



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: March 17th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:07 PM

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s)

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s)

Members Absent: Chair(s)

Guests: Senator(s) Lessard, Marcus, Destine, Flashman, Gonzalez, Hitchcock, Sam

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgment
- Judiciary - Passed Bill 22, Bill 3 tabled, CA 8 withdrawn
- Finance - Passed RTAC CR 12, PAC CR 13, passed Bill 22
- Oversight - Candidate for SOE, hearing senate clerk candidate next week
- Budget - Passed England's Bill, tabled Bill 21
- SLAA - Passed Bill 23, Res 24, Res 28, Res 29 Res 17 & 18 are still tabled, Res 26 withdrawn
- RTAC - CR 12, first in person request!
- PAC - CR 13, tabled org for magazines
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

- **4 Suspended Senators**
- **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 27** - Sponsored by Senator England, Lessard (P) - Implementing an 11:00pm adjournment to Wednesday night Student Senate meetings and outlining procedure for meeting extension and suspension
- **Resolution 28** - Sponsored by Senator Little, Marcus (P) - Condemning SB 86 entitled "Student Financial Aid" for limiting or removing Bright Futures Scholarships and financial aid for select majors arbitrarily considered "not directly employable."
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Old Business:

- **Senator Destine**

- Total of 9 absences since 1/13/21
- Opening Statement:
 - Destine: Been going through a lot with family. Need to find balance with schedule. Things are balancing out. I'm getting ready to take the LSAT, so I've been taking classes MW. Both days interfere with committee and Senate. Apologize for lack of communication. I'm now a part of finance after talking to President Harmon. Moving forward, I want to make myself more present and active. I do not want to take a leave of absence.
- Questioning:
 - England: Are you a spring or fall seat?
 - Destine: I'm COB Seat 5.
 - Stinson: If you knew your schedule would conflict, why did you not express those?
 - Destine: My lack of communication is something I own up to. I have been reaching out to the right people. I have a letter of support from case management and been meeting with counseling. That's why my lack of communication has been that way.
 - Randall: When did you receive the case management letter of support?
 - Destine: Last week
 - England: So you ran in fall 2020. When did LSAT prep begin? Did you run for senate knowing you would have to do that?
 - Destine: It started February 24th.
 - England: If the LSAT prep Feb 24th, what is the discrepancy b/c Pro-Temp Wang stated you had 9 absences since January?
 - Destine: I explained to you already that I've been going through some things, and it takes time to get letters of support. I admit to not being communicative.
 - England: Senate is at 7:30 on Wednesdays meaning FSU campus is closed. Case management and counseling are closed. Why were you unable to attend Senate prior to February 24th?
 - Destine: I was going through stuff. I have no excuse for you.
 - Little: Which LSAT are you planning to take?
 - Destine: June/July
 - Little: How long is the class you're enrolled in right now?
 - Destine: Until April 14th
 - Little: Will you still be unable to attend until then?
 - Destine: I will be available after April 14th.
 - Randall: Do you plan on showing up to Senate tardy after your classes?
 - Destine: How productive would that be with my time and Senate. Coming to the committees and working something out would be a better use of time. I would like to work out something around my schedule. I don't want to tell you I will go to Senate after my LSAT classes that are already 3 hrs long.
 - Randall: What are you going to do moving forward to show up and represent your constituents?

- Destine: Now that I'm in a committee that works for me, I'm able to make some impactful moves. I want to bring more awareness to RSO's about PAC and RTAC.
 - Randall: Is there anything beyond PAC and RTAC that you would be interested in working on in the next 6 months?
 - Destine: If something is not going to benefit me right now or in the future within 5 years, I don't see me spending too much time on it.
 - Randall: Concern about the time period between April 14th and the LSAT. What steps are you going to take?
 - Managing my time and scheduling better. I signed myself up to do this, so it's a priority for me to be in this meeting right now.
- **England moves to enter roundtable discussion; Little seconds**
- Closing:
 - Destine: I'm just trying to make it happen, and I will do better.
- Roundtable:
 - Stinson: I want to be sympathetic. Those 9 absences don't include budget absences. I was trying to be as lenient as possible. He never responded to any of my texts, and a lot of his answers sounded like he was more serving himself by being on here rather than the student body. I don't know if that's the kind of representation we want in Senate. I understand everyone has stuff going on. I have stuff going on, but I figure it out, and I wouldn't dedicate my time if I couldn't.
 - England: Came in extremely hostile. He cannot account for his absences before February 24th. I understand we all have things going on, but I do not see how that means he could not attend meetings on Wednesdays. No commitment here, and I was shocked that he stated these meetings are a priority, but he has nine absences that he cannot account for.
 - Martin: I understand we are senators, and we have priorities, but I'm taking this in a social work perspective. He's been working with case management. It's a really difficult time right now in a COVID world. I've had my hardships, and I won't communicate with the right people. Seeing as he did have a meeting with President Harmon, he could've just not. If he's moving on to a different committee, maybe it's better to do a leave of absence.
 - Little: My concern is moving forward that he's going to be unable to attend Senate meetings for so long. I am sympathetic to what he's going through, but I'm concerned about moving forward, will he be able to participate as a senator? The class doesn't end until another month meaning he can't come to the meetings, and that's pretty much finals week.
 - Roy: He has been taking initiative in the past couple of days. In finance, he seems eager. He wants to make it work. I have seen some initiative. Everyone goes through stuff, and I don't understand half of what he's going through. I lean towards being understanding. With the initiative I've seen from him and these strange times, someone committing to Senate may not understand all that's expected of them.
 - Randall: The first thing is the absences since Feb 24. Those are understandable. The lack of communication I'm not happy with. It's almost been a month, and it took him a long time to reach out, but I understand he's been going through a lot. I'm worried. Senate is a stressor. It takes up time. Case management blocks things. They allow people to get their

stuff in order before returning to activities and classes. My concern is that it's going to take a while. I needed a few months to get myself in order after my time with case management.

- England: **POI** What was his attendance in the fall?
- Wang: There was one meeting after inauguration.
- Stinson: I sent him a couple of DMs for budget, and they were read immediately but never responded to. He's in finance now, and his attendance seems convenient. Quorum. We had struggles with it in budget, and we couldn't get committee business done, and you can't serve students. He doesn't seem to be in a place to be able to serve the students.
- Rudolph: I'm pretty torn. I personally do not care about his past. If you have issues, it can be really hard to get yourself out of it and have those confrontational conversations. I think that's at least what he's doing now in finance. He reached out to Harmon and has shown interest and has been participating. I'm torn about the future. It seems like he can only go to finance meaning he can only show up for half of his responsibilities. I don't see this as an impeachable offense, and I am leaning towards a leave of absence.
- **Randall moves to allow non-committee members to speak; England seconds.**
 - Gonzalez: Intimidating to come into Senate especially as someone who is a POC. It's hard if you do not have someone in this space who is going to back you up. We have to talk about how people communicate. How you may take something, but that's not the way they were trying to communicate it. Think about any time you have felt overwhelmed. I think you should all take the time to reflect, and have the compassion.
 - Martin: I think we need to do better as chairs. We need to reach out to committee members. Think about the people in committee and senate and don't speak. It's hard to get people to mentor you, but it's our job to mentor you to adequately be put into spaces in Senate.
 - Rudolph: **POI** How exactly would a leave of absence work for him?
 - Wang: Ask Destine how long he would like a leave of absence for. Not sure if someone can fill his seat or not. Rule 13.9 only clarifies vacated summer seats.
 - Stinson: I don't see this as an impeachable offense. We need to help him.
 - Randall: I'm wondering if a leave of absence to the start of summer is enough. He's going to be studying for the LSAT, and when he's not studying for the LSAT, he's probably going to be exhausted. I'm thinking of the start of Summer C. The thing I don't feel right about yet, when I asked about moving forward, he was mentioning RSO's and funding. All he talked about making friends, and I did not hear concrete stuff.
 - England: I think a leave of absence is good. From a legal standpoint, he said on the record he does not want a leave of absence and ROP only account for leaves of absences at the request of the senator.
 - Randall: I don't want him to be put in this position again. It's going to be leave of absence or impeachment.
 - Martin: Could we not have him be impeached and bring him next week again?
 - Wang: Senator Destine, would you be willing to take a leave of absence, and what is the proposed time frame?

- Destine: Yes, until Summer C.
 - **England moves to grant a leave of absence until Summer C; Little seconds**
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - Stinson: Yes
 - Candidate is granted leave of absence with a vote of **7-0-0**.
- **Senator Sam**
 - Total of 12 absences since 1/13/21
 - Opening Statement:
 - Sam: I want to apologize, particularly Chair little. For full transparency, I have not been going to Judiciary either. COVID has hit me hard on my finances, so I've been having to work two jobs and pick up more shifts around November. I do not have the time for the Senate. I've been very vocal about how Summer Senate has affected me. I'm here to get advice on what to do. I was given advice to take a leave of absence as I prefer not to be impeached, but if that's what you all decide, that's okay. Life isn't easy.
 - Questioning:
 - England: What seat are you?
 - Sam: I am a spring senator in COSSPP Seat 2
 - England: Considering there are roughly two-three weeks left before inauguration, what do you think is the best course of action?
 - Sam: I think a leave of absence would be the best course. I didn't plan for any of this to happen. Resigning doesn't sit well with me. However, if resigning is the only option, I will take it. I will not be in attendance for Senate tonight.
 - Randall: Will you be at Judiciary or Senate next week?
 - Sam: That is dependent on whether or not my job schedules me.
 - **Rudolph moves to enter roundtable discussion; Roy seconds**
 - Closing:
 - Sam: I trust all of you as chairs to make the best decision.
 - Roundtable:
 - England: Not worth it. Principally, he has the absences. By the textbook, he should be forwarded for impeachment. I would be in favor of granting a leave of absence until the end of his term.
 - I agree. If there were several months or weeks left, impeachment would be the best course of action, but I don't think there's anything wrong with allowing us to grant a leave of absence and let the term expire.
 - Randall: Leave of absence does not make sense to me. **POI:** Why would you not resign?
 - Sam: I had to resign from other on campus positions when COVID first started to free up my time to work more jobs. I prefer to not have COVID allow me to resign from even more positions.
 - **England moves to grant leave of absence until end of term; Rudolph seconds**

- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - Stinson:
- Candidate is granted leave of absence until end of his term with a vote of **6-0-0**.
- **Senator Rivera**
 - Total of 11 absences since 1/13/21
 - Opening Statement:
 - Pro-Tempore Wang presenting: Senator Rivera occupies UGS Seat 21. He was elected in the fall. Has a total of 11 absences since 1/13/21. He has never filled out any absentee forms and attended Judiciary Committee meetings on January 26th and February 9th.
 - Questioning:
 - England: Could you pull up dates of communication that you attempted to reach out to the senator in question?
 - Wang: Emailed last Tuesday and again today as a reminder. No responses from any senators.
 - **England moves to enter roundtable discussion; Rudolph seconds**
 - Roundtable:
 - England: Concerned about the commitment. He has more absences than most senators. I can't in good faith vote to continue allowing him to serve.
 - Little: He was on my committee. I've reached out several times over groupme. I hate to do this, but he's barely shown up, and I've reached out.
 - Randall: I agree. The previous conversations revealed that we need to act as mentors. Sasha and I have talked to him and met with him. I was hoping for more, but he didn't show up. I'm disappointed, but this is the right thing to do.
 - England: I want to add that President Harmon has had no communication with him. The senator in question has not made any attempt.
 - Martin: I hate doing this when the person isn't here. We were able to learn a little bit more about the other senator in question. The Pro-Tempore and the committee, we've done our due diligence. There is a waiting list of people who want to fill Undergraduate seats, and we should give them the opportunity.
 - **England moves to call the question; Little seconds**
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - Stinson: Yes
 - Candidate is forwarded for impeachment with a vote of **7-0-0**.

- **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**

New Business:

- **Resolution 27** - Sponsored by Senator England, Lessard (P) - Implementing an 11:00pm adjournment to Wednesday night Student Senate meetings and outlining procedure for meeting extension and suspension
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - England: This solidifies that Senate shall stand adjourned at 11 PM. If we hit 11 PM, we can either extend or adjourn. If you want to extend, Senate President or presiding officer can just agree to extend or you can do $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. I'm open to amending to majority vote. If Senate meeting is extended, all operations stop at 1:00 AM. Anything being discussed will be tabled and heard in unfinished business.
 - Lessard: We want to stand adjourned at 11:00 and move into statements of dissent as that's the first calendar item that starts the ball rolling. This is more about being respectful of people's time. We always say we are people first, students second, and senators third. When we are up late at night, we are not being people first. It does get exhausting.
 - **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Randall: Does it say Operation Sleepy-Time in the resolution?
 - England: Unfortunately not, but it's named that on my computer.
 - **Martin moves to enter round-table discussion; Rudolph seconds**
 - **Round Table:**
 - England: **POPP:** Lessard, would you mind putting the amendment you're wishing to make in the chat?
 - Martin: This is a great resolution. All of us have lives outside of Senate. I have an internship everyday at 9AM, and it's difficult to get sleep when we're on our computers. Our work is important, but when we were in person, there was a strict time Senate ended, and we should hold ourselves to the same standard.
 - Roy: In pro of this. This is a great step for the Senate. We are students, and we should be prioritizing mental health and sleep. It makes it to where the website is accurate.
 - Marcus: I have one thing with this. Given there have been times where public comment doesn't end until 11. Public comment can also be used as a filibuster. If there's something controversial, would there be an opportunity to pass important stuff before we get to it. I would vote yes if it said midnight, but I'm not sure how I would vote as it stands.
 - Lessard: **POI:** You want to change it to midnight as a hard deadline?
 - Marcus: Yes. Good compromise.
 - Roy: I would be against that amendment because we have had meetings that have needed to go past midnight for legitimate reasons. We should trust the senators with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote on whether or not to extend rather than a hard deadline.
 - England: It's been 11PM since the start of the 72nd Senate. It was an agreement between the former Senate President and Dr. Acosta. This allows you to extend the Senate meeting if you have time sensitive stuff. I am open to changing that to a simple majority instead of $\frac{2}{3}$.

- Marcus: I'm still concerned. Midnight to me is late, but 11PM is considered kind of early.
 - Little: In the summer, when had a lot of public comments, we could anticipate public comments and start the meetings earlier. That's also a possibility.
 - Randall: If we do this amendment Lessard is proposing, we still have final announcements, statements of dissent, roll call, and everything else. That's probably 15-30 minutes. We leave the meeting in person or zoom at 11:30. Pushing it back 11:30 or 12:00 means people leave later. In person, people drive home and are not in bed until 12:30.
 - **Randall moves to amend; Rudolph seconds**
 - Sponsors find amendment friendly; Amendment is adopted.
 - **Randall moves to amend to change to simple majority; Little seconds**
 - Sponsors find amendment friendly; Amendment is adopted.
 - England: The reason we added the amendment about business being tabled. The parliamentarian raised concern about the definition of "stand adjourned" which is why we added the part about moving to statements of dissent. Moving down to section 2, similar language does not exist. Perhaps we want to introduce a similar sentence about moving into statements of dissent or moving to final roll.
 - Martin: This is how we lose senators. This is not our job. When we signed up to be in Senate, we signed up to be in 3 hour meetings.
 - Roy: Statements of Dissent are crucial to allow people to address the meeting. With closing announcements, we could also just do it through the groupme to cut down on time.
 - Randall: I agree. What about making the order Statements of Dissent, Advisor Announcements, Final Roll Call?
 - Roy: That would work.
 - **Randall moves to amend; Rudolph seconds**
 - Sponsors find amendment friendly; Amendment is adopted.
 - **Randall moves to call the questions; Rudolph seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - England: Very important to consider our time and FSU staff time. Great debate and amendments.
 - Lessard: People first, students second, senators third. People first, faculty second, advisors third. It's important to be respectful of time.
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Rudolph: Yes
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution 28** - Sponsored by Senator Little, Marcus (P) - Condemning SB 86 entitled "Student Financial Aid" for limiting or removing Bright Futures Scholarships and financial aid for select majors arbitrarily considered "not directly employable."
 - Opening Statement:
 - Marcus: I am an out-of-state student without Bright Futures, but this bill that has been proposed in the FL Senate is important. I hope my fellow

senators can see the negative effects on their constituents. This is straightforward.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **England moves to enter round-table discussion; Rudolph seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - England: I'm out of country. The idea that you can say a major is more valuable is a disgrace. Maybe if I had studied harder all of my life, maybe I could've been a physics major. But, I am a criminology major. I am not naturally talented at science. This Senate Bill puts people who do not have talents in Math and Science at a disadvantage.
 - Randall: Without bright futures, I don't know where I would've lived. It allowed me to work and pay for housing while someone else covered my education.
 - **Randall moves to pass by acclamation; Martin seconds**
 - **RESULT: Resolution PASSES BY ACCLAMATION**
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- **Resolution 29** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik, Flashman (P) - Imploring the 73rd Senate to adopt the APPG definition of Islamophobia and its contemporary examples and condemning Ryan Fournier and CJ Pearson for their public attacks on student Senators
 - **TABLED**

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
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Committee Legislative Round Table: X

Final Announcements: X

Date and Time of Next Meeting: March 24th, 2021 5:00 PM

Adjourned: 7:20 PM



Signature of President Pro Tempore