



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: 9/7/21**

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s)

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s)

Members Absent: Chair(s) Marcus

Guests: Nolan Rudolph, Parliamentarian Rowan, Senator(s) Nemeth, Tackett, Linsky

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement; new minute system goes in order of committee chairs. There have been issues with quorum in committees, so I encourage you all to meet with your committee members. If any member misses 3 meetings, chairs should reach out to them. When you're done with committee meetings, email leadership about what was passed/amended. I would like you guys to keep track of who is present/absent in meetings. It makes my job easier for attendance. Please email me after your meetings and tell me who was and wasn't there.

- Judiciary - Meeting tomorrow night
- Finance - We are hearing bill 48 tonight, should be hearing PAC/RTAC soon. We are also reviewing the finance code tonight.
- IA - We are meeting tonight at 8pm for SOE candidate and Bill 46. We are also meeting on friday to hear everyone else on the forwarding letter
- Budget - Budget is meeting tomorrow to hear CA 10 at 3pm
- SLAA - We met yesterday at 8:30, passed res. 34 and 36
- RTAC - X
- PAC - PAC is meeting next monday at 5pm. The room is TBA. We have an applicant from PAC who will be in finance tonight. Please help get more people on PAC.

- Guests -

Rudolph: Just wanted to say hi. Exec is trying to be in committees more to keep up with business. If you have important legislation and you want exec support, send it to me. I'll drop my number in the chat.

Committee Business:

- **Resolution 64** - Sponsored by Senator Guillamont (P) - Condemning the violent attacks on US personnel and Afghan Civilians by terrorist organizations.

- **Resolution 50** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 1 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the process for runoff elections of Senate President and Pro Tempore.
- **Resolution 51** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 2 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate President.
- **Resolution 52** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 4 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the position descriptions of the Senate Legislative Officers.
- **Resolution 53** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 3 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate Pro Tempore.
- **Resolution 54** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 6 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties of Senate Committees.
- **Resolution 55** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 5 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the procedures of Senate Committees.
- **Resolution 56** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 7 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the responsibilities of the Rules Committee.
- **Resolution 57** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 8 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify and update the Student Senate's business procedures.
- **Resolution 58** - Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P) - Amending Rule 9 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate's use of Robert's Rules of Order.
- **Resolution 59** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 10 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the types of legislation and submissions made by Student Senators.
- **Resolution 60** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 11 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate procedures for debate and voting.
- **Resolution 61** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P) - Amending Rule 12 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the guidelines surrounding decorum and conduct within the Senate Chambers.
- **Resolution 62** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 13 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate attendance guidelines.
- **Resolution 63** - Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P) - Amending Rule 15 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the procedure for amending Rules of Procedure.

Old Business: X

New Business:

- **Resolution 64** - Sponsored by Senator Guillamont (P) - Condemning the violent attacks on US personnel and Afghan Civilians by terrorist organizations.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Guillamont: This resolution is very dear to everyone with ties to the military community, regardless of what you agree with what the commander in chief does, the military put their lives on the line every day, resolution wants to honor and support the veteran community in wake of the deaths of servicemen from the pull out of Afghanistan. Not officially condemning the Taliban but condemning their actions and the terrorist attack that has killed servicemen. We owe those who served in Afghanistan a debt of gratitude. An FSU alum was killed in service in

Afghanistan. It is our duty to acknowledge that the FSU community, state, and nation has lost.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Gonzalez: Just to make sure, this resolution does not take any political stances?
 - Guillamont: It is non-partisan. It is meant to honor the servicemembers, there is no place for politics in this
- **Gonzalez moves to enter round-table discussion; B Murray seconds**
- Round Table:
 - B Murray: If everyone is on board, can we pass this by acclamation.
 - Wang: There is no rule against that in this committee
 - Gonzalez: a very good bill, worded so carefully to not take any stances, support military personnel at FSU and across the nation.
- **Gonzalez moves to pass by acclamation; B Murray seconds**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

- **Resolution 50** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 1 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the process for runoff elections of Senate President and Pro Tempore.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: ROPAH met extensively over summer and put together these rules, I hope to hear questions.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; B Murray seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Roy: So this one is purely about elections and inauguration?
 - Linsky: This is the first rule considered for a new session. There are a couple of changes here. One is how runoffs are done, it accounts for more scenarios and lowers the burden from $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$.
 - Roy: I read through this, I didn't have any problems. It's well worded, and I am definitely in support.
 - **Roy moves to call the questions; T. Murray seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: Thank you, this was one of the more complicated rules. If you pass this or other rules changes, please read through them again so we can have a discussion on the senate floor.
 - Vote:
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Marcus:
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

- **Resolution 51** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 2 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate President.
 - Opening Statement:

is run by faculty and they hold the records. So I don't know how the clerk would have access to all that. Looking at the minutes there are up to 42 pages of minutes, and a lot of work is being done there, just not sure that this should be added to it because it's more of a faculty thing. I'm worried about someone being too overloaded with work.

- Randall: I think that's a fair point. We thought at some point there would be a condensed archive for SGA documents. We don't know what exists completely. But that is a good point, we rely on the webmaster to do legwork. Do we think we should cut the part in 4.4? Keep the deletion but cut any additions made to it?
- Linsky: I think we could cut the last sentence added into 4.4, about requesting. I think Roy made a good point, but all people in SGA have similar expectations of us to rely on administration. My concern with cutting all the additions is that the clerk does not have much responsibility at all. While it does contain quite a few items, it's no more than 6 lines
- Randall: I think that it's the fact that the duty to keep records is upto the webmaster, not the clerk.
- Linsky: I would prefer someone to be motivated and interested in those documents. Our webmaster is very neutral to what we do. If we don't delegate this responsibility to a student, the Senate would lose out based on the fact that maintaining expertise in this area would plummet.
- Randall: Do you know if Chloe keeps track of everything we send her?
- Wang: To my knowledge, she has an ongoing google sheet of what passed, but Natalia has the amended version of everything and keeps record, not Ben (webmaster).
- Linsky: If we're worried about a clerk who can't do this because of admin, all they would have to show is that they sent emails to the staff pertinent to their responsibilities
- Randall: The issue is that this line assumes that the clerk is the custodian of the records related to legislation, whether it be document storage or what have you.
- Roy: The first line says the clerk is responsible for distributing legislation. I think this covers everything we want them to do. It's the other underlined sections that blur the line of the clerk's reach. If there were additions, maybe it would pertain to minutes or other things clerks have done in the past. I'm concerned with how all this conflicts with the admin, and our advisor has expressed concern that the clerk already does too much work.
- Linsky: I am amenable to finding it friendly to remove underlines section in 4.4
- Randall: should we add something about the clerk taking minutes at meetings?
- Roy: Not sure if we should add that in, but it is the existing precedent that clerks do that. It would be a good precedent to set for the future, but it's up to the sponsor.
- Linsky: If a clerk would be amenable to do that, they can take on the obligation, but it's a lot of responsibility.
- **Randall moves to strike the additions to 4.4; Roy seconds**
- **Amendment adopted**
- **Roy moves to call the questions; T Murray seconds**
- Closing Statement:

- Linsky: Thank you Roy for improving this, we were guided to the right path. I hope there are more instances where you guys can guide us to a better solution than we came up with in these drafts.
 - Vote:
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution 53** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 3 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate Pro Tempore.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: This one pertains to the duties of the pro tempore. We tried to clean up the language, and we have one potential amendment for consideration. I look forward to questions.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Gonzalez: Does the pro temp usually draft impeachment charges?
 - Linsky: These would be the one pertaining to absences. It's the responsibility of someone on this committee, but it's not enumerated who. This makes it clear that the pro temp has the responsibilities to draft the articles to forward to judiciary.
 - Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Little seconds
 - Round Table:
 - **Randall moves to amend 3.4(a) "The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall draft all charges of impeachment that arise from proceedings within the Rules Committee."; Roy seconds**
 - **Amendment adopted**
 - Randall: The reason this exists is twofold: first, absences. If something were to happen and we were to impeach someone. How could judiciary write *and* hear the charges that will be filed. This exists so that the pro temp can put it together in an impeachment resolution. Resolution regarding rule 14 with discipline and impeachment also needs someone to take the wheel. This gives pro temp that power to take the wheel for rules.
 - Wang: This makes a lot of sense, because right now it is implied but not stated that the pro temp has these duties.
 - **T Murray moves to call the questions; Roy seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: Thank you Randall for an explanation, this is a preamble to the resolution that affects rule 14.
 - Vote:
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution 54** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 6 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties of Senate Committees.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: There was a lot of discussion on this rule that led to another bill authored by Randall. Everyone here is impacted by this rule as the leaders of your committees.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: Understanding that Harmon wanted to assign additional roles to committees, does this affect that?
 - Linsky: Harmon was there when we were making this rule change, so it may have inspired him
 - Randall: Would someone walk through this step by step?
 - Wang: We will do this in round table
 - **Randall moves to table; Gonzalez seconds**
 - **RESOLUTION TABLED**
- **Resolution 55** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 5 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the procedures of Senate Committees.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: I would also like to table this one for timing reasons.
 - **Gonzalez moves to table; Roy seconds**
 - **RESOLUTION TABLED**
- **Resolution 56** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P) - Amending Rule 7 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the responsibilities of the Rules Committee.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: This is a short one, and we aren't sure if we like it so far. We wanted to change the name of the rules and calendar to the rules committee. We are curious as to which you think is the best option.
 - Tackett: We are just reaching out and asking you guys what you think of the calendar language. Who sets the calendar for Senate, and who should?
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: My understanding is that the clerk creates the calendar?
 - Wang: No, we actually do it in senate leadership prep meetings. It's up to the senate president to decide who does the calendar. Harmon wants to send it back to us, and usually it would be our duty,
 - Gonzalez: Have we asked Harmon what he thinks?
 - Tackett: I think Jacalyn wants to keep the calendar language and actions here as well
 - Randall: Has rules ever set the calendar?
 - Wang: No, not in my time
 - Randall: **POI** Rowan, in your knowledge, has that ever happened to your knowledge?
 - Rowan: Not to my knowledge. One of the points the committee mentioned was changing the language to "review the calendar" instead of "set the calendar". We should look at what's best for senate and this committee
 - Wang: I think Harmon wants us to review the calendar after it is created by leadership.

- Linsky: It's ironic that eliminating this language from RoP would allow the President the flexibility to decide who is responsible. The question we want to balance is: what do we want from this rule?
- **Randall moves to enter round-table discussion; Gonzalez seconds**
- Round Table:
 - Randall: Shouldn't everyone be looking at the calendar? If I see a problem with the calendar, I contact someone about it. As chairs, we have a bigger duty to do it, but that doesn't mean that everyone else doesn't have a duty to check it. Everyone should be doing it, and I don't think we need to put it in rules if it's an expectation of everyone. If any senator sees an issue I'd hope they'd bring it.
 - Wang: I do think this would help us to check things over in a more timely way since we used to get the calendar 30 or 15 minutes before Senate.
 - Gonzalez: I agree with Wang, and I see why we should keep the calendar language. But I want your opinion about whether we should set it or review it.
 - Wang: I think we should review, not set, because setting requires logistical stuff we don't have access to.
 - Randall: We are setting the precedent for the future years of senate based on my knowledge of how senate goes.
- **Gonzalez moves to recess; Roy seconds. RECESSED UNTIL 6:30 PM.**
- **Recess ends at 6:45pm; Roy moves to end; Gonzalez seconds**
 - Randall: Will concede and we can review the calendar. At that point we're not setting the calendar. We are the Rules Committee.

Gonzalez moves to table resolution 56; Roy seconds

- Randall: Will concede to keep it as "review" at that point we are not setting the calendar, are we really then the rules and calendar committee, we're the rules committee. I'm okay with taking away the calendar part
- Roy: I like the idea that we review the calendar, someone who can see the name changed, calendar has never been a big part of this committee
- Roy; should we clarify the pac and rtac section
- Randall: at the end of the statement it should say that pac and rtac can send their liaison in their absence
- **Randall moves to amend 7.1(a) "The Chairs of PAC and RTAC shall only appoint their liaisons in their absence.", Roy seconds, found friendly, amendment adopted**
- Gonzalez: The part of a written declaration that has never been done, if a chair is absent they usually just send someone else.
- Wang: Never been an instance when vice chair was not available to come, never gotten a written declaration
- Roy: There was a rules meeting where the IA vice chair was taking minutes for the meeting and Roy took the place of then chair Nasworthy
- Randall: We just need to send an update of if the chair is not coming and who is
- Gonzalez: Have we made the "review" amendment yet?
- Randall; not yet, you can do it
- **Gonzalez moves to amend 7.2 e to say "review the calendar for the senate", roy seconds, found friendly, amendment adopted**
- Gonzalez: Do we now need to strike "and calendar" from everything?
- Randall: No, i think we are just the rules committee
- Closing Statement:

- Linsky: thank you for making these amendments, i think it added to the resolution

Gonzalez: Yes

B. Murray: Yes

T. Murray: Yes

Randall: Yes

Roy: Yes

- **Resolution 57** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P) - Amending Rule 8 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify and update the Student Senate's business procedures.
 - Statement:
 - Linsky: Handels the 11 pm rule in some areas, does quite a lot, a lot of language fixes, a lot of omissions are taking out things that are obvious. You need to say a rule once and that is all, do not need to include dont murder anyone because that is already an established thing
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: Provision 8.2 entails a physical petition or virtual?
 - Linsky: typical roll call vote, not debatable, when a special session needs to be called, we are not already meeting, handle business outside of general wednesday meetings, added flexibility for pres to call senate into session, intentionally vague, could be a groupme, email. An invitation to do business that needs to be done immediately
 - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Gonzalez seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Gonzalez: why did you add "at their discretion" to 8.2
 - Linsky: clarify that the power is to the senate president
 - Gonzalez: What was the reason to strike "L" from 8.3
 - Linsky: J includes executive branch/executive cabinet
 - Gonzalez: in terms of giving discession to the president, when we have had to call special sessions before, would the pres come under fire now by bringing it from the senators to the president. He might come under attack by officially adding it to his role.
 - Linsky: that crossed our minds, if any senator can call a special session, any senator could call a vote and handle the vote. The buc has to stop somewhere and hopefully to the senate pres. If the senate decides to call a special session but pres does not want to... Hard to make quorum of special sessions happen given that it is 50% plus 1.
 - Gonzalez: senate pres can call a special session without senators
 - Linsky: yes, but would then have to send out a petition that requires 50% plus 1 hard to make that happen, by a majority vote of the senate it could still happen
 - Gonzalez; it looks like that petition is attached to the majority vote and not really at the senate pres's discretion

- Gonzalez: point was to not give pres alone discretion to call special session
- Linsky: it gives him the option, if we are in an emergency situation, it seems unlikely that a special session would happen since the burden is so high to call a special session.
- Wang; that language give all discretion to pres?
- Randall: gives it to the pres or the petition of senators
- Roy: would be more comfortable if there was clarification about how the pres would call a special session, a petition process that empowers them to call a SS.
- Randall: a sub point on the petition part?
- Roy: yes
- Tackett: It is vague and right now the pres just sends out a petition to everyone, so the best way would be for an email.
- Wang: also has been done in groupme
- Randall; way it happens? Need more?
- Roy: it does need that, email wont be obsolete in 50 years
- Tackett: could a student call for a petition of a special session
- Randall: no
- Roy: another concern. 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, the publishing of the calendar, should it be the clerk, what does that look like to the Rules and Calendar committee, do like that senate advisor has a role in 8.8, is journal of official proceeding sof the meeting the minutes?
- Randall: yes
- Roy: I approve making that a part of the minutes, we could change further on senate floor the minute taking as the role of the clerk. Should we define that that means minutes? For 8.9, it takes more than 24 hours to take and finish senate minutes
- Linsky; it is more of a statute change to look at approval of minutes and when the minutes are to be finished.
- Roy: don't want it to seem like the entire responsibility of the journal is on the clerk's shoulders
- Randall; we could change it to 48. I did not think it was prescribed in statutes.
- Linsky; it is 48
- **Randall moves to amend 8.9 to say forty-eight hours rather than twenty-four, roy seconds, found friendly, amendment adopted**
- **Randall moves to amend Add 8.2(a) "A petition to call a special session shall include Senators' names, seats, and FSU IDs.", Roy seconds, found friendly, amendment adopted**
 - Roy: calling back to 8.7, who did we decide who will publish the calendar
 - Linsky: clerk should have that possibility, we do what we can
 - Wang: should be the clerk as they are the on who runs the canvas page right now
 - Roy: i understand that
 - Wang; it could be the clerk or the pro tempore
 - Randall; it is clerk's responsibility that it is published, does not really matter who makes the calendar.
 - Gonzalez: can we look at 8.11 and the change from will to must, does that mean no students can talk without a request to address

- Linsky: will just means must, could say shall instead, a political question rather than a grammar question, do we want a system where people have to fill out a form or first come first serve.
- Randall: this used to be done in in person senate doesn't restrict anyone who wants to speak, but this is a way to organize who speaks in what order
- Tackett; makes it easier for whomever creates the journal about what is spoken about and by who
- Roy; enjoy that 8.12 has card for closing announcements and email list, how long does a senator have to submit a statement of dissent
- Wang; friday til 12
- Roy: Now since the journal is 48 hours are statements of dissent now included?
- Randall: 48 hours would do it, senate has to be 7:30 on wednesdays, not publishing by 7:30 on fridays, we have a problem
- Roy; even in our old rules, we are already breaking statutes
- Randall: RoPAH is about fixing what we can for the statutes that we already break
- **Roy moves to call the questions; Gonzalez seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: thanks for putting so much thought into revisions, definitely added to the res. look forward to contributions to RoPAH resolutions forthcoming
- Vote:
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: Resolution 57 PASSES**

Roy moves to table remaining resolutions; Gonzalez seconds

Unfinished Business:

Committee Legislative Round Table:

Final Announcements:

Randal: virtual, vs inperson, vs hybrid meeting discussion

Wang; we will set a hybrid meeting next week and decide when we will want to meet

Wang: I do not know if you are expecting something at the senate in wake of the unfortunate thins that happened at the football game on sunday

Randall: People were saying awful things including derogatory terms for the LGBTQ community

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 7:44pm

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore