



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar  
Date: April 8th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:09 p.m.

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

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Chair(s) Cohen

**Guests:** Senator(s) Absten, Primozić

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore:
  - We only have one thing to do today which is Resolution 41. It has to do with the Senate Naming Procedure. We also have to discuss the fall election date, a resolution needs to be submitted before this coing Senate meeting but it will most likely fall into the next senate meeting..
- Judiciary:
  - We actually met on Monday, and it will probably be our last meeting. We were going to hold an impeachment proceeding but the senator in question resigned.
- Internal Affairs:
  - None
- Budget:
  - None
- Finance:
  - None
- Student Life & Academic Affairs:
  - None
- PAC:
  - None
- RTAC
  - None
- Guests
  - None

**Committee Business:**

- Resolution 41

**New Business:**

- **Resolution 41 - Sponsored by Senators Absten & Cohen (P):** Amending Senate Rules of Procedure 10.17 with regards to the Senate Naming Procedure.
  - Opening:

- Cohen: The purpose of this legislation is to establish the ad hoc rules, I attempted to get rid of it with another piece of resolution but that failed. So now I have restructured the rules. Now you only have to only contact necessary parties and you don't have to submit a resolution declaring the decisions of the naming committee. It is kind of restructured to be like the sweepings process.
    - Absten: It makes the process more straightforward.
  - Technical Non-Debatable:
    - Leckie: Did you talk to any of the people who wrote the original legislation for the naming committee?
      - Cohen: I talked with Senator Alvarez about how to streamline the process, but the process was actually created by me and Senator Absten
      - Absten: Yeah we talked to Senator Alavrez and about it and he felt that this was a reactionary process to everything that happened last year and the process should be more streamlined.
    - Alvarez through Absten: Senate was able to function for 71 years without it, and the one time it's been utilized was an absolute train wreck. I served as the chair and it was a total waste of time for everyone involved and only made the process more confusing for everyone that it effected.
  - Roundtable (Leckie Moves, Dean Seconds)
    - Leckie: Why did you change it to ten percent from the ten senators
      - Cohen: There is another area that that same cut off is used, so we adapted it to be cohesive.
    - Daraldik: If the naming committee's decision is not being sent to rules, what is happening with it?
      - Cohen: It's designed to streamline the process, establish the committee, meet with necessary parties and determine if there needs to be a name change. So legislation only would come forth if there is a name change that needs to be made by members of the committee. It eliminates the part of the process that takes a lot of time and was kind of disrespectful to the people who wanted the name change.
    - Leckie: 10.17C removes the requirement that actual documents needs to be sent to the rules and calendar committee, why did you remove it
      - Cohen: I removed it cause I put it in B
    - Leckie: Where did you put it in B
      - Cohen: You have to provide proof that the need for a name change and it is a process similar to the reimbursement process.
    - Leckie: Who are you providing the burden of proof too?
      - Cohen: I don't know which senate committee you would have to send this too, which is why I left it open ended so you have to provide evidence but you would be able to have reviewed by the necessary committee
    - Murcia: I would like to be the first person to speak in pro of this. I thought the resolution was kind of redundant, and this makes the process more streamlined. I would like to see proof being provided to the Rules Committee but other than that I like this piece of legislation and I'd like to commend the sponsors.

- Dean: I will also be speaking in pro of this, it just streamlines the process while also ensuring that we are speaking to the community about any name changes we might be making.
- Leckie: I am actually against this and I was here before, during and after the naming ad hoc. I think there is no established process for providing the burden of proof toward an entity outside of the committee. I think the resolution gets people's attention. And Murcia even said that she would like to require documents for, which I think is a big part of this legislation
- Murcia: I move to add to 10.17 B. "through documents"
  - Seconded by Daraldik, Sponsors found it friendly
- Daraldik: I like this amendment. It honestly clarifies that documents need to be provided and then the president can decide what to do with that evidence.
- Leckie: The bill still removes the need for the resolution in regards to the naming committee's decisions
- Murcia moves to call to question, Dean Seconds
- Closing:
  - Cohen: Thank you Rules for hearing this piece of legislation, I think the amendment has made the process clearer. The senate has to deem it necessary, the president establishes one, and then the committee contacts the necessary parties, the committee decides to change a name, and then the committee can write the legislation necessary. I would actually argue that the previous committee didn't do its job because it didn't do it in a timely fashion
  - Absten: Thank you for your time.
- Vote:
  - Baxter: Yes
  - Cohen: Abstain
  - Daraldik: Yes
  - Dean: Yes
  - Gnanam: Yes
  - Leckie: Abstain
  - Murcia: Yes
  - Vote: 5- 0- 2
  - Vote doesn't pass, due to abstention threshold
- Vote #2:
  - Baxter: Yes
  - Cohen: Yes
  - Daraldik: Yes
  - Dean: Yes
  - Gnanam: Yes
  - Leckie: No
  - Murcia: Yes
  - Vote: 6 - 1- 0 Resolution Does Pass

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Final Announcements:**

- Harmon: We will be meeting next week at some time and inauguration date is still up in the air.

- Murcia: Look into the online resources that the school is providing and stay healthy and safe.
- Gnanam: Sorry about us having to meet next week. If you haven't read the resolution or heard me talk about it yet, its a resolution commemorating the strength and character of the enumerated number of victims of PBPV in the last year. I have worked on this for a couple months with a couple different organizations and when we discussed it they thought it would be a great thing to see in April which is why we are hearing it now. But if it can't be heard in April that's fine because the organizations in question are still interested to see something like this pass through the senate at all.
- Cohen: Finance will be meeting next week at 7 to confirm new candidates for PAC or RTAC. Let me know if you know someone who wants to be the finance chair, I'd love to talk with them about it.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Adjourned:** 6:53 p.m.

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

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Signature of President Pro Tempore