



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: September 22, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:03 PM

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s)

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s) Nasworthy

Members Absent: Senator(s)

Guests: Parliamentarian Rowan, Senator(s) Linsky

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - passed bill 53 tabled 50, starting elections code soon
- Finance - pac cr 21, rtac cr 22, review of finance code
- IA - forwarded 5 candidates
- Budget - resolution 52 unanimously
- SLAA - passed res 48 tabled 70 and 71
- RTAC -
- PAC - PAC candidate up for confirmation
- Guests -

Committee 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.
- **Resolution 54** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 6 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties of Senate Committees.
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- **Vote to forward Senator Destine for impeachment**

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.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: the point of hearing 51 today is to get feedback, do not expect to be voting on it today, would like to meet individually with all of you to see what you think. Met with Gonzalez will be doing it again. Dissolve the budget committee and have all the money people in one place. We have a lot of people already doing things with the finance code, this will allow them to now look at and change finance code. Budget has had quorum problems in the past, this will help with that by making the committee bigger.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - T. Murray: This combines finance and budget?
 - Randall: Yes
 - Little: when does this affect budget?
 - Randall: does not affect the budget now by any means, will affect the 2022-2023 budget.
 - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Gonzalez seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Roy: what was the initial point of having budget and finance separate?
 - Randall: have not looked at that, I would imagine that it is because budget week is such a beast on its own.
 - Wang: how would budget week be handled?
 - Randall: make the full use of our committees, doesn't currently utilize the vice chair position enough. I would want to use my committee more and increase the amount of work for the vice chair position, delegating a lot more responsibility, delegating also to the most active members of the committee. Easiest way of attacking something big is using what we have and seeing what we can do? Not necessarily enough to do?
 - T. Murray: Have you considered asking the President to create subcommittees?
 - Randall: Yes, this was one of the possible solutions that were discussed, the idea would be doing finance as normal and having a sub committee to handle things like this. We brought it down to the two finance committee ideas. Didn't choose the sub committee idea yet so we can start off with the whole committee dealing with things and see if that works, if it doesn't, we could then begin to work into breaking it into smaller groups. I would love to further discuss this and hear about
 - Point of information: Gonzalez: how are we doing questioning in roundtable? Usually the sponsor does not get to speak about it.
 - Wang: I am allowing him to speak if someone asks a question.

- Rowan: usually questions would be a point of information directed to the chair to be directed then to the appropriate person in this case the sponsor.
- Gonzalez: I think we should vote on this today. I am fully against this bill and have seen this kind of thing before, and it makes sense on paper but not in practice. Not practical, so much work for one committee to handle. I think the quorum reason brought up by the sponsor is not enough to pass this bill. Been a part of three budget bills and two sweepings, just doesn't make sense, we make sweeping and central reserves for a reason and the precedent is that one committee deals with allocations, there is a reason that they are separate, as it relates to finance code, there is already so much to process, to have one committee deal with all of that, it just doesn't work. Combining these two committees will not inherently fix the engagement issue. Delegating would already be a thing but having one big committee just does not make sense, the bureaucratic process for requesting finding is already hell. At the end of the day this is too much for one chair and delegating creates too many levels that will be confusing. The connections that budget has with organizations is very different that what finance has and what finance does. To back track on all the progress that has been made with connections is a bad idea
- Little: does the combination of budget and finance make the work of finance disproportionate to the other standing committees
- Randall: not necessarily, the committees already have a lot of stuff to do, Judiciary has a huge purview, SLAA has a huge purview, Internal Affairs oversees basically all appointments and agency and bureau reviews. This is entirely management.
- Little: will this extra work dissuade people from joining the already unpopular finance.
- Randall: I think people do what to be in finance, I think this will actually incentivise people to join finance.
- Wang: how will you handle having PAC meetings and budget week?
- Randall: budget week doesn't have to be budget week, it could be budget month. Do two meetings for that week, one for all the other business and one for the deliberations.
- Roy: Been going through the website, budget met 10 times since January and finance met 17 times. Finance may still be a bit overloaded, there are a lot of discrepancies compared to finance. Finance meets a lot more than budget and budget meeting are typically a lot shorter
- Gonzalez: In my humble opinion, the historical record of past committees in the past year is irrelevant because committees have not been doing their job. That is not blaming the chairs, it is blaming the environment of senate and the engagement issues. When the beginning of this bill was brought up, there was a lack of knowledge of all the moving parts of budget week and allocations in general. Besides Harmon, I am the most qualified to talk about this and the right stuff is just not there.
- Little: I agree with chair Gonzalez in that it is a good idea on paper, I also like the idea of having budget week be longer than a week. My issue lies in people not wanting to be in a committee with that much work. Statistically a lot of people do not get their top preference, and that would have like 40% of member in Finance not really want to be in that committee, it would have members lack enthusiasm and engagement.

Not against the notion of combining budget and finance but it would put an undue burden on the committee and those who are not super into being in this new big committee. The committees who don't put in 100% could cause the whole system to back up.

- Roy: I want to ask what more can the budget do, budget has not been doing what they are supposed to or does not have enough to do. What could make the committee more busy?
- Gonzalez: We do not do a great job at engaging with the people who want to request money, there is a lack of information that the requesters have, not doing a good enough job at working with exec to increase outreach. Strengthening the relationship with them so they know what all they can do with budget.
- Roy; that sounds like it falls to the chair, what more can be moved so in meetings members can have a more active role?
- Budget hasn't been taking up the job to review financial code which governs the committee. Could work with finance so both committees could be reviewing the code. The whole thing of outreach doesn't just fall on the chair, and if we are doing outreach, that would bring more requests in.
- Gonzalez moves to call the questions; B. Murray seconds
- Randall objects.
- Gonzalez does not withdraw.
- Vote on motion to call the question
 - T. Murray: No
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Little: No
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: No
 - Roy: No
 - Harmon: Abs
- **RESULT: still in roundtable**
 - Roy: Why did Randall object?
 - Randall: I would like to continue speaking about this, I would like to address any concerns and fix things that might not work. I would like some feedback and do better and come back with something that can be proud of.
 - Gonzalez: respectfully, those conversations should have been had outside of this committee.
 - Roy: For budget week it relates to PAC and RTAC, usually everything is passed easily, once or twice a semester does debate happen, I do not think that PAC and RTAC should be a reason that it doesn't happen in finance.
 - Little: my vote is currently undecided, the main issue we are running into is how do we not overwork the finance committee. How do we do this without giving finance too much responsibility, I do not know how we would fix that right now. IS there a way we can combine these two without making finance feel like there is too much to do.
 - Randall: to clarify something in my opening statement, this is around the assumption that finance is underworked.
 - Roy: ???

- Randall: This is my last two months in senate, so I am going to hammer on this. I know not every finance chair does that.
 - Harmon: why did this pass judiciary, what was discussed there
 - Little; a lot of my committee is not super engaged, no shade, a lot of the members are new people so they may not have seen all of the implications of this, the stronger voices in the committee were in favor of this and the newer members follow those voices. Are finance code revisions expected of every finance committee?
 - Randall: it is generally the job of every finance committee, the way in doing it so deliberate is not at all the standard, it is something I am charging my committee with and is apart from the norm.
 - Little: judiciary has the task of taking on election code so this is the first time we are really doing this. Is the task of the finance code something that could be relegated and condensed to a certain time period.
 - Randall: easily, there are always lulls in budget and finance work, the natural ebbs and flows allow us to meet and fill the time with other finance business, to have budget and finance meet every week
 - Little: one final question, is this bill undoable? If this were to pass and three weeks in to the 74th senate we realize this is a bad idea, could we then move to recreate the budget committee?
 - Randall: there are a lot of ways to handle that so that is an option, another idea would be to go back to the other options that were proposed, such as sub committees.
 - Little moves to table; T. Murray seconds
 - Gonzalez objects
 - Vote on the motion to table:
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Gonzalez: No
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
 - **Bill 51 is tabled.**
- **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: Changes the name of Oversight, SLAA to just Student Life, changes in 6.4 to changes in nominee, taking out professional workshops because we do not do those, yields to all questions.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - Chair Little moves, Barrett Seconds
 - Round Table:
 - Little: Deleting responsibilities of internal affairs committee, does not agree with. Agrees with changing rules to fit our current ways, had a long discussion with sponsor on how committees work and engaging in ways that committees can be better. Do not redact section c. Just because it was not done last year due to the circumstances, it's still a way to get committees engaged. Gives senate leadership a better idea of where

committees are at. We can in the future have IA do these things in the future.

- President Harmon: This has never been done at all: surveys. Likes letter D clause. Understands sponsors ideas for deleting it but likes the idea of keeping it.
- Little: Would you find a friendly unreadact c or d or both?
- Linsky finds it friendly to unredact d but not c.
- Little agrees that its great to do professional workshops with professional people. Motion to un redact D and barrett seconds. Linsky seconds.
- Little: Talk more about why you changed SLAA to just Student life?
- Linsky: In SLAA, nothing concerns academic affairs in committee, misleading to new senators since they don't deal with academic affairs.
- Harmon: How does this relate to the budget bill that was just introduced
- Linsky: When we wrote this bill, we started questioning finance and budget and how they should be together, to find common themes and purpose in this document and additions in uniform to these themes. Being represented in what the work actually entails.

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○ **Little calls question; Barrett seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Linsky: Thanks for putting fresh eyes on this. Been a while since ROPAH has met regularly. Takes a while to get back in tune to how we were thinking and questions are appreciated.

○ Vote:

- Barrett: Yes
- Gonzalez: Yes
- Little: Yes
- B. Murray: Yes
- Harmon: Abs

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

● **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: A lot of the additions were making here, in 5.5 were looking at the flow of talent from senate to different sga organizations. It leaves us pending from business that needs to get done when vice chair or chair position becomes vacant. This bill gets a vice chair or chair in immediately so that business can be conducted. This creates stability and continuity. 5.13 talks about subcommittees and how the President should listen to Chair's of the appointment of subcommittees

■ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Little: is it precedent for ad hoc committees for appointed chairs or is it elected?
- Wang: All ad hoc committee chairs have been appointed not elected.

○ Little moves to go into roundtable ;barrett seconds

○ Round Table:

- Barrett: Committees are not able to conduct business if quorum is not met, if random vacancy happened would election be able to still happen?

- Linsky: One thing I like about quorum, is that it's easier to meet quorum if that one person is missing. Can't have an election without quorum. One thing we're trying to solve is conducting business if quorum is not met.
- Roy: What is the purpose of this resolution?
- Linsky: Governs how committees conduct business. Resolution tries to make it easier with quorum and vacancy elections.
- Little: Does this address if a chair resigns in the middle of the meeting or if they resign at the beginning of the meeting?
- Linsky: If the chair resigns not in the meeting, this would be the first item of business in the beginning of the next meeting.
- Harmon: 5.5 I, Says in the event of a vice chair or chair being vacant, the most senior member would take over, let's say 7 members are fairly new, what would happen. What would happen if its not really a "senior" member running the meeting. Feels like it would be messy. This senator would have to run chair elections which would be messy.
- Roy: Parliamentarian or pro tempore could run this election?
- Linsky: Interesting hypothetical. Did not think about this situation
- Harmon: President should be able to delegate that position to senate leadership and remove the conflict between committee members running it and running for it.
- Little: agrees with it, whoever runs the meeting would have to vote for the new committee leadership which does not feel right. Senate leadership would be best as a third party. Specify that senate president can only delegate this position to senate leadership or someone outside of the committee.
- Wang: Enumerate Senate president and then delegate it to senate leadership if president is not available.
- Little moves to amend 4.5 i. Strike out the most senior member of the committee with the senate president or member of the office the senate president as designated by the Senate president. Barrett seconds
- Gonzalez: Why did you strike secret ballot portion of 5.5 f
- Linsky: Secret ballot is chicken shit. Were public servants.
- Gonzalez: Why did you strike 5.7
- Linsky: Following robert's rules of order.
- Gonzalez: In terms of quorum, alot of chairs refer to roberts rule of orders on sga website, and does not refer to quorum and not easily accessible and believes 5.7 should stay.
- Linsky: Open to amending and important rule for senators to know
- **Gonzalez: moves to amend 5.7 and moves to strike second sentence that defines what quorum is. Harmon seconds linsky finds it friendly**
- Roy: Interpretation of 5.15 b
- Linsky: This goes into rules and calendar conversation of who's on the calendar. Makes it easy to hijack calendar. This might have been tackett expressing frustration about people not showing up to funding boards and leapfrogging into something better.
- Gonzalez: 5.8B $\frac{2}{3}$ presence of reading a bill in its entirety, why?
- Linsky: How do we make deadlines for submitting legislation to the packet, especially last minute. Should be an indication to senators that a deadline does mean something and should be followed!

- Gonzalez: Not to the senate floor, but to the second reading is how she's reading it. Usually when we do this, it means it is pertinent to pass the bill because the senate is about to end and it's important to hear.
 - Linsky: Whats the voting record on this if its this pertinent?
 - Little: I don't know if $\frac{2}{3}$ measures up with this standard
 - Gonzalez: if there is an objection, then it goes to a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. Moves to amend 5.8b to add if there is an objection it shall go to a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.
 - Gonzalez: 5.10, why is signature crossed out
 - Linsky: Chair already looks over minutes and its not necessary
 - Barrett: Why does committee reports need signature
 - Linsky: committee reports need to be striked through
 - Barrett: 5.6h why is it striked out
 - Linsky: going directly to rules and calender
 - Gonzalez: In striking the signature, did you look at attendance of committee meetings?
 - Wang would like to see this bill tabled
 - **Gonzalez tables, roy seconds**
 - **TABLED**
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New Business:

- **Jackson Destine: Suspension Hearing**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Wang: Destine was suspended, and Rules had a suspension hearing. He was granted a leave of absence until the start of Summer C since he was going through a lot of personal issues. When his leave of absence was up, he never showed up to any Senate or Committee meetings. Harmon has reached out, and he has not responded to any correspondence.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X

- X moves to enter round-table discussion; X seconds
- Round Table:
 - T Murray: When was leave of absence up?
 - Wang: Beginning of Summer C
 - Little: Did he have a hearing yet? Since leave up absence, has he warranted a hearing?
 - Wang: Never unsuspended him, if you come back and miss one meeting, you're allowed to impeach.
 - T Murray: When was he last contacted
 - Wang: Today
 - Gonzalez: Date of suspension hearing?
 - Little: Believes it was March?
 - Wang: March 17.
 - **Roy moves to call the questions; T Murray seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Wang: X
- Vote:
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: Destine is forwarded to Judiciary Committee for Impeachment**

Committee Legislative Round Table: X

Final Announcements: X

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 7:14 PM

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore