



## 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Rules Committee

14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 5:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

### Call to Order:

**Members Present:** Pro-Tempore Nemeth, Chairs Kariher, Bettley, Diaz, DuCêne, Wyatt, Rider

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent (Excused):** Hockett

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

**Guests:** President Hunter, Senator Rivers

### Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
  - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
  - Has not met since last Wednesday
- Budget:
  - Met for first time last Thursday for Budget Orientation, and began process of Budget Week
- Finance:
  - Chair not present
- Internal Affairs:
  - Met on Monday afternoon to confirm 8 or 9 more candidates. Minutes are uploaded
- Student Life
  - Had no business to conduct last week but will be appointing Senator St-Hilaire and Senator Carter to the Sweepings Committee

- PAC:
  - Met last week; will be presenting a CR tonight
- RTAC:
  - CR 23 will be heard tonight; the RSO's will be in attendance and are excited; four new RSO's to be heard at tomorrow's RTAC meeting

**Committee Business:**

- Resolution 46 sponsored by Senator Rivers
- Resolution 48 sponsored by Senator Hunter

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  - Opening Statement:
    - A problem Senate has been having for a long time is finding enough time to get our work done in one night. Often, in the past, we would waive the bedtime rule to stay until 1:00am to finish. That was crazy, and now it has been stated that waiving the bedtime rule will no longer be allowed due to Union rules. So this is a bill to help us get more work done and try to get us out a little earlier each week by moving the Senate time up just by 1 hour to 6:30pm. Often, we just need 15 or 30 extra minutes to finish our business, and I think this would help with that  
YIELDS WITH 3:21 FOR CLOSING
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Bettley: Will this go into immediate effect?
      - Sponsor: Yes
    - Rider: Did you talk to any of our advisors about this?
      - Sponsor: I did speak to the advisor. There was an incident during Summer Senate, after which I talked to the advisor. This issue of changing the meeting time came up, so I drafted this and emailed it to the advisors, and they said that it does work for them and that

they would let me know if anything changed, and they have not let me know.

- **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Rider seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Kariher moves to amend to strike all of 8.1(a)1, and to strike 1:00am in 8.1(a)2 and ammend to 11:00pm; BETTLEY seconds, DIAZ OBJECTS
    - Debate on amendment
      - Kariher opening: I just realized that another amendment will need to be made regarding meeting extensions. I still think we should keep it enumeratetd that business must end at 11:00pm. The rest of the amendment makes sense to me. I am eliminating this extension of the Senate meeting, because we literally cannot extend. If anyone is in favour of ammending the amendment, I would be friendly to that. YIELDS WITH 3:59 FOR CLOSING
      - Diaz withdraws objection to amendment; end debate
    - Sponsor finds amednment friendly; KARIHER AMENDMENT ADOPTED
    - Kariher moves to amend to strike “if a Senate meeting is extended,” Bettley seconds, no objections
    - Sponsor finds amendment friendly; KARIHER AMENDMENT ADOPTED
    - Bettley will be be voting yes on this; feels the measure should be heard by the full Senate and does not feel Rules should fail it as a small number of members before the measure reaches the voices and opinions of the full Senate. The extra hour added with this bill still requires us to work quickly and effectively, but allows us some breathing room
    - Diaz is generally in favour of the idea of making meetings easier; thinks it may be smart to table the bill on the full Senate floor for a week, assuming the bill passes out of Rules. There are a lot of accomadations people would need to make if the meeting was moved up an hour, so he thinks giving members an extra week to consider the measure could be good. Additionally, I feel some of the language in Section 2 is redundant. I wonder if Kariher or Rivers would be friendly to striking it.

- Bettley: POI to presiding officer: Looking at section A, does this mean we will move into statements of dissent *at* 11:00pm? Because don't we need to be *out* at 11?
  - Nemeth: It's a good question. We discussed this in our meeting with our advisor today. Honestly, I don't have an answer for you and I think it's up for interpretation, but we *do* have to be out by 11:00pm, regardless.
- Rider: I agree I think it might be good to get the opinions of more members of the Senate, whether that be through a poll or something. Senators ran for Senate knowing it would be a 7:30pm commitment.
- Diaz moves to amend to strike all of 8.1(a)2; DuChêne seconds; no objections
  - Sponsor does not find amendment friendly – DEBATE:
  - Diaz opening on the amendment: I encourage everyone to read what it would say if this is not struck: "Any outstanding business shall be tabled at 11:00pm and heard in Unfinished Business at the following Senate Meeting." That's what happens at every meeting anyway. It doesn't need to be stated again. And that last sentence: "The Senate shall immediately move into statements of dissent," is already said in Section A. In my opinion, this is unnecessary. It's already said in subsection A, I think it would make more sense to get rid of the rest of it. YIELDS WITH 4:11
  - Technical non-debatable questions on amendment: None
  - Kariher moves to enter round-table; Bettley seconds with no objections
  - Bettley: POI to the sponsor, why do you not find this friendly?
    - Sponsor: I think this section can serve a better purpose if the time is changed from 11:00pm to something earlier, so that we have a definite hard stop time, to clarify that we must stop business by a certain time so that we can finish and actually get out of the building by 11:00pm.
  - Kariher: I agree, I think that would make sense. Then it would be that the Senate is going to *adjourn* at 11:00pm, but that at 10:50pm, for example, we can get in the final announcements,

statements of dissent, final roll call, etc., so I think that maybe striking the, “any remaining business,” line and changing the “outstanding business” line from 11:00pm to 10:50pm would maybe be better.

- Bettley: I have similar sentiments; I think removing this section leaves the statute up to interpretation and confusion, and I think it would be best to take out any room for interpretation. I think there’s a better amendment possible here, but I think this amendment leaves room for confusion.
- Bettley moves to call the question on the amendment; Kariher seconds; no objections
- Closing from Diaz: I hear with what’s been said, and I’m okay with this amendment failing as long as we change the end time from 11:00pm to something earlier, and as long as we strike the last sentence in Section A, so that it isn’t repetitive. That being said, I think this amendment still fixes this issue. Section 8.3 very clearly states the calendar, so it is implied that we go to roll call after statements of dissent. I would urge those other amendments.
- VOTE:
  - **YES: (1)** Diaz
  - **NO: (4)** Kariher, Bettley, Wyatt, Rider
  - **ABSTAIN: (1)** DuChêne
  - **THE AMENDMENT IS NOT ADOPTED**
- Kariher moves to amend to strike, “any remaining business will be tabled and the Senate shall move to Statements of Dissent,” in A, and to change 11:00pm in Section 2 to 10:50pm; Bettley seconds; no objections
- Sponsor finds amendment friendly; **amendment is adopted**
- **Kariher moves to call to question; Bettley seconds, no objections**
- Closing:
  - After listening to everything, I think that it is important to let this bill marinate among all Senate members; everyone here has been in Senate for a long time and we all know that time has always been a constraint, especially when we really get into debate. And I know that we want to be able to finish everything that we have on the agenda, so I think that even

if the time was moved to 7:00pm, I think that would help us so much. So I hope people are able to accomadate for an earlier meeting time.

- Vote:
  - **Yes: (6)** Kariher, Bettley, Diaz, DuChêne, Wyatt, Rider
  - **No: 0**
  - **Abstain: 0**
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION #46 PASSES**
  
- Resolution 48 sponsored by Senator Hunter
  - Opening Statement:
    - Hey baes, this legislatiton just clarifies and corrects the roles of Senate Clerk and Historian. Basically it just says that the historian shall record the journal, which is the job of the historian. This just wasn't updated when we added a historian and delinated the role of an historian versus a clerk. It's so simple, but I do have an amendment. Yields with 4:07.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
    - **Bettley moves to enter round-table discussion; DuChêne seconds; no objections**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Hunter moves to amend 8.8, striking oringinal text and adding, "In the Historian's acsence, the Senate President shall have the power to assign this duty." Diaz seconds, no objections
    - **Hunter amednment is adopted**
    - **Kariher moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**
    - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 48 PASSES**

**New Business:**

- None

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Nemeth:

- Make sure you are in the Google Drive
- Senate leadership bonding? Possibly bowling at the union? Food for thought.
- There are a lot of things on the agenda tonight, so go eat dinner and thank you all so much for your hard work!
- Bettley: I met with Jacalyn today about Budget Week, and we have some concerns about the Budgett Committee's availability during Budget Week.
  - Nemeth: A few of the committees have had attendance issues, so we will certainly address those concerns
- Kariher: Do you know when we are getting our Senate appointments forwarded to us?
  - At this time, no, but it's another fantastic question; hopefully more to come on that front soon.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 21st at 5:30pm

- <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/5689024475>

**Adjourned: 6:17pm**



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**Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth**