



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar Committee  
Date: October 20th, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 5:00 P.M.

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

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

**Members Excused Absent:** X

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**Guests:** Parliamentarian Rowan, Clerk Connor, Cat Lessard, Serena Barker

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - Didn't meet this week. No business. Created powerpoint for election code. Hopefully we will have business this week.
- Finance - Passed both CR's and worked on Chapter 801 of Finance Code.
- Internal Affairs - Monday 6:30, 5 for OGA, one for HLSU, SCURC, everyone passed.
- Budget - Met yesterday at 6. Passed bill 60.
- SLAA - Met this past monday at 6:30. Passed two resolutions.
- PAC - Funded french club for \$83. Tabled 3 orgs.
- Guests - Randall and Roy: Zero RTAC Members. Significant increase in RTAC expected next semester. Not sustainable.

**New Business:**

- **Candidate for COSSPP Seat 4 - Lessard**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Lessard: You all know who I am as I was in Fine Arts for much of last year. I had to give up my seat after changing majors, and I now hope to rejoin through this Senate Seat since it is open until the next election.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
    - Lessard: Yes
    - Gonzalez: Have you attended any racial inclusivity or safezone trainings?
    - Lessard: I have done Greendot training in the past
    - Gonzalez: How long have you been in this college?
    - Lessard: Has been in COSSP since last Spring.
  - General Questions:
    - Randall: Since COSSPP was your first major, why did you run for fine arts?

- Lessard: It was my primary major back in the day and I loved my work in Senate representing Fine Arts, but I switched primaries and dropped art in September. That major gave me unneeded anxiety, so I hope to do something more focused towards my career path.
- B. Murray: Why did you bypass this last election?
- Lessard: It wasn't possible to run in the fall because I dropped my major after the application process to run had concluded. I didn't want this seat open for longer
- Randall: When did you drop your Fine Arts major?
- Lessard: In September
- Randall: Which committee would you be interested in joining?
- Lessard: I really enjoyed being involved in SLAA under T. Murray as one resolution about park-and-pay was something that really interested and engaged me.
- Gonzalez: Can you answer what SLAA is?
- Lessard: It is a student life and a committee that passes resolutions to help address issues in student life.
- Little: Was the seat for fine arts a fall seat?
- Lessard: Yes
- Little: Did you intend to re-run?
- Lessard: Yes before I decided to drop my major.
- Gonzalez: What are the governing documents of the senate?
- Lessard: Statutes, U.S. Constitution, etc.
- Gonzalez: What are our funding processes?
- Lessard: PAC and RTAC
- Gonzalez: What do they fund and what do they stand for?
- Lessard: Programming Allocations Committee and Resource Travel Allocations Committee. [She properly defined it]
- Gonzalez: What governing document should we follow most strongly?
- Lessard: Our statutes.
- Randall: How will you represent constituents as an appointed senator?
- Lessard: Leadership council engagement
- Randall: What has been your involvement with COSSP since joining it?
- Lessard: Minimal because of covid, but I am fortunate in now being in GroupMe's with engaged COSSP people and a group I'm in also falls under COSSP.
- Gonzalez: How much weight do you believe a COSSP seat holds?
- Lessard: All seats are equal and I believe they are all just as important.
- Randall: Point: The President appoints liaisons to SLC
- Randall: **POI** Wang: Do you believe the U.S. Constitution is the ultimate document we should follow?
- Wang: Yes
- Randall: Should you be confirmed, what are your first goals to tackle as a senator?
- Lessard: All articles of impeachment have to go to programming assistant, but I would like to amend the statutes since they now go through senate program directors when there is no one in the position.
- Gonzalez: Do you believe you have upheld the U.S. Constitution as a senator?
- Lessard: Yes.

