



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: February 24th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:06 PM

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s) Roy

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s)

Members Absent: Senator(s) Martin, Stinson

Guests: President Harmon, Senator(s) Villacorta, Nasworthy, Soto

Chair Little moves to recess until 5:30; Rudolph seconds.

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - Tabled bill 3, passed bills 14 & 15
- Finance - passed PAC res 8 and res 22, had discussion on how to reallocate RTAC funds
- Oversight - X
- RTAC - no meeting this week, will be hearing request from mock trial monday
- Guests - X

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
- **Resolution 9** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik (P) - Denounce the claim by the Burning Spear Organization that they control the Student Government Association Student Senate
- **Bill 14** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Revising Chapter 207 to fix formatting errors and adding professional development requirements for Student Senators
- **Bill 15** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Revising Chapter 203 to mandate a two minute minimum per student in public comment during official SGA meetings
- **Resolution 21** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Bringing clarity to the Rules of Procedure regarding the reintroduction of failed legislation
- **Resolution 23** - Sponsored by Senator Soto & Nasworthy (P) - Addressing student public transportation options on matters of efficiency and student-friendliness regarding hours of operation, capacity, and communication alerts.

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

New Business:

- **Bill 14** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Revising Chapter 207 to fix formatting errors and adding professional development requirements for Student Senators
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Adds professional development in statutes. We don't put headings on things and put real rules in paragraphs that make it complex. It adds a new training section and lists out specific trainings and requires pro-temp to inform new senators within 1 month of taking office of dates and times of upcoming trainings. In Judiciary, we changed it to "encouraged" rather than "require".
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Harmon seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Harmon: I'm confused. There are some parts of the bill that I may be misinterpreting. The entirety of Section C is crossed out. Don't know if that was intended. Where did we get this assumption that we cannot make stuff mandatory? Leaders should be held accountable. We can require things. I like the idea of a professional development section. Lost with this bill.
 - Randall: The reason why this was changed is because there are a bunch of things that apply to things that happen after new senator orientation. Section D was struck because it was repetitive. A lot of moving around.
 - Little: It's a constitutional issue with having too many obstacles to obtain a position. There may be too many requirements. Personally, I disagreed with the committee when we changed New Senator Orientation to encouraged.
 - Harmon: If they're already in the position of the senator, how is that making it too difficult? How would it limit the ability of them getting involved?
 - Little: It is a lot coming into senate, and requiring trainings would be a lot.
 - Randall: I wasn't sure on the legality which is why I accepted the amendments. My honest opinion is that we should be attending these trainings.
 - Harmon: My concern with "encouraged" is that no one goes to things that are encouraged. Had conversation with Dr. Williams that we can make trainings mandatory that SGA staff put out. We
 - Randall: Do we want to change it back to require.
 - Rudolph: It's fine if we leave it as encouraged now, so that we can see how senators feel.

- **Rudolph moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Randall: We had some good conversations about how people transition into the role of senator. I hope this professional development section grows beyond trainings.
- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
- **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

- **Bill 15** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Revising Chapter 203 to mandate a two minute minimum per student in public comment during official SGA meetings
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: How do we deal with time limits on public comments? We think of it now as a 5 minute aggregate minimum for public comment. It doesn't say anything about what certain minimums are for people. This bill puts a 2 minute minimum per person. This can be overruled and can restrict time on a per person basis. When we put time limits, it cannot be less than 2 minutes per person. This is not just for Senate, but it is for all
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X:
 - **Rudolph moves to enter round-table discussion; Harmon seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Rudolph: Normal student comment is that we have unlimited time, but we can now impose a time limit of two minutes?
 - Randall: In order to impose the limit, you must have a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.
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 - **England moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Randall:
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

- **Resolution 21** - Sponsored by Senator Randall (P) - Bringing clarity to the Rules of Procedure regarding the reintroduction of failed legislation
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: "Any legislation deemed overwhelmingly similar to a piece of legislation previously introduced in the same session may be left off of the calendar and not assigned to first or second reading by the Student Senate President in consultation with the Student Senate advisor." This rule may be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. This does not apply to tabled or passed legislation. This committee needs to talk about "overwhelmingly similar". I thought of the word identical, but if someone

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
- **England moves to enter round-table discussion; Rudolph seconds**
- Round Table:
 - England: We have seen people in this Senate try to do this and overturn decisions of the committee. This is really important, and I was surprised to learn we didn't already have this.
 - Harmon: Suggestion for a word change: germane. Germaneness rule in the House of Rep.
 - Rudolph: If that term works, overwhelmingly similar might be good because I have no idea what that word means. It's still good verbiage and verbiage that can work. We have rules that we can vote to overturn. For the sponsor, when would this be announced? When would the president announce that this will not be referred?
 - Randall: I assume this would happen in the same place on the calendar. Depends on the President. If we want to put something in that this must be announced, we can do that.
 - Harmon: You could put a 24 hour rule maybe. I think at least before Senate, we need to give them notice. Great idea. We shouldn't have to keep hammering through the same legislation every week.
- **Rudolph moves to amend; Harmon seconds. Sponsor finds friendly; Amendment is adopted**
- England moves to call the questions; Rudolph seconds
- Closing Statement:
 - Randall:
- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution 23** - Sponsored by Senator Soto & Nasworthy (P) - Addressing student public transportation options on matters of efficiency and student-friendliness regarding hours of operation, capacity, and communication alerts.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Soto: Really bad issues trying to get to school with the bus system. Many do not have cars and this resolution advises that the route starts sooner so people can be on time to classes. Hold Nite Nole accountable for it being offline on the app.
 - Nasworthy: As an engineering student, I relied on the bus system a lot. A couple ideas proposed are starting the bus routes at 6:30 AM. The Nite Nole was actually changed to 8 pm which is when the library closes. Creates problems for students who go to the library and cannot get home when the library closes. Recommends Nite Nole go to 1:30 AM. The app doesn't work well, so an idea is to qr code to help bus drivers take a note of how many people are at each bus stop and to put this in google and apple maps.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Harmon: Can you repeat current times?

- Nasworthy: All routes go from 7 AM - 8 PM Monday to Friday. Nite Nole goes from 8 PM to 11 PM Monday through Saturday.
- **England moves to enter round-table discussion; Rudolph seconds**
- Round Table:
 - X
- **England moves to call the questions; Randall seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Soto: Thank you for your time.
- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Harmon: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

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Committee Legislative Round Table: X

Final Announcements:

Harmon: I'll be leaving Senate at 10:00. One more thing on Bill 14, now that it's encouraged, is there something that mandates these trainings even happen?

Randall: These trainings are already happening. This just makes it so that Senate leadership has to inform senators.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd 5:00 PM

Adjourned: 6:18 PM

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore