



74th Student Senate Judiciary Committee [February 15, 2022 | 3:00 pm] | [938 6379 6079]

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Call to Order:

Members Present: Chair Myers, Vice Chair Beall, Senator(s) Wang, Tucker

Members Tardy: Senator Reeves

Members Absent: Senator(s) Little, Noel

Guests: Senator Diaz

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements:

- Chair Myers: We were supposed to have 3 bills today, Chair Russel could not be here so we will be tabling bill 10 next week, senator diaz will be proposing bill 10, thank you guys for working with the meeting time

Committee Business:

- Bill 10- Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P); Hunter, Lessard, Tucker (Co)- Clarifying Senate seat vacancy procedures for those serving as Senate President and Pro-Tempore upon their removal or resignation.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bill #10- Sponsored by Senator Diaz**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator Diaz: I apologize if there is wind, I'm hoping this is a simple bill. Student body constitution says while someone is serving as senate president or pro tempore that their seat should not come up during selection, but there is nothing in statutes or constitution that says what happens when either of them resigns from their positions or removed and their seat has expired. This is nothing personal against president Hunter,

it's actually inspired by her due to her situation as she is a spring senator. If the senate, whatever reason decided to remove her or if she resigned, after the spring election there is nothing mandating she vacate her seat. There are precedents for this, I believe parliamentarian Rowan mentioned to me that Jack Denton was in the same position when he was removed there was genuine concern on whether or not he shall be a senator. It is my opinion and if this passes it will be the opinion of the senate that you are elected for a one year term and that expires after one year and if you don't remain in the president or pro tempore seat, you no longer have a right to your senate seat. This is formally codifying that. I am happy to answer any questions. Yielded 1:06

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Wang: Is it just the senate president that isn't up for reelection in a spring seat?
 - Senator Diaz: It's both of them
 - **Senator Wang moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Tucker seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Tucker: It's a pretty simple bill, it removes a lot of questions. Sam and I did a lot of research and we talked a lot to Jack. President Abril agrees with this.
 - Chair Myers: Question for the sponsor, is the formatting correct on the original bill or is it because I downloaded it and the formatting changed.
 - Senator Diaz: I didn't intend for it to be like that, on my end it is correct
 - Senator Wang: Give me like 2 seconds... I really like the overall idea of the bill, I agree this needs to be clarified in statutes, but reading this what is the point of the phrase "upon the resignation or removal of the student senate president or pro tempore they shall immediately vacate their seat" that part I understand but what is the phrase after "if the term to which they are elected or appointed or expired" what is the point of that phrase
 - Senator Diaz: We'll use pro tempore Neimeth as an example because she is a fall senator, if she were to resign or be removed she would still retain her fall seat, however if President Hunter resigned during summer senate, this bill would mandate she would have to vacate her seat because she was elected as a spring senator and her term would have expired by summer senate.
 - Senator Wang: Yea, I understand it, I just don't know if the wording is unclear and I'm trying to find a way to clarify
 - Senator Diaz: It's just basically saying if your term has expired and you get removed from those positions, then you no longer have a right to be a senator and your seat will be vacated
 - Senator Wang: Ok
 - **Senator Tucker moves to call the question; Vice Chair Beall seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Vice Chair Diaz: Thank you for time, I hope I provided some clarity, I hope there isn't someone who has malicious intent to remain in senate, Yielded time
- Vote:

- Yes: 3 - Senator(s) Wang, Beall, Tucker
- No: 0
- Abstain: 1 - Senator Reeves

- **RESULT: BILL 10 PASSES**

Unfinished Business: none

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Myers; Same as before, thank you working with the 3:00 time

Next Meeting: 2/22 at 7:00 over Zoom <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93863796079>

Adjourned: 3:21

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Signature of Chair [Name]