



74th Student Senate

Rules Committee

10/19/2022 | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order: 5:32pm

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent (Excused): Hockett, Rider

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Guests:

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
 - Heard and passed Bills 77, 81, 82, and 83 unamended. Passed Bill 84 with ammendments. Bill 79 failed and Bill 80 tabled.
- Budget:
 - Budget week starts tomorrow at 8am and goes until next Tuesday. Deliberations begin at 9am on Wednesday the 26th at 9:00am in SSB 214.
- Finance:
 - Chair not present
- Internal Affairs:
 - Met Monday. Invited leaders to talk about potential changes to the SGA application. Also passed Bill 81.
- Student Life:
 - Passed Bills 81 and 82, Resolutions 65 and 67. Resolution 66 remains tabled.

- PAC:
 - Passed CR 30. Additionally, I have officially made a committee that does not include Senators!
- RTAC:
 - Chair not present

Committee Business:

- Bill 84 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Hunter (Co)
- Resolution 64 Sponsored by Senator Bettley (P)
- Suspension Hearing – Senator Fermin

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bill 84 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Hunter (Co)
 - Opening Statement:
 - This bill comes as a result of having to call three special sessions in the last calendar year due to needing more time to finish Senate business. So, we have had to call these special sessions, and each time, we have had to do these petitions. I don't necessarily think that's the most effective way to do things. At some point, ROPAH recommended that we allow the Senate President the discretion to call Senate meetings with 24-hour notice, but that change has not been reflected in the statute. This bill would change that. When I was Senate President in the Summer, I looked at rules and saw that I *could* call a special session, but I ultimately followed precedent and did it by petition, but I think that we should give the Senate President that discretion to call meetings with 24-hour's notice. If there is a genuine concern of Presidential abuse of power and banana republic stuff, then we can boycott that special session by way of denying quorum. Sponsor yields with 2:58.
 - General Questions:
 - Bettley: What was amended?

- This is basically half of a bill that we have heard and failed in Senate – the bill amending the start time from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This does not have anything to do with the start time, but rather just takes the ability of Senators to extend the meeting past 11:00 PM away. We cannot be in the Union past 11:00 PM, so it just makes sense to remove this ability. It also forces us to move in to new business at 10:50 PM to allow for final roll call, statements of dissents, etc. Yields with 3:54.
 - General Questions:
 - None
 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Diaz seconds; no objections**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Kariher: I think this is very necessary and makes sense!
 - **Kariher moves to call to question; DuChêne seconds; no objections**
 - Closing:
 - Thank you! See you soon!
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **5** Kariher, Diaz, Bettley, DuChêne, Wyatt
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 64 DOES PASS**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Fermin
 - Total of 7 absences since August 2022. 4 Senate absences and 3 Committee absences.
 - DuChêne, Bettley, Kariher move to hear the case. Majority in favor, hearing begins.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator is not present; no opening. Senator was emailed on Thursday, October 13 that his suspension hearing would be today; no response.
 - Questioning:
 - No question period seeing as the senator is not present.
 - Closing:
 - Waived
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - DuChêne: I like Diego but he just simply stopped coming, so I think we have to forward him for impeachment.
 - Bettley: POI: What seat is he?

- Arts & Sciences Fall Seat
- Bettley: Honestly, it is upsetting to see him fall off like this. Senator Fermin was quite active in the first few meetings, but then just stopped coming to Committee and Senate. He was also assigned to Sweepings Committee by his own choice and did not come to a single hearing or deliberations.
- Kariher: I'll be honest, he has not come to Judiciary all semester. He applied for his seat over the Summer and came to a couple things, but also missed quite a few things over the Summer as well. He's definitely one of our more inactive senators so I support forwarding him.
- Diaz: I agree with the broad sentiment expressed so far. The Senator did apply and was initially decently active; he went to one Sweepings meeting and then disappeared. I would like to clarify if he is a Fall or Spring seat
 - Clarification: it is a Fall Seat
- **Bettley moves to call to question; Kariher seconds, no objections**
- Vote:
 - Yes **5** Kariher, Diaz, Bettley, DuChên, Wyatt
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
 - **RESULT: SENATOR FERMIN IS FORWARDED TO JUDICIARY FOR IMPEACHMENT**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth:
 - None, thank you all for coming on Election Day; it is my third to last Rules Committee meeting, so I was excited to see you all!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26th at 5:30pm

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

Adjourned: 6:00pm



Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth