



74th Student Senate

Rules and Calendar Committee

09/21/2022 at 5:30pm Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order:

Members Present: Pro-Tempore Nemeth, Chair(s) Kariher, Bettley, Diaz, DuChêne, Wyatt

Members Tardy: Hockett

Members Absent (Excused): Chair Rider

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Guests:

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
 - Chair Kariher announced resolution 59 and bill 74 passed.
- Budget:
 - Chair Bettley announced that they did not meet last week. Chair Bettley, Senator Folwell and President Hunter will be meeting on Thursday at 4:30 to get dates for sweeping and budget.
- Finance:
 - Chair Hockett was absent.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Chair Diaz forwarded candidates. He met with Jacalyn to discuss about changing some applications for the 75th student senate.
- Student Life:
 - Passed resolutions 54, 55, 57, and 58.

- PAC:
 - Chair Austin will be presenting consent resolution 26 at Senate tonight.
- RTAC:
 - Chair Rider was absent

Committee Business:

- Resolution 59 sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Folwell, Hockett, Kariher, Nemeth, Wyatt (Co)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Resolution 59 sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Folwell, Hockett, Kariher, Nemeth, Wyatt (Co)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator Diaz explained how confused new senators were about technical non-debatable questions. He realized that there is no reason to have technical non-debatable questions. He wants to replace technical non-debatable questions with a general round of questioning on whatever being debated. The new order will be a 5 minute opening statement, and then senators could ask any question they want and can be directed to senators or any other individuals at the discretion of the President or whoever is presiding. This would allow Senate to ask a non-senator to speak without making a motion. There will be a limit on the amount of questions that can be asked. Then, there would be pro, con, and closing statements as usual.
 - Sponsor yielded with 2 minutes and 33 seconds
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Chair DuChêne asked what the procedure for general questioning would be when asking a question to another senator.
 - Senator Diaz explained that this would be handled the same and clarified that the presiding officer should have discretion to direct questions.

- Chair DuChêne asked for additional clarification. He wanted to know if he has to ask the chair for permission to ask another senator or if he could ask the senator directly.
- Sponsor Diaz explained that it is not specifically clarified in the resolution that it is not specifically stated and assumes it would be as how points are made.
- Chair Bettley asked if during the senate president would have to direct question on behalf of senator asking the question.
- Sponsor Diaz said that the senate president can interpret the rules as they wish. He assumes it will be as points are made.
- Chair Kariher asked how many committees' Rules and Procedures this would affect.
- Sponsor Diaz stated that should really only affect senate rules as long as the committees have their own rules.
- **Chair DuChêne moves to enter round-table discussion; Chair Bettley seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Chair DuChêne expressed his support for resolution. He suggested Sponsor Diaz on how to present the bill so that senate knows that general questioning is not the only time to ask questions.
 - Chair Kariher explained that Judiciary's Rules and Procedures might be affected by this resolution because it is derived from senate Rules and Procedure. He does not see this as an issue.
 - Chair Bettley also expressed support. She explained that Budget's Rules and Procedures would also be affected but in a good way because of the simplification.
 - **Chair DuChêne moves to call to question; Chair Bettley seconds**
- Closing:
 - Sponsor Diaz suggests amending committee rules and procedures if the chairs do not like how they are written now. He does not think that this resolution is not necessary connected to committees. He notes that the end of the bill specifies that it only applied to the senate floor.
- Vote:
 - Yes: # [Chairs Kariher, Bettley, Diaz, DuChêne, Wyatt, Hockett]

- No: NA
- Abstain: NA
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 59 DOES/DOES NOT PASS**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth:
 - Pro-tempore Nemeth expressed her excitement to chair a full senate meeting tonight due to President Hunter's absence.
- Chair Diaz gave advice for Pro-tempore Nemeth on relaxing while leading senate.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30pm

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

Adjourned: 5:52 pm



Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth