



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: February 10th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:01 PM

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

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Members Excused Absent: Chair(s)

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Guests: Alex Cubas, Rawan Abhari, President Harmon, Senator(s) Villacorta

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Please tell your vice chairs to cc myself, President Harmon, and advisors on all emails
- Judiciary - impeachment hearing for SBP Levin, forwarding two charges, passed bill 9 with amendments
- Finance - Passed 2 PAC and RTAC resolutions
- Oversight - Heard 5 candidates and passed bill 9
- Budget - Budget week! Hearing presentations. Schedule is in the senate group chat
- SLAA - Resolution 10 failed, res 15 & 16 passed with amendments
- RTAC - one request which is forwarded to Senate
- PAC - heard four requests, tabled 3. Funded Japanese Animation Club
- Guests -
Harmon: Please be the example for the rest of the senators tonight. Stay objective.

Committee Business:

- **Alex Cubas - Candidate for Undergraduate Studies Seat 4**
- **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
- **Resolution 9** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik (P) - Denounce the claim by the Burning Spear Organization that they control the Student Government Association Student Senate

Old Business:

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- **TABLED until Supreme Court issues advisory opinion**

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Alex Cubas**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Cubas: Thank you for being here. I'm from Broward County, FL. I fell in love with government and policy making senior year of high school. I am a political science major double majoring in international relations. Freshman year I wanted to get involved, but I was intimidated by the Senate. I got into campaigning. Campaigned for senator Warren. Sophomore year, I got involved with the union board after I became familiar with FSU. I hope I gain more experience and knowledge so that I can get into law school.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - England: **POI:** Is this a spring or fall seat?
 - Wang: It is a spring seat.
 - Questions Regarding Position:
 - Roy: How do you feel your experience with the union board has prepared you for the Senate?
 - Cubas: I had to work with a committee to get stuff done. I was chair of the outreach committee. Learned vernacular and how to work with a committee to accomplish our goals.
 - England: What are you hoping to accomplish since elections are coming up soon?
 - Cubas: I want to learn from the Senate. If i do become a senator, I want to 1) try to become a senator next year and 2) become more vocal. I want to advocate for student safety. I want students to feel safe and have a great experience at FSU
 - Randall: Is there anything specific you want to fix on campus?
 - Cubas: The most important thing is the growing number of sexual assault rates. One initiative based on UNC which is the bluelight system.
 - Sinson: What made you decide to apply so late?
 - Cubas: I wanted to see if I was able to dedicate the time that Senate requires.
 - Questions Regarding Character:
 - X
 - Closing:
 - Cubas: Thank you guys for considering me. I hope to become a senator. My main goal is to learn and to apply what I learn into the future. I hope to become a senator next year. I saw that one of the questions you guys ask is if I would stand back and hear legislation or if I would make legislation up front. I had to think about that question myself, but I believe I would use this time to learn and step back to be a part of legislation. Next semester, I hope to write legislation that I come up with.
 - Stinson moves to enter roundtable discussion; England seconds
 - Roundtable:
 - Stinson: Shows a lot of promise. Good to get senators now so he can hit the ground running.
 - England: Completely agree. Will be trying to get clarification on what seat he applied for.

- Rudolph: Agree with everyone. Solid candidate. He has political background with internships and programs. He is also a UROP mentor which is great for Senate and FSU. He has ideas for campus safety which can always be better.
 - Little: He described his leadership style as cooperative which is often forgotten in Senate. He is very open to learning about the process.
 - Randall moves to forward the candidate; Rudolph seconds
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - Stinson: Yes
 - **RESULT:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abs, **CANDIDATE DOES PASS**
- **Resolution 9** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik (P) - Denounce the claim by the Burning Spear Organization that they control the Student Government Association Student Senate
 - **TABLED as sponsor did not show**

Unfinished Business:

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Committee Legislative Round Table:

England: noticed an instance in rules where a senator shall not do this **himself**. I want to bring forward a resolution that changes every instance of him/she to them/themselves. Looking for cosponsors and everyone

Stinson: Attendance at budget is low.

Final Announcements:

Randall: We need RTAC requests!

Little: Thank you for coming out to judiciary last night! Presidnet Harmon said it earlier, but tonight will be stressful. Please encourage the newer senators to read the letters from Alvarez and Boole.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 5:00 PM February 17, 2021

Adjourned: 5:35 PM

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore