



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: September 29th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:04 pm

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s) Nasworthy

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s)

Members Absent: Senator(s) Gonzalez

Guests: Clerk Connor, Parliamentarian Rowan

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - did not meet this week, might meet on friday
- Finance - 2 consent resolutions today and a pac candidate final at large pac member next week, zero RTAC at large members
- Internal Affairs - amended and passed bill 55
- Budget -
- SLAA - passed res 72 tabled reses 18 and 70
- RTAC -
- PAC - doing better than rtac trying to direct people there
- Guests - X

Committee Business:

- **Resolution 55** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 5 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the procedures of Senate Committees.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Resolution 66** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P) - Amending Rule 14 of Senate Rules of Procedure to revise the process for censures and simplify disciplinary actions.

- **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.
- **Senator Suspension Hearings**

Old Business:

- **Resolution 55** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 5 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the procedures of Senate Committees.
 - Round Table:
 - Roy: Did Jason speak to the chairs and find any new information?
 - Randall: That was about bill 51, this does not affect anything regarding that
 - Harmon: Was this one amended?
 - Randall: Second sentence of 5.5.i
 - Little: In 5.7 did we undo a strikethrough?
 - Wang: yes
 - **B. Murray moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Randall: Amendments made last week improve the resolution, hope you will vote yes.
 - Vote:
 - Gonzalez:
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Abs
 - Harmon: Abs
 - **RESULT: (4-0-2) PASSES**
- **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.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Cut out a bunch of fluff, at least 50% of this res is cutting out what they believe is not important information. Did a few little things around the whole thing. Mainly cutting things.
 - Little: only substantial change is to clarify that the presiding officer maintains decorum.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Harmon: All of the stucken out verbiage, is there another place where this is said? Is there a provision in any of our documents that has this?
 - Randall: 12.6 it is implied that if something is in rules, it is the presiding officer's job to enforce it. If you violate code of conduct, that is impeachable and doesn't need to be in rules. The part about staying in the chamber is not needed because there is already a thing about attendance. The ethical things by which we are bound are stated in statutes. If we are holding a standard that should be in statutes to apply to all of sga. In ethics code, you are supposed to follow the law whether rules says it or not.
 - **T. Murray moves to enter round-table discussion; Little seconds**

- Round Table:
 - Harmon: I understand the reasoning for removing some of these, but some of these shouldn't need to be removed. 12.6.a. I do not like leaving this as implied. Who's to say 10 years from now who is supposed to enforce the rules, it seems excessive, but it clarifies, if we remove this and something for whatever reason happens, the ability of a chair to enforce a rule is questioned, feel safer leaving this one in.
 - Randall: **POI** do Robert's rules say anything about committee chairs having the authority as in this section?
 - Rowan: The chair is usually there to vote in the case of a tie and to enforce the rules, the chair in the committee would be the presiding officer of that meeting.
 - Harmon: Yes Robert's rules has that there, but not every senate will have a Jack Rowan, senates are not always that well versed on Robert's rules, leaving it as an implication is dangerous at times.
 - T. Murray: I agree with President Harmon, and I would be willing to make a motion to amend but I want to see what the rest of the committee has to say
 - Randall: If you do not maintain the rules, that's an impeachable offence
 - Wang: It says presiding officer in senate chambers or in committee meetings.
- **T. Murray moves to call the questions; B. Murray seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Little: thank you for paying attention to the details, very productive, glad to answer questions here before it goes to the floor
- Vote:
 - Little: Abs
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
- **RESULT: (4-0-2) PASSES**
- **Resolution 62** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P) - Amending Rule 13 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate attendance guidelines.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: A few key changes, a bunch of strikeouts in this one too, 13.2, saying whether an absence is excused or unexcused, struck quorum calls in this to give it its own rules, defined quorum, move something to penalties, for leave of absences dictated in statutes, we need to fix it in statutes before we do it here.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: Have we been enforcing 13.8?
 - Wang: No
 - Harmon: Used to but not anymore
 - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; T. Murray seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Harmon: 13.11.b. Always had a problem with this rule what's the point of having excused and unexcused, what was the point in leaving that in?

