



**72nd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar
Date: February 19th, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Leckie, Murcia, Gnanam, Dean, Vice-Chair(s) Porter, Villacorta

Members Tardy: Chair(s) Daraldik

Members Absent: Cohen

Guests: Senator England, Senator Sojos, Andrea Murcia

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Attendance is now in a Google Sheet!
- RTAC - Innovation Hub 113 on Monday at 6:00pm. Come on out!

Committee Business:

- 8 suspended Senator hearings

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Vice-Chair Cameron Fink
 - Total of 7.5 absences
 - Opening
 - Apologies first and foremost. I am a Spring Senator not seeking re-election so I have about 4 weeks left. I know the 4 unexcused looks bad but I do remember in the fall always putting unexcused for no particular reason other than forgetting to fill out the qualtrics. I had a couple committee meetings I missed in the fall because something happened in our fraternity. I sometimes had to go out of town and go to national HQ to sort things out. I try/do come to the Senate as much as I can, but I've been doing a lot better this semester because I'm a Vice-Chair.
 - Questions
 - Porter: You said absences were due to taking over unexpected positions in your fraternity, will this continue to be an issue?
 - Fink: No, everything has been sorted out now. :)
 - Fink: On Monday there's a possibility I'll miss SLAA and I've already talked to Ahmad about it, I'm just curious what will happen?
 - Harmon: I probably won't get to attendance this upcoming week.
 - Deliberations
 - Murcia: Great speech, answered every question

- Daraldik: He's been a fantastic Vice-Chair of SLAA. My ability as a Chair has been in part thanks to Fink's hard work and effort. He makes amendments, asks questions and has only missed one meeting this semester. I don't think there's any reason for him to be forwarded.
 - Harmon: Only had 1.5 absences in the 72nd Senate.
 - Leckie: Sounds like things were justified and for legitimate reasons. Not missing for the sake of missing.
 - Daraldik: I've known him since high school and he's always been reliable.
 - Murcia moves to call the question. Porter seconds.
 - Vote to forward to judiciary:
 - Daraldik: No
 - Dean: No
 - Gnanam: No
 - Leckie: No
 - Murcia: No
 - Porter: No
 - Villacorta: No
 - 0-7-0. Candidate is **NOT** forwarded.
 - Senator Alyssa Parker
 - Total of 8 absences
 - Opening
 - Hey everyone. My first year in the Senate I never missed a meeting. This second year I've been sick a lot. 6 excused absences are due to sickness and I've had a doctor's note for each one. I even missed work this past Wednesday. I never like missing the Senate. I don't miss everything, I still went to committee last week but just couldn't make it to the Senate. I'm sorry, this isn't like me and I think you all know I love the Senate. I've always tried to have documentation when I've been absent.
 - Questions
 - Murcia: So in September you missed 5 meetings, was that due to the LSAT?
 - Parker: I missed 2 due to being sick and the others were due to the LSAT. I put the LSAT as a reason for my absences.
 - Leckie moves to enter deliberations. Villacorta seconds.
 - Closing
 - I'm trying to be back on good health. I also left work to be here tonight. I try to submit my stuff where possible. Thanks!
 - Deliberations
 - Porter: It would set a bad precedent if we were to forward Senator Parker. Life happens, people get sick. I had the flu in fall and I would've missed several meetings had I been in the Senate at the time.
 - Murcia: Senator Parker has been a big part of my Senate life. It'd be a big injustice to take her away from those Senators who are still learning. I don't want to forward her.
 - Villacorta: Senator Parker has been an integral part of the Senate. Despite being part of a dual-degree program and having work, she still manages to come to the Senate when possible. I applaud her for making healthy choices.
 - Gnanam moves to call the questions. Porter seconds.
 - Vote to forward to Judiciary:
 - Daraldik: No

