



**74th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
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Zoom recording:

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Call to Order: 7:02

Members Present: Chair Myers, Vice Chair Beall, Senator(s) Wang, Little, Stewart, Moriah

Members Tardy: Senator Noel

Members Absent: Senator(s) Reeves, Guillamont, Wills

Guests:

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements:

- Chair Myers: 2 pieces of business to go over. The sponsor for the resolution is not here, however we are waiting for the decision of the bill in finance which is currently meeting. We will have a recess for 25 minutes in order to receive a decision regarding the bill in finance.
 - Legislative round table:
 - Senator Stewart: May I suggest legislative round table?
Senor Little: I will be participating in a mock trial so i may pop in and out but quorum is assumed
 - Chair Myers: I am totally ok with that, and quorum is still assumed
 - Senator Little: I was thinking of defining the unexcused and excused absences in statutes to clarify and change the guidelines to allow senator to have excused absences
 - Chair Myers: I am down to tackle this issue and I would like to define the exact wording in statutes
 - Senator Little: I don't remember the exact wording of senator wang when it came to mental health days
 - Chair Myers: It's just like impeachment hearings and similar to my sorority meetings, so Id like to clarify
 - Senator Stewart: I don't know if were allowed to use anything other than university requirements, even though I would like to allow it however I don't think all of senate would

- Chair Myers: With the mental health days, I'd like to put it under university requirements, how would we note that in
- Senator Stewart: Well technically Senator Wang clarified it
- Senator Stewart: The way I envisioned it was unexcused absences could be anything except for university policy, and excused absence would be only under university policy, and then mental health days would be separate. Also excused absence would be a half absence and unexcused absence would be a whole 1 absence
- Chair Myers: Should we use a proviso?
- Senator Stewart: Yes of course! But also something along the lines of if a senator missed 2 call out votes, that will count for half of an unexcused absence.
- Chair Myers: I agree and I like the definition style
- Senator Stewart: Basically you get a 7 whole total allowed absences and it's sort of like a point system. If you have an unexcused absence now you have 6 absences allowed left.
- Chair Myers: Mental health days are separate right?
- Senator Stewart: I believe we should look back to how Senator Wang had specified in her proposal
- Senator Wang: It does not count against either, it can be used retroactively and you just need to tell the pro tempore prior to the meeting and also after the fact. Also if it intervened with classes I didn't count it at all.
- Chair Myers: I think we should distinguish how many days you get for each
- Senator Wang: Excused and Unexcused are defined in rules
- Senator Stewart: That's why I kind of wanted to not change the number, but define excused and unexcused
- Chair Myers: I think that it's better to propose to put it in statutes
- Senator Stewart: yes I agree, and I can put it in a group meeting and bring it up next week
- Senator Wang: I'm a little worried about allowing for a full unexcused absence because people are going to abuse it
- Senator Stewart: Yes I agree, we can't have people missing senate all the time
- Senator Wang: so how is this going to affect people in Greek life
- Senator Stewart: I'm constantly in Staff meetings every Wednesday and I possibly want to join week and as far as meetings go, do you think that 7 is sufficient?
- Chair Myers: I don't know how I would make certain events in Greek life excused but maybe we can write it informally about unexcused absences. It's just hard to define it
- Senator Stewart: I thought we could make Greek life unexcused
- Chair Myers: I think that's completely fair
- Senator Stewart: Ok good!
- Chair Myers: we just need to make sure we define it
- Senator Wang: I experienced something with COVID and I didn't realize so many people were going through so much and I gave them grace

- Senator Beall: I highly doubt anyone high up wouldn't allow grace for something serious
- Chair Myers: I think excused will just be university policy
- Senator Stewart: Ok great, I will put it in the chat and definitely send it this weekend and have it ready by tuesday.

Committee Business:

- Bill 3- Sponsored by Chair Gonzalez and Senator Wang- a bill to grant the Finance committee the authority to place limitations on funding SGA entities or Registered Student Organizations that commit egregious violations of the Finance Code and to make minor adjustments to the process for the restriction of funds.
- Resolution 5- Sponsored by Chair Gonzalez, Co-Sponsor President Hunter

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- **Bill 3 - Sponsored by Chair Gonzalez and Senator Wang-** A bill to grant the Finance committee the authority to place limitations on funding SGA entities or Registered Student Organizations that commit egregious violations of the Finance Code and to make minor adjustments to the process for the restriction of funds.
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hello Judiciary, this is giving finance permission to restrict organizations from future funding given they have committed a violation to the finance code and it's up to the finance committee to decide and to make minor adjustments to the process for the restriction of funds. 805.4C is what this would like and can be overturned in the senate. Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ of the vote by the senate and finance committee. Yielded 1:02
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Stewart: I was wondering where you came up with the 2 year number
 - Senator Wang: This was just a number we agreed upon due to the fact that a lot of student leaders spend 2 years active in their roles
 - **Senator Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Stewart seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Stewart: I actually really like this bill and it is simple to follow. I do think to some extent that 2 years is somewhat drastic but it can be overturned it doesnt need to be amended
 - Senior Little: Point of information Could the sponsor explain more about the investigation and what it would
 - Senator Wang: It would be purely through finance, it wouldn't have to go through judiciary
 - Senator Little: The only problem is that is that it could be complicated when there is a shift in leadership in a 2 week period when there is a violation because the finance committee can't act unilaterally without the senate
 - Senator Stewart: I think if there was a way to avoid that and add a proviso because it would be rare but could happen.

- Senator Little: I think it would be really rare for this to happen
 - Senator Wang: Just for clarification, we talked to Jaclyn and laurel said that currently there hasn't been any sanctions and has been taken care of by the finance committee and is just a what if situation
 - Senator Stewart: that takes care of my point
 - Senator Little; i think it's good how it is
 - **Senator Stewart moves to call the question; Senator Little seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Senator Wang: Thank you so much for looking at this through the Linsky Lense, I'm open to any additional comments.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 6 Senator Stewart, Noel, Moriah, Little, Wang, Beall
 - No: 0
 - Abstain:0
- **RESULT: BILL #3 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- Chair Myers: We have a resolution to go over, and the co-sponsor (President Hunter) is in the Finance Committee right now to help them meet quorum. We can ask her if she wants to come to judiciary to present the bill, although I don't know if she wanted to do that without primary sponsor Chair Gonzalez as she did not reach out to me about coming tonight. It doesn't seem to be time sensitive, so do you guys want me to reach out to sponsors and see if they want to come? How do you guys feel about tackling this tonight or calling it a day?
- Senator Stewart: I think it's fine to leave it for next week if the sponsors haven't expressed urgency or anything.
Chair Myers: Sounds good, we'll leave it to next week

Closing Announcements:

- Vice Chair Beall: Thank you for being patient yet again
- Senator Stewart: Congrats to Senator Beall

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1/25 at 7:00. Hybrid meeting: Thagard 401 and zoom link

Adjourned: 7:45

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Signature of Chair