- Randall: Have you looked at recent resolutions passed in Senate Rules and Procedure
- Lessard: Yes
- Randall: Have you had disagreements with senators?
- Lessard: I will try not to, but I have had disagreements as I have in RTAC before with a senator over statutes. It was productive and not harmful
- Randall: Do you believe in working with others?
- Lessard: Yes
- Randall: Have you sponsored legislation?
- Lessard: Quentin and I did bedtime resolution
- Gonzalez: What is the most important thing you would like to address in Senate?
- Lessard: Fostering a sense of inclusivity is the most important thing for us to tackle. We need to facilitate important conversations. An open Zoom and email policy. I'm pretty available and work less than I used to. Being willing to listen whether or not you agree with others especially on controversial topics.
- Randall: What communities do you plan on representing?
- Lessard: The LGBTQ Community as I am lesbian, and I grew up practicing Judaism.
- Randall: How do you plan to address issues of inclusivity
- Lessard: We all saw the poster put on Hillel. I feel bad for the kid with the leaked phone number. That signage was not appropriate and that should be discussed. Having smaller more intimate discussions is important. It was abhorrent what happened at the football games through block seating. Smaller conversations can work when large ones don't.
- Randall: Have you reviewed the BSU's statement?
- Lessard: Yes
- Randall: Have you reviewed the JSU's statement?
- Lessard: Yes
- Randall: Were you a part of the Student Senate during the block seating issue?
- Lessard: Yes
- Gonzalez: How did you address this as a senator
- Lessard: I reached out to college of fine arts representatives to see how they were affected, though it was hard to get them to meet due to the length of art studio classes which makes scheduling meetings difficult.
- Gonzalez: Since Black students were most affected by block seating did you reach out to the BSU or black communities about the events of the Notre Dame Game?
- Lessard: No, but I spoke to some students affected
- Gonzalez: Did you speak as a senator to the Jewish members of campus affected?
- Lessard: No but I participated in their groupme?
- Randall: Will you work behind the scenes or more actively?
- Lessard: I would like to work more actively as I started as a full time teacher teaching math and science at an elementary school, but now that I have more time in my schedule I would like to actively \_\_\_\_
- Randall: Point to the Chair: Do you know Lessard's attendance for the last year?
- Wang: Not off the top of my head

- **Randall moves to enter roundtable discussion; T. Murray seconds**

- Closing:

- Lessard: I really appreciate these questions, and it shows you want to see a dedicated student take this seat because it is an important task to fill any senate seat. I appreciate your time and yield my time

- Roundtable:

- Gonzalez: Clearly the candidate is very knowledgeable about what the senate does and how it works, but as someone who is going on a year I think more is required or at least asked the longer you have served. It is reasonable to look at past votes and legislation they've sponsored to make a knowledgeable decision especially for COSSPP. I think that the U.S. Constitution is our major document to follow as we shouldn't have to think about that compared to anything else, and it is in merits to the situation that the candidate alluded to in RTAC. Two other chairs were also here for this. We were in RTAC and every nation of campus came for funds for a retreat. They were a christian organization and the question was whether to fund due to prosthetatriams happening that converted people to a certain religion. We were asking questions and then the chair ruled the question wasn't an issue anymore since we gained enough info that it wasn't a question anymore as the purpose wasn't christ conversion. There were only three of us there. I moved to call the question but the candidate refused to second. The reservation was the decision Nasworthy refused to stop the request. I had to call Wang to come to second the motion even though the question wasn't a question anymore. On the floor it was targeted again by the candidate, and it was against teh U.S. Constitution due to religious freedom. We need to not forget that we follow this. After this I couldn't feel comfortable working with the candidate. It was a very messed up conversation and the candidate didn't move to overrule the decision of the chair. It was ridiculous. On top of that the candidate also made closing announcements targeting Resolution 18. She even claimed to bachandely aim at me in the SLAA Chat. The heat directed at me is ridiculous and completely uncalled for.
- Wang: **POC** Their attendance record is 5 and a half absences
- Roy: Who was the third person?
- Wang: There doesn't need to be a third for hearings
- Little: The candidate was in a fall seat but never tried to run in the Fall election regardless of when they switched majors. Why apply for a seat when you didn't attempt to run at all? I just want to raise this concern as I don't think it's an attempt to bypass the election but it is strange.
- Randall: Does anyone know when candidate Declaration deadline?
- T. Murray: September 29th.
- Randall: Interesting. I have a few different things to bring up. First regarding Little's Point, it doesn't line up, but we need to consider how dropping a major distracts one from applying for elections. Additionally, anyone who knows me puts a lot of emphasis on committee interviews. Provided a lot of context of SGA experience, but we were missing any ways they wanted to change student life. Inclusivity, office hours, and being active in that order. Earlier this semester I had better answers and expected more concrete answers from this. There are ways to help communities on campus. The last point builds off Gonzalez that it was a hard situation as the chair made the ruling, but I do want to say if

someone disagrees with a motion it's their prerogative to not support that motion. The candidate seemed to line up with that at that point, but what was done in Senate and the SLAA chat is "interesting".

- Wang: They dropped September 25th
- **Little moves to call the question, Randall seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Gonzalez: No
    - Little: Yes
    - B. Murray: Yes
    - T. Murray: Yes
    - Randall: No
    - Roy: Yes
  - **RESULT: Passed**
- **Candidate for Business Seat 4 - Barker**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Barker: Hi, I've met most of you over Summer. Business management and IA. I served in the Senate for three or four meetings but I enjoyed seeing your work and I want to become more involved to represent my college.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Randall: Are you financially certified?
    - Barker: Yes
    - Have you attended any university training like Greendot?
    - Barker: No, but I did see Greendot today on Landis.
  - General Questions:
    - Little: Why did you choose not to run?
    - Barker: I tried applying with Forward, but I wasn't slated and then when I thought to apply as an independent candidates family issues came up. I was told about this opportunity afterwards
    - Little: Is this Fall or Spring?
    - Barker: Spring
    - Randall: How did you represent your constituents this Summer?
    - Barker: I was an undergraduate seat, and it was hectic because of it being in the Summer but I reached out to other senators about resolutions regarding Cuba and things on campus. I was reached out to by Puwalski about reading over that legislation
    - Randall: Which committees would you be interested in?
    - Barker: Finance or Budget as I was in Finance and enjoyed it. It helps see what money we have and where it will go to.
    - Randall: What are our two funding boards?
    - Barker: PAC and RTAC (said analogies correctly)
    - Gonzalez: What are our governing documents?
    - Barker: Statutes, constitution, etc?
    - Randall: Can you name three concrete ways to advocate for constituents?
    - Barker: I recently joined Business council SLC and I'm becoming better connected with them to learn their contacts to speak with more than just sophomores. I also hope to have an open email policy. I know senate meetings are open, so I hope to invite people from COB to attend to have more of a say.
    - Randall: Those are things that will improve their lives?

- Barker: This is how I will hear what they want to see addressed by Senate.
- Little: What did you learn in Summer Senate as the most important takeaway/
- Barker: Just how complicated it was. You need to be very engaged to be a good senator, and as I see in the Tyler Roy Newspaper RTAC still needs members.
- Randall: What are some communities you're in and how do you hope to represent them?
- Barker: I am a woman and half-indian, so talking with my family and learning what difficulties they have going places like FSU has on those communities.
- Gonzalez: Have you been able to be involved in the issues facing minority communities on campus?
- Barker: I kept myself updated and followed the block seating issue as sororities have been kicked off for much less which has angered many sororities as our school should do much more to punish those who do stuff like that.
- Gonzalez: Did you attempt to reach out to any community members affected for administration?
- Barker: No, but I reached out to others like those in my sororities to keep people update
- Randall: You recently mentioned personal issues, can you commit time to this?
- Barker: Yes, I worked hard to be more involved this semester and I've kept Wednesday nights open with clubs because i've been interested in Senate since this Summer. I will have time for committee work too.
- Randall: We have a lot of different personalities. Will you actively legislate or be behind the scenes?
- Barker: I would like to legislate actively because I want to be involved with everyone in Senate.
- T. Murray: Can you tell me a time you tackled an issue you weren't familiar with?
- Barker: I think most situations I'm in I throw myself into, but in ninth grade I tried to play basketball out of nowhere, went to practice without knowing what a layup was, was denied at tryouts, and I kept dedicating and trying until I made Varsity.
- **T. Murray moves to enter roundtable discussion; Nasworthy seconds**
- Closing:
  - Barker: I appreciate the questions and I hope to work with you all. I really looked up to you guys in the Summer and how hardworking you all are.
- Roundtable:
  - Randall: I'll kick us off; one of the biggest things we rely on is precedent. We need to look at how people have been involved in Senate. For summer senators those are mostly meant as a gateway to lean. She served on Finance and was active, but I do have some concerns about no concrete policies. I hope she can work with more people, and given she has a month of experience I think that's a great place to start by. No matter what one political party says or not I think everyone should have a chance to stand for their constituents

