



72nd Student Senate Rules & Calendar **Date: February 12th, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Daraldik, Gnanam, Leckie, Porter, Villacorta

Members Tardy: Chair(s) Murcia, Dean

Members Absent: Chair(s) Baxter, Cohen

Guests: Senator England

Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

Old Business:

Resolution 13:

Daraldik moves to enter roundtable

Porter Second

Leckie: Gives power to create subcommittees to chairs rather than the senate president.

Daraldik: The president should have the power to check the chairs

Leckie: The chairs are already held accountable by their committees. The chairs face reelection more often than the chairs. Won't die on the sword about an amendment like that.

England: Jack had specifically told you no about your creation of a sub-committee. I am sure Jack had a reason as to why he said no. I see this bill as a runaround his decision.

Leckie: It is exactly a runaround. If I am able to create the sub-committee without jacks approval I would get backlash from my committee. I am held accountable more than the president by the committee member than the senate for him. It is not necessarily creating a new power. I am creating a small committee to better efficiency.

Porter: I think the disconnect is that this doesn't create the power, it's just who starts it. Shayna knows what's going on much closer than Jack does. Gives the power to someone who knows this more what's going on.

Murcia: I think this is a conversation that needs to be had with the President. The President can read the minutes too. I just don't think this is something we need.

Gnam: With what Daraldiks was saying, I think ex officio should be allowed. I don't like how it's restricted to committee members only.

Porter: Moves to amend subsection (e) to add the word "voting" before "membership"

Murcia seconds

Sponsor finds the amendment friendly

Villacorta is now a voting member and is filling in for Chair Baxter

Porter moves to call the question

Daraldik seconds

Closing: I wrote this because we want to increase efficiency. We face the heat as chairs if we mess up. It's not taking power away, just letting chairs do the same thing.

Vote:

- Daraldik: Yes
- Gnam: Yes
- Leckie: Yes
- Murcia: No
- Porter: Yes
- Villacorta: Abstain
- Vote reads 4-1-1. Resolution **passes**.

New Business:

- Bill 23
 - Murcia moves to table
 - Daraldik seconds
- Resolution 10
 - Opening
 - Hi all! This is a follow up of bill 17 that we passed a few weeks ago. This goes through the rules side of things and clears things up. This section of rules hasn't been amendment in I don't know how long, so let's clean it up!
 - Technical & Non-Debatable
 - Porter: How much percent wise does this bill clear up rules that aren't relating to the Press Secretary?
 - Porter: Any changes here that weren't made in the original bill?
 - Slimak: No
 - Daraldik moves to call the question
 - Murcia seconds
 - Closing: I waive.
 - Vote:
 - Daraldik: Yes
 - Dean: Yes
 - Gnam: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Murcia: Yes
 - Porter: Yes
 - Villacorta: Abstain
 - Vote 6-0-1. Resolution **passes**.
- Resolution 17
 - Opening
 - Hello everyone, Ryan and I wrote this because we feel that it's just a little confusing when we go into a committee as a whole. The president

relinquishes the chair and we are confused about what happens with the vice chair and the pro tempore. All this does is separate the pro tempore from the president. The Pro-Tempore's job is different from the job of a vice chair; I have seen what Pro-Tempore Harmon has to go through with the votes and when someone else gets involved in that process it is difficult to follow along. All this does is separate when the president relinquishes the chair, the pro tempore does not have to unless he chooses to.

- Technical and Non-Debatable
 - Murcia: Just to be completely clear, this means that the pro tempore doesn't have to step down if the president relinquishes the chair?
 - England: Yes
- Roundtable (Dean, 2nd Daraldik)
 - Murcia: Thinks this is an amazing resolution, because it simplifies the process when we go into committee as a whole and allows us to get the best outcome overall
 - Villacorta: The line of succession gets really weird when we get into committee as a whole, this just allows the pro tempore to stay in the position and conduct the voting as they see fit.
 - Porter: Why was this not put into the original rule
 - England: I am not sure cause I was not there
 - Villacorta: It's an adaptation from Robert's Rule
- Closing
 - Thanks Everyone, to just quickly address something. It is unclear if the president pro tempore has to step down in committee as a whole and this just clears that up.
- Call to Question(Porter, 2nd Dean)
 - Vote:
 - Baxter: Abstain
 - Daraldik: Yes
 - Dean: Yes
 - Gnanam: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Murcia: Yes
 - Porter: Yes
 - Vote 6-0-1. Resolution **passes**.
- Resolution 19
 - Opening
 - The purpose of this is to not count excused absences toward penalties.
Looking to lower the number from 7.
 - Leckie moves to enter roundtable
 - Murcia seconds
 - Roundtable
 - Murcia: I have an issue with this only counting excused absences. I could lie and get an excuse. I would be willing to amend it down if we're just considering unexcused absences.
 - Leckie: I agree - even if you're not lying and you miss the Senate for a legitimate reason, you really shouldn't be in the Senate.
 - Dean: I am a fan of this legislation and I think we should lower the number.

- Daraldik: I could've skipped tonight as I have 2 exams tomorrow. Exams should be excused. I do want to amend (b) to say 4 instead of 7.
- Daraldik moves to amend
- Murcia seconds
- Sponsor finds it friendly
 - Baxter: Chairs call out falsified excused absences. We as chairs have to look and see if something is a lie or not. It's our duty to call them out.
 - Porter moves to allow a non-committee member to speak
 - Dean seconds
 - Villacorta: In the past, pro-tempore's have bent the rules on what they allow to be excused or not. The process for submitting absences isn't very transparent so I don't know how the pro-tempore could be held accountable if they weren't following statutes.
 - Leckie: We actively signed up to do this. If you're consistently missing Senate meetings, this is not the job for you.
 - Sojos: If a Senator is missing for excused reasons, I don't think they should be held accountable. As they won't have broken any rules.
 - Murcia: Hearing Chair Leckie's concerns, I don't think this is the best piece of legislation
 - Baxter: Is there anything in the rules currently that lays out they have to come back to rules after coming once?
 - Harmon: Yes
 - Gnanam: How do we feel about there being 3 absences? After missing 3 absences you have to meet with the Chair of the committee. Having these occurring excused absences should have people meet with Alex and
 - Porter moves to table
 - Murcia seconds
- **Sponsor withdraws**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13th, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:03 p.m.



Signature of President Pro Tempore