- Randall: We thought defining excused and unexcused absences should be left to this committee, I would pose this back to this committee? What would be the point in differentiating?
 - Wang: Harmon used to differentiate. I do not, if you have seven absences, it is a lot to check whether it is excused or not, if you are being suspended, you are probably not going to have good excuses. Having suspension hearings in rules is already good enough
 - Harmon: My understanding, if we have excused then we shouldn't even include the whole thing on attendance,
 - Wang: Still at my discretion
 - T. Murray: I think it is important for their hearings in Rules to have documented that they actually had something and were not making up excuses
 - Little: I give excused if they let me know before the meeting, putting pressure on the protemp to keep track of excused or not, there should be a way to let the chair know rather than just asking for proof.
 - Wang: If come to rules with a suspension hearing, I do not even look at if they were excused or not
 - Parliamentarian: A point was made in ropah, they looked into whether rules looked to see if the person could go on
 - Roy: Does any of this apply to the funding boards?
 - Randall: There is a separate statute for finding boards and the number of absences is 5 and not 7.
 - Roy: I really do like this that it adds religious holidays and recognizing good reasons, it makes sense. I wanted to speak in pro. Will be voting yes.
 - **T. Murray moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Randall: This makes a lot of sense, defines what is and isn't an absence, denotes what happens if someone is capable or not of continuing their job.
 - Vote:
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Randall: Abs
 - Roy: Yes
 - **RESULT: (4-0-1) PASSES**
- **Resolution 63** - Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P) - Amending Rule 15 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the procedure for amending Rules of Procedure.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: committees don't make legislation, people make legislation, clearly states that rules are amended through a resolution
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
- T. Murray moves to enter round-table discussion; Little seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Roy: don't see anything controversial about this, cut and dry, will speak in pro.
 - **Roy moves to call the questions; Little seconds**

- Closing Statement:
 - Randall: pretty cut and dry, look forward to seeing the result
- Vote:
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Abs
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: (5-0-1) 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.
 - **RESULT: TABLED**
- **Resolution 66** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P) - Amending Rule 14 of Senate Rules of Procedure to revise the process for censures and simplify disciplinary actions.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Little: Another res on the theme of cutting fluff, main thing at the top is outlining the censure process, multiple levels of censure at the discretion of the rules committee. 14.4 added this in from a different rule that this was stricken from
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X

Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds

- Round Table:
 - Roy: for 14.2.3.a. Is there a reason impeachment is the same $\frac{2}{3}$ vote for censure?
 - Randall: Ropah uses $\frac{2}{3}$ for a threshold for something that requires extra attention, $\frac{3}{4}$ is too much
 - Roy: Because rules is such a small committee, $\frac{2}{3}$ is better for practice, personally prefer $\frac{3}{4}$ in a general sense, but will speak for this in senate if needed.
 - Randall: Pause take a look at 14.2 took about a month to come up with, if a census is only reprimanding there needs to be a greater threshold for this, this is a big change from what it is now, I would like for everyone to pause and take a look
 - Wang: Why did you choose 4 senators required to second
 - Randall: Since it is so formal and intense, it need more weight behind it
 - Roy: makes a lot of sense that it should go to rules, that it needs more than 2 senators, I do not think there should be any concern of it going to rules, I speak in favor, glad that the $\frac{1}{2}$ absences for chair and vice chair are still there
 - Wang: I will leave that for the next pro temp, will not start enforcing now
 - Nasworthy: where did the numbers for like suspended for no longer than 4 meetings come from?
 - Randall: Gives someone a chance to stop and think about how they can do better, if rules is going to take a big action like this, it is a big deal, it needs to be some sort of measure, you don't get to go to committee or a

- month but you can go to senate, the goal is for it to be long enough to make an impact and be actual punishment
 - Wang: For 14.4 why was that stricken out of a previous resolution and put into this chapter
 - Randall: This is about discipline and that was about absences, this makes it an easier disciplinary action, aka impeachment, this is important enough to remain in rules, the original penalty is fair, but impeachment is too harsh to take this out entirely
- **Roy moves to call the questions; Nasworthy seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Little: thank you for the questions and giving this thought, this took a long time and am glad to see that this was well received
- Vote:
 - Little: Abs
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
- **RESULT: (5-0-1) PASSES**

New Business:

Suspension Hearing - Senator Preshia

- Total of 16 absences since 1/13/21
- Opening Statement:
 - Preshia: I have gotten a lot better about attending senate and committee meetings, last semester, senate was not my number 1 priority so I missed a lot of meetings, I am now writing legislation
- Questioning:
 - Roy: of your absences were any of them excused?
 - Preshia: I am not sure
 - Wang: Some of them have been excused
 - T. Murray: Have you been absent to any senate meetings this semester?
 - Preshia: two senate meetings and couple for committee
 - T. Murray: What does that total for this semester pro temp?
 - Wang: 2 ½ senate meetings, 2 committee meetings
 - Randall: What are you going to do moving forward?
 - Preshia: working on a resolution and a bill
- **Randall moves to enter roundtable discussion; Little seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Preshia: Have been doing a lot better about attending recently, i hope you can understand that things can get tough
 - Roundtable:
 - Randall: Chance is a good guy, however, the absences just don't make sense, you take into account this semester and missing 50% of the meetings this semester, I do not know if he can finish the term given the trend
 - B. Murray: have been working with chance, have a lot of respect for him burnout happens
 - Roy: he is one of the senators who has work that he wants to put in and will still make a great senator.

- T. Murray: I agree with Randall, it is the base line of our job to show up and vote, and he has missed 2 ½ out of the 4 meetings we've had this semester.
 - Little; the work you do behind the scenes isn't as important as missing meetings, hard to look past the sheer number of absences. I don't like forwarding someone to impeachment so I would prefer if he resigned
 - Wang: resigning isn't an attack against character, it isn't necessarily a bad thing.
- **Little moves to call the question; Nasworthy seconds**
- Vote:
 - Little: Yes
 - B. Murray: No
 - T. Murray: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Roy: No
- Senator is **forwarded for impeachment** with a vote of **3-2-0**

Little moves to recess until the Finance committee meeting is finished: T. Murray seconds; Returns from recess at 6:45pm

Suspension Hearing - Senator Russell

- **TABLED Senator Absent**

Suspension Hearing - Senator Reeves

- Total of 7 1/2 absences since
- Opening Statement:
 - Reeves: Thank you for the opportunity to speak, from the time elected to now, I am a completely different person, lost a lot of family to covid, was in the hospital for a time, tried to do a summer term, talked to Dr. Williams, this semester, lost another family member, grades and health had been deteriorating, her in person to tell that I do want the position, believe that I am the best fitted for this, wants to be representation for students who want to start getting involved with senate, take full responsibility for actions
- Questioning:
 - Little: Did the senator serve this summer?
 - Wang: No
 - Reeves: tried to but it never got situated, did not take classes over the summer
 - Harmon: Why do you want to serve in senate?
 - Reeves: Love my major, have a bigger impact than what I see, serve all students but it hits different to minority students that he serves, feel like my absences let people who look up to me down.
 - Roy: Do you have plans for what you want to work on in senate?
 - Reeves: I serve in judiciary, heard that there are ways that orgs let people go that is not fair, want to propose a bill to help fix that issue
 - Little: What do you plan to do moving forward to attend more senate meetings?
 - Reeves: Was just getting back to being accustomed to groupme went back and saw that there were a lot of group chats I was still a part of, set

- alarms for senate meetings to make sure attendance wouldn't be an issue. I know when senate meets I have my life back in order in a way.
 - Harmon; is there anything leadership can do to make your life easier?
 - Reeves: No, you all have done a good job, I take full responsibility, getting back on campus and realizing this is bigger than himself, holding himself accountable.
- **Roy moves to enter roundtable discussion; Little seconds**
- Roundtable:
 - Roy: if we really are people first students second and senators third, we need to be understanding, will be moving to unsuspend
 - Harmon: I want every senator to succeed, senate is not everyone's top priority, I am willing to allow this senator to serve and hope he keeps to his word and participating more in senate.
 - Little: since the senator has regained connection, he has responded quickly to messages about Judiciary, confident he will put effort to attend meetings, given the circumstances around this we should give grace
- Closing Statement:
 - Reeves: Thank you for hearing me out, I realize this is not letting me off the hook, I have a lot of work to do and a long way to go, this will not happen again on my part.
- **Nasworthy moves to call the question; T. Murray seconds**
- Vote:
 - Little: No
 - B. Murray: No
 - T. Murray: No
 - Nasworthy: Abs
 - Roy: No
 - Harmon: Abs
- **Senator is unsuspended with a vote of (0-4-2)**

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 65

Suspension Hearing - Katie Russell

Committee Legislative Round Table: X

Final Announcements:

Nasworthy: RTAC still needs people, please have anyone who is interested apply

Roy: Seminole imagery ad hoc is back in order, looking to representatives from across the student body, if you know anyone who is interested in this I have dropped a link in the chat

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 7:01pm

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore