



## 69<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Rules and Calendar Meeting – January 30, 2017

**Call to Order:** 5:23 PM

**First Roll Call:** Senators Hughes, Reiter, Kreutzer, Joseph, Ishaque, Theodore, Hendricks, Sidelnik, Hancock, Brown

**Tardy:** None

**Absent:** Senators Solomon, Whyte, Ney, Pimentel

**Announcements, Messages, and Student Comments:** None

**Committee Business:**

### **Old Business:**

- Resolution 7 – Amending Senate Rules and Procedure 11.7
  - Round table discussion
  - Amendment made – adding exceptions to the rule to accommodate secret ballots
    - Seconded
    - Friendly
  - Debate
    - Pro:
      - “There are issues, but with an amendment it could be reasonable”
    - Con:
      - “Narrowing discretion of the chair is unacceptable, they are elected to ensure the Senate is as transparent and efficient as possible”
  - Vote (1-7-0)
    - Yay: Senator Brown
    - Nay: Senators Hancock, Sidelnik, Reiter, Hendricks, Theodore, Ishaque, Kreutzer
    - Abstain: None

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **Report of Committees:**

**Budget:** Changing meeting time, bills will be heard in committee

**Finance:** Business as usual

**Student Affairs:** Mobile app focus group is tomorrow, Resolution 10 will be brought up during committee meeting, no Market Wednesday this week – biweekly

**Judiciary:** Confirmation hearing for Associate Justice in meeting tomorrow, Bill 18 and 19 will be heard relating to PAC and RTAC rules,

**Internal Affairs:** No candidates will be heard this week, bureau review process shall be commencing soon – memo outlining process shall be distributed



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March 29th, 2017

**Call to order** 1:04

**Members Present:** Hancock, Bousbar, Pimentel, Schulster, Reiter, Spear, Sidelnik, Dawkins, Angel

**Members Absent:** Singhal, Acevedo, Holzmann

**Bill 24:**

Add in statutes a more concrete guideline for legislative aids

Includes rules and responsibilities for legislative aids

Chair Reiter opposes Bill 24 on the basis that creating a new code in statutes is not the way to set guidelines for legislative aides. Instead, it should be placed in rules.

Vice Chair Bousbar recommended placing something in statutes to solidify the legislative aid role, while still adding Bill 24 to rules.

**Vote:**

Yes:

No: Hancock, Reiter, Sidelnik, Spear, Bousbar, Schulster

Abstained: Pimentel

Result: Fails

**Bill 33:**

Withdrawn by the sponsor (Hancock)

**Resolution 25:**

To commemorate Chief Howard Tommie of the Seminole Tribe (died in car accident) for all he's done for Native tribes and the Florida State University in creating the tradition of Osceola and Renegade.

Chair Reiter asks for an amendment to resolution to change "67 years" to "over 70 years"

Chair Hancock made the amendment to change "67 years" to "over 70 years"

Vice Chair Angel second the motion, there were no objections

**Vote:**

Yes: Bousbar, Pimentel, Sidelnik, Dawkins, Angel, Hancock

No:

Abstained:



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Result: Passes

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:47**

Call to Order at 5:00

Present: Singhal, Reiter, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Pimentel, Dawkins, Hancock, Angel, Spear

Tardy: Schulster (5:05)

Left Early: Pimentel (5:08)

Absent: Bousbar, Acevedo

#### Bill 49

- Still in Judiciary

#### Bill 51

- Will the Supervisor of Elections be in Senate?
  - It's a joke ☺
- In Favor: Singhal, Reiter, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Pimentel, Dawkins, Hancock, Angel, Spear
- Opposed: none
- Abstentions: Schulster

#### Resolution 28

- Steinberg points out that because of Rule 4.1, that the President is responsible for the duties of Legislative Aides
  - It's a valid point and may need to be amended
- Spear: What will happen at these monthly meetings?
  - Have a conversation about expectations and any questions about Senate with the Pro-Tempore
  - Legislative aides may not be assigned to a specific Senator
  - Intent is to give the Pro-Tempore discretion in how to run the legislative aide program
- Angel: What if a legislative aide is overlooked?
  - The Pro-Tempore will have ownership to make sure that the legislative aides are being involved
- Angel: 4.6a needs to be clarified. Do interested parties need to fill out a form in person or online?
  - Needs to be amended
- Holzmann: potential aides should not have to come to a meeting to express interest

