

71st Student Senate

Judiciary Committee 04-16-2019

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Jacobsen, Vice Chair Leckie, Senators Denton, Latham, Mcauliffe, Weber

Members Tardy: Senator Dobbins

Members Absent: Senator Gerdts,

Guests: * Mark Porter, Senators Alvarez, Harmon

Announcements:

- Chair - None
- Vice Chair - Go Magic
- Members - Mcauliffe: Come to her event, thursday at 7:00 Turnbull, near St. Augustine parking garage
- Guests - Chair Harmond: come to PAC April 22nd. Senator Weber: Come to accessibility forum at SSB 107

Committee Business:

- Bill 30 - Sponsored by Senator Alvarez - Amending Statutes 704.2 and 712.1 to include candidate Statements of Interest
- Bill 45 Senators Torres, Harmon, Murcia, Weber, Harris, Dean, Gurau, Ready, Denton, Sandoval, Alvarez, Parker, Warren, Durham - To clarify and list the powers of the attorney general
- Bill 50 Senators Sandoval, Murcia, Harmon, Purganan, Alvarez - To redefine the purpose and duties of OGA's Agency Advisory Committee to allow SGA Agencies more participation in crafting the legislative agenda and FSU Day at the capitol.
- Bill 51 Senators Dean, Warren - To amend Chapter 605 of the Student Body Statutes to better reflect the values of The Union Board and enhance The Union Board Selection Commission.
- Bill 52 Senators Dean Warren - To amend Chapter 605 of the Student Body Statutes to better describe the committees of The Union Board and better define the powers and duties of The Union Board.
- Resolution 34 Senator Leckie - To encourage the use of the Legislative History act
- Bill 54 Senator Leckie- To require the Supervisor of Elections to publicize the specific number of votes counted in each election.

Old Business:

- Bill 30 - Sponsored by Senator Alvarez - Amending Statutes 704.2 and 712.1 to include candidate Statements of Interest
 - Denton: ***moves to amend***
 - Latham: ***seconds***

- Alvarez: Its been a long time since this has been on first reading. Different than original proposition. We can actually add more text, people can now find more immediate info about who candidates are. Adds option for statement of interest, and SGA candidate booklet. Sent out in an email to all students on election day. Potentially link to it on the website on election day. The original language regarding the process, open to amending the number of words per candidate, the ballot form itself will change the same. This coming wednesday is the last day to introduce changes to election code. We can track the number of people accessing. 2:31
- Denton: ***motion for round table***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
- Denton: Students should figure out who is running and determine who they like before they vote, why is this necessary and how much of an impact will it have?
 - Alvarez: even as someone in SGA, there were 40 different names of people i didn't recognize, there is no immediate way to find info about candidates at one time, no reasonable place to go to for info. Having a bio would streamline the process, in the meantime, looking at many people is difficult, smaller elections want as much info as possible. Dr. Acosta says 95% of people who voted in this election used a mobile device, more difficult to do research on a phone. Student body needs educated decision making
- Weber: Have you talked to people who will implement this
 - Alvarez: Yes, they are comfortable with this, has not gotten word back from Alexis Shepard, it is suitable
- Dobbins: Real elections send out physical copies, will we do the same?
 - Alvarez: only on the website, but is open to printing as well
- Mcauliffe: are there rules on what they can and cannot put in the statement
 - Alvarez: blatant lies, attacks on character, things that violate statutes, and it is at discretion to supervisor of elections
- Latham: likes the bill, is there specific language letting the supervisor have oversight
 - Alvarez: yes, 702.2 defines this
- Denton: Speaking in Pro: previously, statements of intent were inappropriate, would irk the students more. The new method is good, truly independent students will click and this will be helpful. This is a great idea, i encourage people to vote yes
- Latham: what if someone does not turn in statement of intent
 - Alvarez: just name and party affiliation, 704.2F
- Dobbins: Are they allowed to talk about RSO involvement including parties
 - Alvarez: yes
- Dobbins: proposing word limit to statement of intent, to insure all are similar in length
 - Alvarez: there already is one, 704.2F
- Chair Jacobsen: statement of interest is the book?

- Alvarez: book holds statements
 - Latham: ***moves for non member to speak***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - Harmond: parties do application materials for candidates, would candidates do it themselves
 - Alvarez: candidates need to sign off
 - Denton: ***calls the question***
 - Latham: ***seconds***
 - Alvarez: Glad that this was coordinated in SGA, hopes this passes and has positive impact. 2:00
 - Voting
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
 - ***Bill passes unanimously***
- Bill 45 Senators Torres, Harmon, Murcia, Weber, Harris, Dean, Gurau, Ready, Denton, Sandoval, Alvarez, Parker, Warren, Durham - To clarify and list the powers of the attorney general
 - Denton: We have heard this already, we know what we need to know about it, it is a great bill, it is a great start to defining the role of the attorney general in student government, gives us something to built on. Sebastian was open to changes, we can discuss this in round table. Looking forward to good conversation. 4:07
 - Dobbins: moves for round table
 - Dobbins: suggests we strike b, there will be discretion, no inconsistency, nowhere saying acting Attorney General can't be undergraduate. 300.6Gb
 - Mcauliffe: having it be someone from the college of law removes nametag culture, makes it coveted position within the law school
 - Latham: do we have college of law students involved in other SGA positions?
 - Dobbins: supreme court is all law students
 - Latham: ***moves for non senator to speak***
 - Alvarez: Supreme court and all public defenders must be law students
 - Leckie: undergraduates can be council in certain instances
 - Latham: neutral on the issue, there should be undergraduates involved in the Attorney General's office to learn
 - Dobbins: we could add language about deputy attorney generals, but both acting Attorney General and Attorney General should be consistent, law students are more qualified, national cases are involved in SGA rulings, we could make deputy generals be undergraduate students

- Latham: ***moves to amend, 300.6H a deputy Attorney General may be an undergraduate student. 300.7P at the discretion of the Attorney General, a deputy Attorney General may be appointed.***
 - Denton: ***finds it friendly***
 - Dobbins: ***moves to strike 300.6Gb***
 - Denton: ***finds it friendly***
 - Dobbins: ***moves to call the question***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - Denton: thank you, this is a great first step for putting the office of the attorney general in statutes, wants to keep the Attorney General in the college of law, thanks committee for amendments.
 - Voting
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
 - ***Bill passes unanimously***
- Bill 50 Senators Sandoval, Murcia, Harmon, Purganan, Alvarez - To redefine the purpose and duties of OGA's Agency Advisory Committee to allow SGA Agencies more participation in crafting the legislative agenda and FSU Day at the capitol.
 - ***Withdrawn***
 - Bill 51 Senators Dean, Warren - To amend Chapter 605 of the Student Body Statutes to better reflect the values of The Union Board and enhance The Union Board Selection Commission.
 - ***Tabled (to allow for further discussion with appropriate officials)***
 - Latham: ***moves for 5 minute recess***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - Chair Jacobsen: can we have a conversation about tabling this
 - Denton: moves for non senator to speak
 - Porter: we need to update statutes, editing union board mission statement and selection commission, did what board wanted, wrote this with Senator Warren, unanimously voted to adopt this, makes statutes reflect the realities of the union board. 3:30
 - Dobbins: ***moves for round table***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - Dobbins: section 605.4B1, wants to understand how senate is involved in union board
 - Porter: One person and two people selected by the university president are being eliminated by statutes.
 - Dobbins: the selection commission has authority to interview people for union board

- Porter: people can run independently or with a party, fill out form to file, slated, and then go to commission, who interviews candidates and are scored, and after this are forwarded to the ballot
- Leckie: is the interview process is already existent?
 - Yes, we are editing who serves on the commission
- Denton: has the senate ever selected two members?
 - Porter: yes
- Denton: how did the senate decide?
- Denton: has the university president ever selected two members?
 - Porter: no, Thrasher has a lot on his plate, usually relies on Union Board advisor
- Denton: current statutes are quite outdated, and don't reflect reality
 - Porter: this hasn't been touched since the 60th senate
- Dobbins: What if union board chair is absent?
 - Porter: vice chair would become union board chair
- Chair Jacobsen: when i was serving, i met a lot of cool people, i was confused as to why we had a commission
 - Porter: to ensure the people running are interested in serving on the union board, people have been declined for running for non "genuine" reasons
- Latham: for clarification, the selection committee does its job before the election?
 - Porter: before people can be slated, they have to go through the commission to determine who is qualified, eliminating people who are glaringly obviously not running for the right reasons, they can be prevented from running
- Denton: if this is true, this is unethical, we have statutes which already establish that unethical behavior is an impeachable offense, Judiciary can look into these issues and impeach unethical union board members. With this being said
- Denton: ***moves for 1 minute recess***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
- Denton: moves to amend, ***striking 605.4A - 605.4D***
 - Dean: ***Does not find it friendly***
- Denton: like Leckie said, this is unneeded and wrong to have a commission that decides who is running for an office, I understand what we're doing and i agree unqualified people should not run, but this does not catch those people. Even this past election, there were probably people uninterested who ran. I don't see the justification for the commission, allowing the process to occur like it does across student government is what should be the case. 3:24
- Latham: moves for pro con
- Mcauliffe: seconds
- Latham: this process is trying to hold back people who would be unethical, at the end of the day, what if the commission is unfit? There is possibility for bias an injustice, if there is an election, and if student body elects someone, it should be respected. This is a middleman that shouldn't be there

- Leckie: Judiciary investigates, we hold other SGA agencies
 - Dobbins: I agree with sentiments of other senators, a group who knows how they operate has come to us with a bill, us changing a process without further discussion with other members of the board, when 17 people support this is problematic. Having senate holding others accountable is too much for us, making sure people coming in know what they're talking about is important for a group that only meets 8 times. Students vote by party or persons, this is problematic, we need further investigation.
 - Leckie: ***moves to call the question on amendment***
 - Latham: ***seconds***
 - Denton: I agree with Senator Dobbins, there were several members of the union board who support this bill, at the end of the day, they see it through a different lens than senate is, they want to ensure candidates are qualified, this process is just ghastly wrong we need to eliminate it altogether. Leckie said it was undemocratic, this is thoroughly wrong ethically and morally wrong.
 - Voting on amendment
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: No
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
 - ***Amendment Passes 4-1***
 - Chair Jacobsen: we should table this and send it back to union board as amended to get feedback
 - Latham: ***moves to table***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - ***Tabled as amended***
- Bill 52 Senators Dean Warren - To amend Chapter 605 of the Student Body Statutes to better describe the committees of The Union Board and better define the powers and duties of The Union Board.
 - Dean: a lot of what is being revised is a reflection of the current desire to make union board as efficient and productive as possible, ensuring chair and vice chair are members of the board, making the chair the one appointing members of the committees
 - Latham: ***moves to allow a non senator to speak***
 - Dobbins: ***seconds***
 - Porter: this updates statutes to update the reality of how the union board operates, statutes have not kept pace 3:24.
 - Latham: ***moves for pro con debate***
 - Mcauliffe: ***seconds***
 - Latham: ***point of inquiry***: the student allocation committee is done by who?
 - Porter: union board has stopped doing this and putting money toward it, removing language from statutes

- Porter: committee only meets 8 times
- Denton: **point of information**: can you explain why 605.7B5 and 6 is struck
 - Porter: we stopped doing this
- Porter: the chair is responsible for appointing members of committees, ex officio non voting members are faculty members
- Dobbins: **point of inquiry**: could an interested student senator become an ex officio non voting member?
 - Yes, is possible
- Mcauliffe: **moves to call the question**
 - Latham: **seconds**
- Dean: thank you guys for the questions, this has been a fun experience, budget is never this long, hopes you can support 2:36
- Voting
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
- **Bill passes unanimously**
- Resolution 34 Senator Leckie - To encourage the use of the Legislative History act
 - Leckie: My intention with this resolution is the fact that we don't follow all the statues in place. We should not just ignore it we should fix it.
 - Round Table
 - Denton: Why not submit a bill? No one is going to want to sit there and talk about the history
 - Leckie: I wanted to initiate a conversation about statutes because what is the point in passing statutes if we don't follow them.
 - Dobbins: Should the sponsor of the bill be taking on this discussion? I agree it is important to go through the statutes.
 - Leckie: It is important to talk about but I understand it is a lot to work about. I proposed a committee to go through statutes but it did not pass. Pass or fail it does nothing but its starting a conversation.
 - Latham: move to call to question.
 - Voting
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
 - **Resolution passes unanimously**

New Business:

- Bill 54 Senator Leckie- To require the Supervisor of Elections to publicize the specific number of votes counted in each election.

- Leckie: We should know the total number of votes casted in each election in order to determine how certain events, such as the wifi going down, affect voter turnout.
- Ryan: You need to meet with Dr. Acosta.
- Denton: Move to amend strike “total” and put “cast”
- Sponsor finds friendly
- Denton: Move to call to question
- Voting
 - Denton: Yes
 - Dobbins: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Mcauliffe: Yes
- ***Bill Passes Unanimously***

Unfinished Business:

Final Announcements: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Strozier Faculty Conference Room

Adjourned: 8:19 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Ryan', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature of Chair