- Little: I think the candidate trying to run shows an interest in the position and her answers show she wants to be in Senate. I share previous concerns about not giving us solid ideas for legislation, but when I was a new senator I probably couldn't answer this well either. I will vote to forward the candidate.
  - **Randall moves to forward the candidate; Nasworthy seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Gonzalez: Abstain
    - Little: Yes
    - B. Murray: Yes
    - T. Murray: Yes
    - Nasworthy: Abs
    - Randall: Yes
    - Roy: Yes
  - **RESULT: Passed**
- **Resolution 75** - Sponsored by Senator Marcus, Hunter (P) Duchene, Tsouroukdissian (Co) - Condemning the conversion of previously free student parking spaces in commuter lots and garages to a now paid luxury, while realizing certain instances in which Pay to Park can increase community accessibility and visitor interaction.
  - Opening Statement:
    - Marcus: This is a much more updated and thorough version of a resolution I put through SLAA. I withdrew a previous version and we did a lot more research until we've found that some pay-to-park aspects are good for campus as it brings more people here to campus from all across student life. I still have heard so many concerns about groundlots that have now become a paid luxury. It is normally always open in some spots when students are circling to find places on campus. We always get asked to fix parking, and we can't really fix that issue, but we can fix this.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Randall: Did you reach out to Richard Grime about this resolution?
    - Marcus: We have tried to no avail
    - T. Murray: Did you reach out to other administration who might have a say in this
    - Marcus: No.
    - Randall: Did you reach out to FSU PD?
    - Marcus: No.
    - T. Murray: Will you?
    - Marcus: Yes
  - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds**
  - Round Table:
    - Nasworthy: Do you know how many spots have been converted?
    - Marcus: No, but the ground floor of the Leach is one, part of call, part of traditions, and more have been impacted by this.
    - Little: In a perfect world what would be the outcome?
    - Marcus: My philosophy is that resolutions can be used to facilitate conversation. I did it with a bill about changing tables last semester. I am now in contact with them because I passed this resolution for the administration to see. It helps us see where this money goes, how much money goes to the company they have a contract with, etc. We need to facilitate conversations with admin.

- Randall: Have you talked with facility and staff on this issue?
- Marcus: Originally we did, but my cosponsors wanted to focus on students so we didn't reach out to faculty.
- Randall: This doesn't explore the fallout changing anything. How do you propose to fix this?
- Marcus: This is letting admin know parking has been made worse, but we don't have solutions for a change in mind. We would like to make a conversation with admin about this.
- Randall: Are you wanting to change back?
- Marcus: I don't know if admin would, but we want to show students we are advocating for them
- Randall: You are raising an important issue, but you've had trouble getting contact with people. How will you reach them in the future?
- Marcus: My personal life has been really busy, but this will be a last resolution of mine and I will have time to keep contacting people. I will dedicate time after my time to keep fighting for this.
- Little: Why is this not being sent to anyone in parking or transportation?
- Marcus: We couldn't find anyone's name on the website. I would be friendly for amendments to add people.
- Nas: When did this conversion start?
- Marcus: I don't know. Many like me came back from covid and found this?
- Nas: what is the rate for parking?
- Marcus: Maybe \$1.50 per hour.
- Chloe Connor: Yes, \$1.50 per hour.
- T. Murray: About the be it resolved, why are electric cars mentioned?
- Marcus: There are only two electric car parking spaces in one of the garages which is way too little. I'm open to dropping this but because this is on parking i saw it relevant.
- T. Murray: Did people express concerns about electric car charging?
- Marcus: Yes, Joshua Flashman.
- T. Murray: Does electric car spaces take away from free accessibility to students.
- Marcus: I do not have a response for that.
- Chloe: It's \$1.00 an hour and \$1.50 depending on the time.
- Randall: moves to amend to add "Richard Rind, Director of Transportation and Public Services" Seconded by Nasworthy. Found friendly by sponsor.
- Randall: Are you sure there are only two electric car spaces?
- Marcus: Of the three I use, I know only Pensacola has two electric charging spaces.
- Little: I think all of us can agree we want more parking on campus, but it's also well known we don't have jurisdiction over parking. I understand the concerns and demands, but I don't know if we should start conversations with condemnations. You should start a conversation instead of a condemnation letter since some administrators may not want to work with us after that. This is an important issue, but we should look at other ways to address this.
- Randall: Would you like to amend to say "disapproves of" or "is discouraged by"
- Marcus: Yes, I didn't think of the weight behind condemnation and the person it would go to.



