guest in judiciary and speaking on legislation and 8.5 absences is not that much considering its been a full year that he has been a senator.
    - Roy: I would also like to give some leeway as i knew how busy the former senator in this seat, also this senator has been passionate about SGA and has made every effort to be involved in senate, he is also the only one running for this seat in the next election
  - **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Nasworthy seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Gonzalez: No
    - Little: No
    - B. Murray:

- T. Murray: No
    - Nasworthy: No
    - Randall:
    - Roy:No
    - Harmon: Abs
  - **Senator is Unsuspended with a vote of 5-0-1**
- **Roy moves to allow senator Fineout an extra 8 absences, T Murray seconds**
- **Suspension Hearing - Senator Russell**
  - Total of 10 absences since 1/13/21
  - Opening Statement:
    - Russell: Thank you guys for hearing me tonight, the reason why I have missed senate and committee meetings. I had a horrible job that scheduled me for wednesday nights even though i have said that i need those nights off, i now have quit that job to remove that conflict, i want to serve the community that elected me and i need to hold myself more accountable.
  - Questioning:
    - Gonzalez: Are you running again?
    - Russell: I am slated for the fall elections
    - Little: For your work absences did you consult with senate leadership on those?
    - Russell: I didn't think i would hit the absence limit so I did not
    - Gonzalez: Did you know the limit of 7
    - Russell: Yes
    - Harmon: If you are unsuspended what do you want to accomplish
    - Russell: One tangible thing i want to do is work with facilities to have more trash cans in common areas and to help remove trash in common areas to make the universities reputation better.
    - Roy: What is something that you are proud of from your time in senate
    - Russell: I worked on a resolution with Senator england and gabadage to change the qualtrics to have a gender neutral option in the survey
  - **Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable discussion; T Murray seconds**
  - Closing:
    - Russell: I want to finish out the last few weeks of my term and contribute to the FSU community and i will not be in this situation again and i hope you all can empathize with me and reinstate me
  - Roundtable:
    - T Murray: She is a vital member of the IA committee and has been missed the past few meetings, and seeing the have accomplished things and want to accomplish things in the future i will vote to unsuspend
    - Little: I am on the fence as 10 absences is not a huge amount of absences but the lack of communication is very concerning to me and does not go with workplace professionalism
    - T Murray: She has been very communicative to me as an IA chair
    - Gonzalez: She does still need to communicate to Pro Tempore Wang and President Harmon
    - Little: Although the job is not an issue anymore, i am worried that the communication will continue to be an issue
    - Gonzalez: How many absences have been accumulated this semester?
    - Wang: 1

- Wang: 10 absences is a lot of meetings as it is only two meetings a week, how do we know that she won't miss another 10 if she is re elected
  - T Murray: We do need to be very strict with how many absences she can accumulate with after unsuspension
  - Roy: I take the perspective of Chair Murray very seriously and will vote with what he is saying
  - Harmon: She has said something she wants to accomplish and also committees are running very small
  - Little: I think we should give her a "short leash" and the one absence this semester is something that is a positive
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Roy seconds**
- Vote:
  - Gonzalez: No
  - Little: No
  - B. Murray:
  - T. Murray: No
  - Nasworthy: No
  - Randall:
  - Roy: No
  - Harmon: Abs
- **Senator Russell is unsuspended with a vote of 5-0-1.**
- **Gonzalez moves to allow senator Russell an extra 3 absences, Roy seconds**
- **Nasworthy moves to allow Senators West, Moore, and Bergen an extra 4 absences, Little seconds**
- **Suspension Hearing - Senator Thorpe**
  - **TABLED**

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Bill 51** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - To amend the Student Body Statutes to eliminate the Budget Committee in its entirety and restructure its current duties to the purview of the Finance Committee.
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**Committee Legislative Round Table:** X

**Final Announcements:** X

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjourned:** 7:04 PM

*Renee Wang*

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**Signature of President Pro Tempore**