



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Date: March 31st, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:07 PM

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

Members Tardy: Chair(s)

Members Excused Absent: Chair(s) Rudolph

Members Absent: Senator(s)

Guests: Parliamentarian Rowan, Senator(s) Lessard, Soto

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary - Did not meet due to link being taken off of the website. Only had 3 new bills coming through committee, and sponsors decided they are not time sensitive
- Finance - X
- Oversight - Heard 3 candidates for confirmation: Taylor Deering for Homecoming Overall Director, Breeana LaQuay for Homecoming Overall Assistant Director, and Jimmy Cannon for Homecoming Live Director. All candidates passed committee and will be heard tonight in Senate.
- Budget - Met yesterday, passed Bill 31, Bill 21 remains tabled
- SLAA - Met on Tuesday at 8pm, passed Resolution 33 unanimously with amendments, Resolutions 17 & 18 were tabled
- RTAC - X
- PAC - Met on Wednesday and heard from Special Olympics at FSU and Shattering Shackles; two phenomenal organizations. Went into round-table discussion about projects to advertise and improve PAC and RSO's access to the process. Had elections for Vice Chair; Vice Chair Omer Turkomer was elected.
- Guests - Rowan: Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc will meet Friday, April 2nd at 6 PM. Will be electing a Vice Chair for the Ad Hoc and getting to work.

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 31** - Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) - Adding an administrative leave of absence to Rule 13 as an option for suspended Senators
- **Resolution 32** - Sponsored Senator Randall (P) - Amending Rule Thirteen and Fourteen to clarify expectations regarding financial certifications and suspension.
- **Resolution 33** - Sponsored Senator Soto (P) - Condemning legislation harmful to transgender and non-binary students of all ages, calls OGA to stand in opposition during session, and suggests inclusivity training for state legislators.

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 31** - Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) - Adding an administrative leave of absence to Rule 13 as an option for suspended Senators
 - Opening Statement:
 - Lessard: Suspension is a bit harsh for some scenarios, this alternative would allow Senators some time to get things together without putting them through the suspension and/or impeachment process
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **England moves to enter round-table discussion; Little seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - England: excited for this, glad we are able to do this, it's important that Senators are able to be placed on leave without them needing to request, supports.
 - Stinson: impeachment is harsh; alternative is helpful, in full support
 - **Little moves to table; Roy seconds; England objects, Little does not withdraw**
 - Opening Statement:
 - England: Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc was proposed to President Harmon by Chair England. It is meant to conduct its own work and suggest its own changes to rules of procedure. There seems to be confusion about the purpose, Harmon will clarify intent on Friday. Putting this legislation through the ad hoc is unnecessary and not in line with the intent of the ad hoc. As Chairs, we are responsible for rules, and this simple legislation should not be delayed to go through another step before reaching the Senate floor. President Harmon has not been sending legislation to the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **Martin moves to enter round-table discussion; Stinson seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Stinson: agrees with England
 - Little: Can't speak to the truth of England's statements, but even if true, it doesn't make sense to change the rules right before the start of that

process, giving the ad hoc changes to review. It does not make sense to not have this go through the ad hoc that was established to go over rules. Will be voting against the objection.

- Stinson: this legislation is simple and there is no need to delay
- England: POI for Little, how will this legislation get to the ad hoc?
- Little: the legislation can get assigned there, the Senate President can assign it
- England says the Senate President has not been assigning legislation to the ad hoc because that is not what the ad hoc was made for
- Martin: POI Since this was already sent to Rules & Calendar committee, can't it not be sent to the ad hoc because we are already hearing it? what would be the purpose of tabling since it was already assigned?
- Parliamentarian Rowan: The President can change the assignments as he sees fit. This legislation could be heard in the ad hoc as a part of drafting new changes. Could be discussed in the ad hoc if the ad hoc approves it, as an idea, and Rules committee could take it off the table. This way, it doesn't have to go through the formality of the resolution being sent to the ad hoc. Could just table, wait for Rules ad hoc to debate it and decide, and then take off table when they are done.
- Martin: we are all chairs, we have the knowledge and power to be able to decide. The Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc is important but it does not make sense to table this legislation if it is already going to be talked about. Supports England's motion
- Rowan: **POI** for England, after Rules Ad Hoc makes their proposals, the resolution that they draft will be sent to the Rules & Calendar committee, is that correct?
- England: Correct
- Rowan: So even if something is discussed in Ad Hoc, it is going to come through Rules Committee regardless?
- England: Yes, if included in the resolution, the work of the Rules Ad Hoc will come through the Rules Committee.
- **Stinson moves to call the question; England seconds**
- Closing Statement
 - England: Rules Ad Hoc is not mini committee, they will propose changes to rules amongst themselves. It is not meant to be an extra step. If Senators want to make own changes, they can do so without going through the ad hoc. Hopes Senators will work with the ad hoc, but it is not required.
- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: No
 - Martin: Yes
 - Randall: Abstain
 - Roy: Yes

- Stinson: Yes
- **RESULT: OBJECTION IS SUSTAINED**
- **England moves to call the question; Stinson seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Lessard: Thank you for the lively debate. I will be sitting on the Rules Ad Hoc. The Ad Hoc will propose rule changes, so if this is put off, we might not see it for several weeks or more. Would like to have this in place to prevent Senators from being impeached.
- Randall: **POI** Was this amended in committee?
- Pro Tempore Wang: No
- Randall: **POI** for Lessard, was this what I emailed you about?
- Lessard: Yes, I know you wanted to amend
- Randall: I will on the Senate floor, already sent to Pro Tempore Wang
- Vote:
 - England: yes
 - Little: yes
 - Martin: yes
 - Randall: yes
 - Roy: yes
 - Rudolph:
 - Stinson: yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

New Business:

- **Resolution 32** - Sponsored Senator Randall (P) - Amending Rule Thirteen and Fourteen to clarify expectations regarding financial certifications and suspension.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Randall: This legislation covers 2 rules: For Rule 13.6.a.1 outlines what the Rules Committee can place a Senator on a leave of absence in the event they are not consistently attending. 13.6.a defines what can be done; 13.6.b defines what cannot be done. Some of the wording was already present, but Randall is okay with amending to remove it. Rule 14 deals with financial literacy; this legislation adds rules related to financial suspension and establishes similar procedures for these scenarios, based on the way the statutes are already written. As they are written now, if an officer fails to be certified within 15 school days (3 weeks) of taking oath of office, the financial suspension will take effect.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - X
 - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; England seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - X
 - **England moves to call the question; Stinson seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Randall: Thank you all for your time. This resolution moves some things around and clarifies them, taking cue from statutes as they stand.

- Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Stinson: Yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution 33** - Sponsored Senator Soto (P) - Condemning legislation harmful to transgender and non-binary students of all ages, calls OGA to stand in opposition during session, and suggests inclusivity training for state legislators.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Soto: This resolution explains how harming HB 1475 and SB 2012 in Florida Legislature are. I testified early this morning. OGA was added because they represent all students, so it is important for them to at least consider adding this to their legislative agenda to advocate for students. The resolution specifies some of the language as well.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Randall: Did you run this by OGA Director Rudd?
 - Soto: Was not able to meet due to scheduling challenges but she knows about it
 - **Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Randall seconds**
 - Round Table:
 - Little: Excellent legislation, has been keeping up with this legislation in the state legislature, yield in pro
 - Randall: This is great, we need to be speaking about this more. Saw a social media post today commenting on the NCAA's support of trans people amidst their blatant sexism. We can't be worse than the NCAA, can we? The Florida Legislature needs to step up and do the right thing.
 - **Randall moves to call the questions; Little seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Soto: Thank you for your comments. "If you have never had to advocate for your community, consider yourself privileged."
 - Vote:
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Yes
 - Randall: Yes
 - Roy: Yes
 - Stinson: Yes
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 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: X

Final Announcements:

- Randall: RTAC is now accepting in-person event requests for April, May, and June. Will be accepting them for the entire month of April. Accepting virtual requests as well, will be hearing a virtual request on Monday at 5:15 PM.
- England: Got into Graduate School at FSU! Program of Media and Communications Studies. Excited to move into new opportunities.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 7th at 5 PM

Adjourned: 5:47 PM

Renee Wang

Signature of President Pro Tempore