- **Randall moves to amend to strike thus condemns to become “is discouraged by”; seconded by Nasworthy. Friendly by sponsor.**
  - Little: I won't vote no on this, but I like this language better. There's no guarantee the person in transportation will read this. We collective senators should do more besides than just passing resolutions.
  - T. Murray: There are four charging stations in Pensacola. In my experience, those spaces are normally empty so I would like to move to amend to strike the stuff about electric charging spaces. Seconded by Randall. Found Friendly by Sponsor.
  - Randall: I agree, but I don't think it was germane to the rest of the resolution. Add more substance in a new resolution. I agree with Little as I think more effort should have been made. If we do resolutions affecting someone we need to talk to someone. Searching just his title shows you his name and contact info. Our SGA administrators may also have contacts we don't have they can help with. I'm voting yes but I'm disappointed more effort wasn't taken by the sponsors.
  - T.Murray; Should we table this in senate yet pass it in here?
  - Marcus: I would like this to be passed soon as I am going to be out of Senate soon. We also planned to reach out to Jacalyn and Dr. Williams yet things got hectic. I searched their information in the directory yet found no one for transportation. I would be happy to reach out given this new contact information.
- **Randall moves to call the questions; Nasworthy seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Marcus: The purpose of this is to show the student body we are listening, and I briefly mentioned I failed to look at the person behind the Department of Transportation's information, but I really did keep searching the staff directory to find the director of parking and transportation services. I will reach out to him now that I have his contact information. It pisses me off each time I see empty seats in all the parking garages. We don't control these decisions but we hope to facilitate conversation. Thank you to the committee for all of your hard work on this.
- Vote:
  - Gonzalez:
  - Little: Yes
  - B. Murray: Yes
  - T. Murray: Yes
  - Nasworthy: Yes
  - Randall: Yes
  - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

#### **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.
  - Round Table:
    - T. Murray: Having heard this so many weeks I'm ready to pass this as is.

- Nasworthy: I believe this solves the issue of Budget being a “one-week committee” but this solves the issue of five committees being too many due to how divided our senators become.
    - Little: I agree with the previous two speakers. A lot of everything that needed to be said has been. It is the best possible solution. We should forward to the full Senate.
    - Roy: We have discussed this multiple weeks now and we keep trying to solve issues
  - **Nasworthy moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - Randall: Puts all money people in one place, allows senators to see how finance and budget work hand in hand, increases input on budget process, ensures fiscal responsibility, gives the group in charge of investigating financial discrepancies to the group that makes the financial decisions.
  - Vote:
    - Little: Yes
    - B. Murray: Yes
    - T. Murray: Yes
    - Nasworthy: Yes
    - Randall: Yes
    - Roy: Yes
  - **RESULT: BILL PASSES**
- **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.
  - Opening Statement:
    - Makes everything possible for Bill 51 to take place. It works hand in hand.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - X
  - Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds
  - Round Table:
    - Little: We debated this lengthfully... longfully.. We’ve debated this in depth. This is good practice to make sure our rules of procedure go along with our statutes
    - Randall: If Bill 51 does not pass I will withdraw this.
  - Nasworthy moves to call the questions; T. Murray seconds
  - Closing Statement:
    - Waived.
  - Vote:
    - Little: Yes
    - B. Murray: Yes
    - T. Murray: Yes
    - Nasworthy: Yes
    - Randall: Yes
    - Roy: Yes
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Committee Legislative Round Table:**

**Final Announcements:**

Little: Meeting with SOE Greenwood to talk about Elections Code on Friday. Reach out if interested

Nasworthy: RTAC needs members

Randall: Good job on candidates. Thank you guys for hearing 51

T. Murray: IA is doing bureau review on November 1st

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

**Adjourned:** 6:37 PM

*Renee Wang*

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**Signature of President Pro Tempore**