



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar Committee  
Date: January 27th, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 5:04 PM

**Members Present:** Pro-Tempore Wang, Chair(s) Roy, Martin, Stinson, Rudolph, Little, England, Randall

**Members Tardy:** Chair(s)

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

**Members Absent:** Senator(s)

**Guests:** Gigi Berrouet, President Harmon, Senator(s) Boole, Villacorta

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - Passed bills 1, 2, 4, 5
- Finance - PAC resolution passed
- Oversight - waiting for sponsor for Bill 4,
- Budget - No official business just get to know you
- SLAA - Tabled resolutions 7, 8, 9, 10
- RTAC - No requests, will request same amount as last budget week
- PAC - Hearing 4 requests, funded 3, had to zero-fund one org, request same amount as last budget week
- Guests -  
President Harmon: Levin wants to have lunch with chairs

**Committee Business:**

- **Resolution 4** - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta (P) - Amending Senate structure and composition about who should run the meeting during the transition of senate and vacancies
- **Amendment 4** - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta (P) - To Create a Constitutional Review Commission to ensure periodic review and modernization of the Student Body Constitution

**Old Business:**

- **Resolution 4** - Sponsored by Senators Villacorta (P) - Amending Senate structure and composition about who should run the meeting during the transition of senate and vacancies
  - **TABLED**

## New Business:

- **Amendment 4** - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta (P) - To Create a Constitutional Review Commission to ensure periodic review and modernization of the Student Body Constitution
  - Opening Statement:
    - Villacorta: This is to create a Constitutional Review Commission. The commission would meet every two years, and the SBP would appoint 3 members, Senate President would appoint 3, and Chief Justice would appoint 3. The Senate President would serve as the chair.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Randall: When was the last time the Constitution was updated?
    - Villacorta: When gender-neutral language was proposed. Amendment took 3 tries due to low voter turnout.
  - England moves to enter round-table discussion; Rudolph seconds
  - Round Table:
    - England: Commission can make recommendations and they're automatically forwarded to the ballot? What is the process?
    - Villacorta: Commission would meet every two years to figure out what amendments can be made and propose them. They would have to pass by the commission by majority.
    - England: What is the time scale for this? Would the commission meet in fall so the amendments can be put on the ballot in the spring? Would you be open to make that language more explicitly clear?
    - Villacorta: Left it vague. Sometime mid fall with recommendations. Wanted to leave more flexible. Open to amendments
    - Stinson: Hard set date would be good. Good amendment commends Villacorta
    - Randall: **POI:** How did you come up with the two year idea?
    - Villacorta: doing research into many universities' constitution. Had different time frames and methods in determining how long. Figured two years can give time for amendments to be felt out. More frequent is better than long term.
    - Randall: **POI:** Would you be amenable to changing it to three years?
    - Villacorta: Would not be opposed, but why?
    - Randall: Don't want people to get into the habit of changing the constitution if stuff should be changed in statutes. 3 years gives people meaningful time for people to think. Two may be a tad too frequent
  - **Randall moves to amend, England seconds**
  - **Sponsor finds amendment friendly. Amendment is adopted.**
    - Martin: When would this be implemented
    - Villacorta: between spring 2021 and spring 2024 to have held a review commission
    - Martin: If this does pass, who is on the commission?
    - Villacorta: Clause D, SBP appoints 3 people, Student Senate President appoints 3, and Chief Justice appoints 3, and the student senate president serves as the chair
    - Randall: Looking at the math, there should not be a tie
    - Villacorta: This is just in case members do not show up
  - **Randall moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - Villacorta: Thank you. I yield.

- Vote:
  - England: Yes
  - Little: Yes
  - Martin: Yes
  - Randall: Yes
  - Roy: Yes
  - Rudolph: Yes
  - Stinson: Yes
- **RESULT: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions AMENDMENT PASSES**

**Unfinished Business: Resolution 4** - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta (P) - Amending Senate structure and composition about who should run the meeting during the transition of senate and vacancies

**Committee Legislative Round Table:**

England: IA is working on a resolution to suggest to change the SG&A application to ask preferred pronouns. I am submitting a change to change forwarding letter from 5 business days to 3 business days.

**Final Announcements:** None

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjourned:** 5:40 PM

*Renee Wang*

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**Signature of President Pro Tempore**