



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar  
Date: February 26th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:06 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Cohen, Daraldik, Gnanam, Leckie, Murcia

**Members Tardy:** Chair(s) Dean, Baxter (Entered 6:23pm)

**Members Absent:** Chair(s)

**Guests:** Senator England, Vice-Chair(s) Porter, Villacorta, Senator Donnelly

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore - Lots of work to do today!
- Judiciary - None
- Internal Affairs - None
- Budget - None
- Finance - None
- Student Life & Academic Affairs - Safety Tour will be March 3rd at 5:30pm. Come on out!
- PAC - Reminder there will be cameras tonight so please remind your committee members to be on your best behaviour.
- Guests
  - Villacorta: Bureau review has concluded and the memo will be out shortly.

**Committee Business:**

- 4 Suspended Senators
- Bill 42
- Resolution 27
- Resolution 31

**Old Business:**

- Senator Donnelly
  - Total of 9.5 absences as of February 5th, 2020
  - Opening
    - Hello committee! I regret having to be here for attendance issues. Last semester I had a tough semester with my involvement. I had exams every Thursday morning so Senate on Wednesday nights were tough. This semester I've had another tough semester from tests to IFC stuff. The first few weeks I had to miss committee and Senate due to being a rush mentor. I don't think any of this has affected my ability to be a good Senator and I look forward to any questions you may have.
  - Questioning

- None
  - Leckie moves to enter roundtable discussion. Daraldik seconds.
  - Closing
    - Again, I regret to be here and I wish I wasn't here but I take full responsibility for my actions and I will strive to be a better Senator.
  - Roundtable
    - Murcia: I mean I think these are all reasonable excuses. Extracurriculars pop up and that should be understandable and take it into consideration. It's not like he wasn't showing up because he didn't want to.
    - Leckie: How did he get to 9.5 without coming here before?
    - Harmon: When I updated it, let's say he had 5 and then I updated it and there were 4 new absences it then would add up beyond 7.
  - Leckie moves to call the question. Daraldik seconds
  - Vote
    - Cohen: No
    - Daraldik: No
    - Gnanam: No
    - Leckie: No
    - Murcia: No
    - Candidate is **UNSUSPENDED** with a vote of **0-5-0**.

#### **New Business:**

- Leckie: I think what you're established is that you can miss this committee once or twice but one Senator has now not been here for 4 weeks in a row. So what's the precedent we want to set here? If we don't hear a person with 4 today then someone with 3 could say "Hey, you let someone have 4".
- Cohen: We care a lot about this. I doubt these Senators care in general so why isn't the procedure just sending them a formal email asking them to resign?
- Bill 42
  - Opening
    - Statutes say that the time students get for a comment before the Senate is 10 minutes. If 3 students speak they all combined get 10 minutes. We've never upheld this rule so I want to get rid of it.
  - Technical & Non-Debatable
    - Daraldik: So are you completely removing it?
      - Leckie: Yes.
  - Murcia moves to enter roundtable discussion. Baxter seconds.
  - Roundtable
    - Cohen: I think that this is a very simple thing and is in line with what we're already doing it. I don't see any reason to oppose this.
    - Daraldik: I'm a little concerned that someone has the possibility to filibuster but other than that it's a great bill. Maybe we need an amendment to help prevent this but it's okay if not.
    - Murcia: Couldn't the Parliamentarian remove them?
    - Leckie: It's not so much about removing them but about ending their allotted time.
  - Murcia moves to pass by unanimous consent. Gnanam seconds.
  - **Bill PASSES by unanimous consent.**
- Resolution 27
  - Opening
    - Hello, so we actually talked about this change with some of the members of this committee. It makes it so that a committee's rules and procedures

have to be reviewed by the rules and calendar committee. The chair of the committee would present the rules of the committee as a bill to the rules and calendar committee, where it is voted on and then adopted. IN Finance we were having to wave the rules every week to go into roundtable, this kind of ensures that rules have to be reviewed by rules and calendar. Rules and Calendar can recommend changes and send it back to the committee, and it's kind of rules and calendar's job.

- Technical and Non-Debatable
  - Cohen: What would happen between the election of the chair and the creation of new rules and procedures
    - You would default to senate rules and procedures
- Daraldik moves, Leckie seconds to move into roundtable
- Roundtable
  - Daraldik: I don't see why this is necessary because I mean SLAA has its rules and procedure and it works fine. I personally plan on voting no because I don't see the point of this.
  - England: In the samerulway that RC oversees the rules and procedures of the senate, I think that extends to the operations of the standing committee to ensure that there are no violations in regards to the senate's rules and procedures.
  - Baxter: I don't feel that it is fair to vote on the rules and procedures of a committee that I have no business in. I don't feel comfortable voting on someone else's rules and procedures of a committee that doesn't affect me.
  - Leckie: I also like to remind the committee that they can hold a hearing at any time. I like the idea of reviewing another committee's rules because it is possible that rules we are breaking the rules and statutes of the senate. Acosta has this rule that we should be making rules simpler and not more complicated. I think it should be not mandatory and the hearing's would be less mandatory.
  - Cohen: Basically I see a reason to have this because I think it is important for committee chairs to know what is going on in other committees, but can the committee adopt the rules in the first committee or do they have to fall back on the senate's rules and procedures
    - England: You would fall back on the senate's rules and/or the procedures or the previous committees
  - Baxter: Every first meeting would look really weird if this passed. So the committee would have to default to the senate's rules not the old senate. We would have to default to how senate as a whole does an interview which they don't.
  - Daraldik: Committees have to meet with the parliamentarian and I think if RC wants to look at this at this in a non mandatory way that makes sense, but I think the parliamentarian looking over it is enough to ensure that we are not able to make a strict violation
  - Leckie: Maybe holding a hearing halfway through the committee session a regards to the requiring a hearing about rules and procedures of the committee
  - England: I think that's still mandatory and I dont think thats good idea
  - Leckie: I mean anyone has the power to call a hearing at any different point and we are all here I mean there are no emails

- Dean: I feel like this just makes the process at any time and other senators don't always go to different committee meetings and aren't knowledgeable about
- England: I think taking time isn't necessarily a bad thing
- Daraldik moved, axter seconded
- Closing
  - Just as RC governs the rules of senate and supervisors the chairs of the committee, I believe that the rules and calendar committee should be able to hold the standing committees accountable for not violating statutes, and I believe this is an amendable change.
- Voting
  - Baxter: No
  - Cohen: No
  - Daraldik: No
  - Dean: No
  - Gnanam: Yes
  - Leckie: No
  - Murcia: Yes
  - Vote reads 2:5:0, resolution fails

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Final Announcements:** None

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

**Adjourned:** 6:54 p.m.



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Signature of President Pro Tempore