- Dean: No
 - Gnanam: No
 - Leckie: No
 - Murcia: No
 - Porter: No
 - Villacorta: No
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- Senator Caleb Rowan
 - Total of 7 absences
 - Opening
 - I knew I was right at the threshold. I had 2 tests that week and just enough stuff came up that coming up on Wednesday night, I needed to skip Senate on Wednesday for my test the following day. I knew that coming here with all excused absences would be okay. I come to the Senate where possible and I stand by all my absences.
 - Questions
 - Porter: So you'd say half are academic and about half a sickness?
 - Rowan: Yeah
 - Villacorta: Do you have any possible more absences?
 - Rowan: I might have another test in about 3 weeks time.
 - Murcia: Are you re-running for Senate?
 - Rowan: No
 - Porter moves to enter deliberations. Leckie seconds.
 - Closing
 - Thank you. I'll respect your decision.
 - Deliberations
 - Dean: Rowan has been a productive member of the budget committee. I won't be voting to forward him.
 - Daraldik: I completely understand missing Senate for an exam. I actually failed an exam because I made the decision to come to the Senate instead. I don't think he's in the wrong for missing for these reasons.
 - Leckie: I think he's the first person to have 7 absences that are all excused. I respect that.
 - Porter moves to call the question. Murcia seconds.
 - Vote to forward to judiciary:
 - Daraldik: No
 - Dean: No
 - Gnanam: No
 - Leckie: No
 - Murcia: No
 - Porter: No
 - Villacorta: No
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- Senator Alain Aconda
 - Total of 7 absences
 - Opening
 - I know that I've missed but it's not just because I want to. I have other commitments on campus. IA meetings fall on Tuesday nights and I have training on those nights that I've paid for. I missed a Senate meeting when I went to Washington D.C. Please know I'm not missing for no reason.

- Questions
 - Daraldik: Why didn't you fill out the form for the 6 unexcused?
 - Aconda: I didn't know how to fill it out or where to find it.
 - Porter: Why didn't you think about switching to a committee that doesn't meet on Tuesday?
 - Aconda: I never considered it. I'm not in competition for most of the semester either.
- Villacorta - Point: I know IA's meeting times have been moving around recently. It hasn't been locked down since the start of the 72nd Senate but we do have another Senator who might switch committee due to another commitment.
 - Leckie: Are you a fall Senator?
 - Aconda: Yes
 - Dean: Do you foresee any other absences?
 - Aconda: I might have to miss one more Tuesday for competition.
- Porter moves to enter deliberations. Villacorta seconds.
- Closing
 - Like I said before, I've missed due to other commitments -- not because I'm lazy or don't want to participate. I am open to switching committees if necessary, but again I haven't missed for no reason. Thank you.
- Deliberations
 - Porter: We shouldn't punish people for getting involved outside of the Senate. Sometimes, times conflict and Aconda has said he's willing to switch committees to make sure he doesn't miss again. He now knows how to use the form and where to find it. I don't think we should forward him.
 - Villacorta: Conference season for the World Affairs Program (WAP) is very intense. Aconda is one of the top competitors and so goes to a lot of the events. The trainings are all mandatory or you can't travel. They travel cheap as possible so usually they end up driving instead of flying. I don't think we should forward him. Like Porter said, we don't want people to be in a bubble.
 - Murcia: We shouldn't set the precedent that getting involved in other things is the cause for impeachment.
 - Leckie: The only thing that concerns me is that we're about halfway through his term and he's already hit 7 absences. I understand the competitions are legitimate reasons but that's the only thing I'd caution against. Half a term and 7 absences is a lot but he doesn't think he'll miss many more.
- Porter moves to call the question. Gnanam seconds.
- Vote to forward to Judiciary:
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Unfinished Business: 4 suspended Senator hearings.

Final Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore: I have noticed the tension in some of the committees when I have gone to them. I understand we get into heated discussions but please don't take it personally. Get to know one another outside of the Senate/committees. Work as a team rather than as competitors. You are the leaders of the committees!

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Harmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A'.

Signature of President Pro Tempore