



**73rd Student Senate
Finance Committee Agenda
January 21st, 2021 | Zoom Meeting ID: 394 498 4054**

Call to Order: 5:36pm

Members Present: Chair Rudolph, Vice Chair Soto, Senators Kilinc, Lessard, Marcus, Grunberger, Schaler, Villacorta

Members Tardy: Senator Suarez

Members Absent: Senators Tookes, Reed

Guests:

Announcements:

- Chair Rudolph: I am excited to be Chair of this committee and I cannot wait to work with you all!

Committee Business: Rules & Procedure

- Chair Rudolph: Jack Rowan emailed me about some changes that he wanted to see in the rules and procedure, so I will be showing you all those before we vote on anything. Those changes to the rules would be highlighted in yellow for us to discuss.
- Rudolph: I. Meetings of the Committee, Rule 5. The Chair shall set an Agenda for every meeting, distribute said Agenda to all members of the committee, at least 3 hours before the next meeting. The Agenda will also be available for distribution upon request from non-committee members. The Agenda shall at least include:
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Verification of Quorum
 - C. Approval of the last meetings minutes
 - D. Student Comments
 - E. Announcements
 - F. Unfinished Business
 - G. New Business



- 1. If the Chair has not received the Consent Resolutions to be acted upon prior to the 3-hour notice, they may add it on after distribution of the agenda.
- H. Closing Announcements
- I. Adjournment
- Rudolph: II. Bills and Resolutions, Rule 3. When a bill or resolution comes before the committee there shall be debate. Debate on a bill or resolution will begin with structured debate. Structured debate for a main motion consists of the following:
 - A. An Opening statement by the sponsor(s) of no more than five (5) minutes. Any time not used in the opening statement shall be yielded to a closing statement by the sponsor(s). No motions can be made at this time.
 - B. The opening statement shall be followed by a questioning period. The presiding officer shall ask if any senators have technical, non-debatable questions, which shall consist of factual inquiries directed toward the sponsor(s). Once no senators have technical, non-debatable questions, the Presiding officer shall ask for a motion to move into roundtable debate. If there is no objection to approving the motion, then debate shall be undertaken pursuant to subsection C.
 - C. While in roundtable debate, senators shall be allowed to speak upon recognition by the Presiding Officer. If a motion to amend is made rules four (4) and five (5) shall be used.
 - D. Should a senator wish to bring debate to a close, they may motion to call the question or pass the motion by unanimous consent.
 - 1. If the motion is to call the question, and no objection is raised, the committee shall move to rule II, section 3E. If there is an objection, then a vote shall be taken without debate. A majority vote is required to approve the motion.
 - 2. If the motion is to pass by unanimous consent, and no objection is raised, the main motion is passed, and no closing statement shall be given. This shall satisfy any constitutional, statutory, or rules requirements around the need for an elevated vote threshold. Should there be an objection, the motion to pass shall fail and the committee shall return to roundtable debate.
 - E. Once the question is called, the sponsor(s) shall be recognized to give a closing statement with what time is left over from their opening statement.
 - F. Upon conclusion of the statement, a roll call vote shall be taken on the main motion, which shall pass with a majority vote of the committee.



- Rudolph: II. Bills and Resolutions, Rule 5. Structured debate on an amendment consists of the following:
 - A. An opening statement by the sponsor(s) of no more than five (5) minutes.
 - B. Following the opening statement there shall be a period of questioning. The Presiding Officer shall recognize any Senator that has a question for the sponsor(s). Questions shall be technical, non-debatable questions, which shall consist of factual inquiries directed toward the sponsor(s). No motions can be made at this time.
 - C. Following the questioning period there shall be one (1), five (5) minute round of debate. Any Senator may be recognized by the chair. Debate shall be pro or con. During this time any motion can be heard. At the discretion of the presiding officer, the time for debate can be extended by up to an additional five (5) minutes.
 - D. If a motion to have a secondary amendment is made the sponsor of the primary amendment shall state whether it is found friendly or unfriendly, and the Presiding Officer shall stop the timer until consideration of the secondary amendment is done.
 - E. If a secondary amendment is found friendly it shall be adopted. If a secondary amendment is found unfriendly the sponsor shall have two (2) minutes for an opening statement. The Presiding Officer shall after the sponsor's opening statement immediately call the motion to question.
 - F. A secondary motion need only pass by a simple majority.
 - G. Once time expires, the primary amendment shall be called to question.
 - H. A primary amendment need only pass by a simple majority.
- Rudolph: III. Consent Resolutions, Rule 4. If objected to, debate shall be conducted by the procedure in Committee Rule II, Section 3.
 - a. Primary amendments to a Consent Resolution must only pass if there is a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee.
 - b. Following structured debate, the Consent Resolution shall then be forwarded to the Senate by a simple majority.
- Rudolph: These are all of the changes to the Rules and Procedure. Does anyone have any comments, questions, concerns?
- Senator Lessard: Are students allowed to request for the agenda? If so, then I think we do not need to publicize it before every meeting.
- Rudolph: Yes, they are allowed to request for the agenda if they would like to.



- Senator Marcus: Yeah, I agree with Senator Lessard about having students to request for the agenda. If there was a more streamlined way of putting documents and such on the website, then it might be easier to publish our agendas before every meeting. For now, though, it is too convoluted to do so in the time frame.
- Rudolph: Yeah, that totally makes sense, and I agree, especially since it has been a difficult time putting up a link to meet on the website.
- **Senator Villacorta motions to adopt the 73rd Student Senate Finance Committee Rules and Procedures**
- **Senator Marcus seconds**
- **Vote: Y: 5- Grunberger, Kilinc, Marcus, Soto, Villacorta, N: 0, A: 1- Suarez**
- **Vote passes**

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Chair Rudolph: We will send out another poll for a meeting time, and meetings will probably occur either after RTAC meetings on Monday nights or sometime on Tuesday.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBA

Adjourned: 6:08pm