- Hancock: What if someone doesn't like the aide?
  - Amendment to 4.6b: "Legislative aides shall be confirmed by the Senate by unanimous consent. If there are any objections made, the aide must be confirmed by a majority vote.
  - Seconded by Singhal
- Hughes: Who you take as an aide is your business. We should not be voting on legislative aides
- Schulster: Can senators pick your own aides or is it a pool that are assigned?
  - Both can happen
- Spear: Can you be a legislative aide multiple times?
  - yes
- Hughes: What happens if you apply shortly before an inauguration? Do you need to be confirmed again?
  - Senate will not confirm the interested party until after the inauguration
- Sidelnik: Who will write the intent form?
  - Legislative Aides need to be held to the same standard because they are an official position. They will need to fill out the SGA application
- Schulster: Aides normally know senators or someone in SGA already, so changing the application shouldn't be a concern
- Steinberg: If you can't fill out an application, will you be willing to do the work required of a legislative aide?
- Schulster
  - "Amendment: Information about becoming a Legislative Aide shall be posted on the SGA website. Interested parties shall reach out to the Pro Tempore for more information. All interested parties must fill out an SGA application before being confirmed."
  - Seconded: Singhal
- Spear: Why are legislative aides not taking the oath?
  - As legislative officers, it is implied that they will take the oath after being confirmed
- Angel: There should be a "Legislative Aide of the Month"
- In Favor: Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Hancock, Angel, Spear
- Opposed: none
- Abstentions: none

#### Resolution 30

- Reiter: Why doesn't it read that the President and Pro-Tempore serve as ex-officio voting member?
  - Both of them should not have the power to vote at the same time

- Quorum is based on the ability to vote; so we should not have a President that counts toward quorum but not be able to vote
  - This is a back-up plan; should not have a meeting
- Steinberg: if the Pro-Tempore comes in late to the meeting?
  - President retains the right to vote, and the Pro Tempore loses the right to vote
- In Favor: Singhal, Reiter, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Dawkins, Hancock, Angel, Spear
- Opposed: none
- Abstention: none

#### Sweets with Senate

- Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-11pm
- \$400; event will not cost that much but the rest will pay for food over summer Senate
- Updating the graphic

#### Summer Senate

- Find out which members of your committees will be in summer senate and discuss who will be the summer Chairs and Vice Chairs

Make sure that your committee members are still involved and engaged when the Fall semester starts

Adjourned at 6:17



# Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

## Meeting

### Special meeting

**Date/time:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
**Started:** 5:05 PM  
**Ended:** 6:58 PM  
**Location:** Union Board Room 234  
**Purpose/notes:** Regularly scheduled meeting

**Chaired by:** Megan Hughes  
**Minuted rec. by:** Andrew Reiter  
**Status:** Minutes drafted

## Attendance

**Present:** Jett Angel, Andy Sidelnik, Steve Spear, Madeline Holzmann, Josh Schulster, Andrew Reiter, Megan Hughes, Caleb Dawkins, Peter Singhal  
**Late:** Stevenson Guerrier  
**Absent:** Omar Pimentel, Christopher Acevedo, Sabrina Bousbar

## Meeting documents

None

## Agenda

### 1. Hearing for David Mihu - Nursing Seat 1

#### Questions:

- I think you misspoke when you said you wanted to promote mental health and illness prevention. What did you mean?
- You said you were the Treasurer of all the organizations you're involved with. What has that meant to you?
- Have you investigated ways in which you can use Senate to advance your goals?
- Do you believe that your responsibility is different as a Senator since you are being appointed rather than elected?
- What is the biggest risk you have ever taken?
- What do you specifically intend to do through Senate that will promote mental wellness?
- What is your biggest weakness?

#### Deliberations



Vote on whether David Mihi, to be Senator (Nursing-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate:

Yea: Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Dawkins, Angel, Spear, Schulster

Nay: None

Abstain: Reiter

Vote Reads: 7 Yea - 0 Nay - 1 Abstention

David Mihi, to be Senator (Nursing-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

**Status:** Completed

## 2. Hearing for Cameron Robertson - Arts and Sciences Seat 4

Questions:

- What are some specific goals you have for Senate?
- Will you be here for summer?

Deliberations

Vote on whether Cameron Robertson, to be Senator (Arts and Sciences-4), shall be forwarded to the Senate:

Yea: Reiter, Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Guerrier, Angel, Schulster

Nay: None

Abstain: Spear

Vote Reads: 7 Yea - 0 Nay - 1 Abstention

Cameron Robertson, to be Senator (Arts and Sciences-4), shall be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

**Status:** Completed

## 3. Hearing for Brandon Brown - Human Sciences Seat 1

Questions:

- Can you explain what you mean by an "umbrella week" in your application?
- Will you be here for summer?
- What is your biggest accomplishment on FSU's campus?
- What is one thing that you failed at or struggled with that taught you something?
- How do you plan to use your Senator position to make Florida State a more personable



campus?

- How do you want to get more minorities involved on campus?

Deliberations

Vote on whether Brandon Brown, to be Senator (Human Sciences-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate:

Yea: Reiter, Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Guerrier, Angel, Spear, Schulster

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Vote Reads: 8 Yea - 0 Nay - 0 Abstention

Brandon Brown, to be Senator (Human Sciences-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

**Status:** Completed

## 4. Resolution 28

Opening

Questions:

- Baker: Discussing legitimacy, what is wrong with the current process?
- Billisi: Legislative aides should not need to be appointed because they are not technically gaining a position. Is it not written like this now?
- Maiyo: I move to have a non-senator speak.
  - Holzmann: Second.
- LA: Shouldn't the Senator to the LA have jurisdiction over them, rather than the President?
- Baker: Can we remove 4.6, section d?
- Maiyo: Is there a reason it says they will be voted in by unanimous consent, rather than a majority vote?
- Maiyo: Will this be struck?
- Maiyo: Would the LAs have the same responsibilities as a Senator?
- Iniguez: Is the floor open for non-Senators to speak?
- Billisi: Could we create something else that is not a legislative officer, since they are not voted in?
- Baker: Why is the current position illegitimate?
- Maiyo: What is the issue with the LAs being voted in, rather than appointed?
- Billisi: In 8.13, could we potentially just change the wording of "appoint?"
- Billisi: Would you be open to changing the bill to something completely different that everyone can agree upon?
- Baker: Would it be possible to amend 8.13 to include an SGA application, rather than to write



in all these new rules?

- Schulster: What is the next step?

Deliberations

Closing

Vote on whether Resolution 28, shall be reported favorably out of Rules and Calendar:

Yea: Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Angel, Spear, Schulster, Reiter

Nay: Guerrier

Abstain: None

Vote Reads: 7 Yea - 1 Nay - 0 Abstention

Resolution 28, shall be reported favorably out of Rules and Calendar.

**Status:** Completed

## 5. Hearing for Joy Wright - Business Seat 1

Questions:

- Do you have any SGA experience?
- How do you feel as though your passion will translate to your time in Senate?
- Will you be here summer?

Deliberations

Vote on whether Joy Wright, to be Senator (Business-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate:

Yea: Reiter, Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Guerrier, Angel, Spear, Schulster

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Vote Reads: 8 Yea - 0 Nay - 0 Abstention

Joy Wright, to be Senator (Business-1), shall be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

**Status:** Completed

## 6. Resolution 31

Opening

Questions: None

Deliberations



Closing

Vote on whether Resolution 31, shall be reported favorably out of Rules and Calendar:

Yea: Reiter, Singhal, Sidelnik, Holzmann, Guerrier, Angel, Spear, Schulster

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Vote Reads: 8 Yea - 0 Nay - 0 Abstention

Resolution 31, shall be reported favorably out of Rules and Calendar.

**Status:** Completed

## 7. Report of Committees

**Status:** Completed

April 26th, 2017 begins at 5:01 pm

Attendance: Spear, Sidelnik, Reiter, Singhal, Bousbar, Schulster, Hughes, and Steinberg

Absent: Acevedo, Angel, Pimentel, Dawkins

Tardy: Holzman (5:14 pm)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Interviews:

Taylor Ney:

- Opening
  - Thank you for having me here, applying for the criminology seat. Vision for student government. Discusses the petition about tampons and pads about having these products available to students, but they don't know that this is already happening. So improving the communication between students and student government so that they know that this is already being worked on. As well as working with statutes and making sure that we are more clear with our statutes, as well as follow statutes to the best of our capability. As well as transparency, on having a transparent way of finding ways for students to contact their senators. Which he has been working on it and finding all emails and ways to
  - Questions
    - Reiter: Do you have any plans to help your constituents within Criminology
      - Wants to develop a plan with the students of criminology and the student leadership, and bring student government to them. Finding ways to bring SGA to them and helping them be aware of what SGA can help with
    - Schulster: What does diversity and inclusion mean to you?

- It's like a puzzle, taking it to the senate level, imagine you are a puzzle piece but you don't know what to do with that puzzle piece is. To me it means that everyone has a voice at this table. Bringing more people to the table, brought up the black caucus that was created. Where we now show that student government wants to bring to the table
- Spear: Is there something you would like to change if you were selected to be a senator again?
  - Keeping what I started with working with the veterans and the tampon/pad project. It took me 7 months to create strong legislation so something I would want to change is by not waiting on those 7 months but to hit the ground running
- Sidelnik: What do you bring to the table?
  - I think that there are three types of senators: internal, external, and mixed. Discusses what he believes these three types of senators. That his passion to bring his care for legislation and to make things more clear and that it isn't the most glamorous work but it's important work that needs to be done to improve the internal functions of Senate.
- Reiter: Why didn't you apply for the Senate seat earlier during the slating process?
  - I applied for a cabinet position but did not get it, but I wanted to stay apart of student government. But then I saw the seat was open and thought of it as a way to maybe keep working for the betterment of our students.
- Sidelnik: when are you graduating?
  - Next Summer
- Steinberg: the change of the senate dynamic, how would you continue the trend of the current senate?
  - When I first came into this senate I was hostile, but I have come to realize that was bad on my part and that's how you can create

change. I have come to learn that you must collaborate with one another. It's not the right course of action to go into senate where you don't listen to others and want to shoot down their concerns or question. But I have learned that I must listen to what they have to say because you have to see where they are coming from.

- Closing
  - I appreciate your time, I hope I have been able to convince you all with my words and actions from today. I really hope to help us have a functioning student government so that students are being heard and knowing on with whats going on with student government.
- Vote
  - Yes:
  - No: Sidelnik, Bousbar, Reiter, Singhal, and Spear
  - Abstain: Schulster, Hughes

Candidate does not pass

Nicholas Gavin

- Opening
  - Sophomore, exercise science major, honor student. Has just received vice president in a honor society (Phi Eta Sigma) and is apart of a medical honor society. Is apart of the Center for Leadership and Social Change. Involved with research on clinical trials, where he will do a thesis on research in his college. Volunteers through the big ben office, where he sees patients and is there for companionship and helping them with their daily lives. Such as helping them with anything like eating, walking, or any help they require. Loves to run, was apart of baseball and track. Is from Orlando.
  - Questions
    - Singhal: If you got this position how would you use your past experience as well as use your position to help benefit your position as a senator?

- I would really hope to focus on research, as well as tend to the concerns of students on research. Discusses UROP and how it's very hard to do research within this program. So his goal would be to help the availability of research, like labs there aren't a lot of labs. So finding ways to help create more research opportunities and utilities
- Reiter: How will you contribute to senate even with everything you are involved in?
  - I do not have too much of a time commitment but it's more just knowing how to schedule around it. He doesn't think that his schedule would be very filled but believes that he will be able to commit.
- Spear: You have a lot of volunteering, how do you think being a volunteer will help as your mindset as a senator?
  - I really think that being able to hear the concerns of the students and being their voice. Being a volunteer helps you with the mindset of putting others before yourself, putting yourself last. Which is the kind of mindset I would like to carry as a senator
- Schulster: What does diversity and inclusion mean to you?
  - That everyone has the equal opportunity to be involved and that every student is given the opportunity to participate.
- Closing:
  - What are all of your names? Committee announces
  - I hope that I can be involved and look forward to working with you all.
- Vote
  - Yes: Bousbar, Reiter, Singhal, Spear, Sidelnik, Schulster
  - No:
  - Abstain: Hughes

Candidate is Forwarded to Senate

Daniel Smith

- Opening
  - I was born in Miami, I then moved to Mexico where I lived there for 14ish years. Looked into FSU where I was given the opportunity to come here as a student, where I am doing two degrees as well as an honor student. I have two interests like politics, I always strive for efficiency. I always want to be efficient in everything I do, as well as time scheduling. Was apart of debate team in high school, where he basically gained familiarity of speaking publicly. Which lead him to being the legislative aid of Josh Hancock
  - Questions
    - Sidelnik: What is a goal that you have for Senate?
      - There is sometimes lack of communication between committees which creates inefficiency. There was a time about T-shirts with ASU where senate took 45 minutes to resolve an issue. And could've been more efficient. So I want to be able to use my efficiency skills to not let that happen again
    - Schulster: What is a goal you have to better the student body?
      - I will hopefully become apart of RTAC, PAC, Budget, or Finance. Where I will be able to get a position in the leadership to help create change
    - Spear: What is something in you that you would like to change
      - To not be nervous and anxious as much
    - Schulster: What does diversity and inclusion mean to you?
      - It's being aware of other people's cultures but understand them. That people have different opinions and backgrounds here at FSU and in the world
    - Sidelnik: What is one thing you want to change here at FSU
      - Food
  - Closing:
    - I always try to be my best in school, in whatever position I am given. I want to do the best in the position I am giving that will help others. If I do

get this position in Senate but i will have the opportunity and the ability to make students collegiate careers be better.

- Vote
  - Yes: Sidelnik, Reiter, Singhal, Spear, Bousbar
  - No:
  - Abstain: Schulster, Hughes

Marvel Joseph

- Opening
  - Second year majoring in industrial engineering, the reason I want this seat to have more of a voice in Senate. Something that is overlooked is us as engineering students is us getting from campus to the engineering building. And I would like to work with the other engineering students, to find ways to create more opportunities with students. Is apart of a group that calls themselves black, where it allows students to know that they can have ways to succeed and have the family aspect they need since they are not a part of BSU or CARE. Basically being a representative of those who are not really heard.
  - Questions
    - Spear: I see that you are a summer senator, what are somethings you want to do or see changed?
      - Something I did and want to definitely continue is recruiting students, especially those of minorities where we can find ways to help them get involved with senate. There are some people that are leaders at SGA and that me and other groups helped them get involved
    - Sidelnik: What are some solutions to the problems that you have?
      - I believe that tutoring is very hard, and trying to find a tutor that can really help engineering students. Something I want to work on is to promote where we find a way to make it harder to become a tutor. So those who really struggle in it all are able to really seek

help. Make it where those who tutor are truly qualified for the position.

- Closing:
  - Thank you for this opportunity, and I do hope that I can continue help work to move forward. And even if I do not get forward I hope that you all still make us move forward as a student government
- Vote:
  - Yes: Reiter, Bousbar, Singhal, Spear, Sidelnik, and Schulster
  - No:
  - Abstain: Hughes

Saphicher Gonzalez

- Opening
  - First year here at FSU majoring in finance and communication. I have three things I would like to do is helping with EBT being accepted on campus, gardens, and improving our articles on leadership. I believe we should have articles like that helps with involvement and making us connect with our students
  - Questions
    - Reiter: How would you work with other senators when communicating legislation?
      - When creating legislation I would want to communicate with senators and work with them and see their opinions when working on legislation.
    - Schulster: Can you tell me a little more about your plans with improving our gardens?
      - We already have gardens here on campus, but I want to help create resources where we would take our produce of the gardens to the food pantry
  - Closing

- Thank you for taking the entire time, I really thank you for this opportunity and hope that I can reach all of my goals by the end of this term.
- Vote
  - Yes: Singhal, Bousbar, Reiter, Holzman, Singhal, Spear, and Sidelnik
  - No:
  - Abstain: Hughes

Report of Committee:

Judiciary: No Report

Internal Affairs: Quorum was not met, so we will have to go into IA as a whole.

Student Affairs: IT'S ANDY'S BIRTHDAY (WOO), we are also working on a video about what senate is doing and what we do.

Budget: No report

Finance: No report

PAC & RTAC: RTAC 0 funded DM

PAC didn't meet

Meeting Adjourned 6:28 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday February 6, 2017 at 5:00 PM in TBA

**Final Roll Call:** Senators Hughes, Reiter, Kreutzer, Joseph, Ishaque, Theodore, Hendricks, Sidelnik, Hancock, Brown

**Adjourned:** 6:39 PM

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Megan Hughes  
Chair, Rules and Calendar Committee  
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