



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee  
[March 29, 2022 | 7:00 pm] | [938 6379 6079]**

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**Call to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Members Present:** Chair Myers, VC Beall, Senator(s) Little, Wang, Tucker

**Members Tardy:** Senator Noel (excused)

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Chair Gonzalez, VC Rivers, Parliamentarian Rowan

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements:**

- Chair Myers: I have a meeting at 8:00 that I have to attend so Vice Chair Beall will be chairing! I don't think the meeting will be long so hopefully I will be able to come back, but let's work efficiently and productively today!
- Vice Chair:

**Committee Business:**

- Impeachment Hearing: Senator Kaminsky (Undergraduate Studies Seat 15)
- Bill 25- Rivers (P); Wang, Gonzalez (Co)
  - To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council. Also, to give Homecoming the power of planning Homecoming Chief and Princess Election.
- Bill 30- Wang, Gonzalez (P)
  - 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.
- Bill 31- Rivers (P); Hockett (Co)
  - To make it so that a majority of the incoming Senior class are able to vote on the incoming Senior Class Council.
- Bill 33- Rivers (P)
  - To become more involved in the Legislative Branch of Student Government, have the Class Councils update the Senate on their current projects and goals once a month at any given Senate meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Impeachment Hearing: Senator Kaminsky (Undergraduate Studies Seat 15)**
  - Total of 7 unexcused absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement (5 minutes)
    - NOT HERE
  - Questioning
    - NOT HERE
    - **Senator \_\_\_\_\_ moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator \_\_\_\_\_ seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion
    - Senator Little: I'm not going to vote for impeachment . We are giving him an amount of allotted absences left. I do hope if the situation is he is reinstated someone will let him know so that he can come to the next meeting
    - Senator Tucker: I completely agree, for the last few weeks he has been very active and I am going to be voting no
    - **Senator Little moves to call the question; Senator Wang seconds**
  - Closing
    - NOT HERE
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [ 4 ] [VC Beall, Senator(s) Little, Wang, Tucker]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **RESULT: Senator Kaminsky is not forwarded for impeachment.**

**New Business:**

- **Bill 25 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P); Wang and Gonzalez (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - VC Rivers; so this bill is to transfer power of the homecoming elections to SGA. YIELDED 2:26
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - none
  - **Senator Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Tucker seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Little :POI so this is creating a new position within homecoming correct?
    - VC Rivers: Yes, currently this position this is what SEA does, but this would put it under the executive council
    - Senator Little: Also,does homecoming have available applications for this position? Are they comfortable? Have you spoken to them?
    - VC Rivers: they said this would be something they would be open and happy for
    - Senator Tucker: I haven't finished looking yet but I really like the bill and I think we should be in support of this.
    - Senator Little: I'm in support of this, I think it makes sense for our chief elections to be more democratic. This is a whole budgeted group and i will be voting yes
    - Senator WAng: I agree with everyone
  - **Senator Wang moves to call the question; Senator Tucker seconds**

- Closing Statement:
  - VC Rivers: So like I said it's pretty simple, it's just transferring power to SGA. WAIVED
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 4 ] [VC Beall, Senator(s) Wang, Little, Tucker]
  - No: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
  - Abstain: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
- **RESULT: BILL 25 PASSES**
- **Bill 30 - Sponsored by Senator(s) Wang, Gonzalez (P)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Chair Gonzalez: So this is regarding the previous bill regarding RSO's that has been previously amended in another committee. Basically, so it removed the discretion, it longer says no longer than it says until, so finance would just be deciding whether to be applying that time period or not to be applying that time period. The point was made that technically it puts the ball into the RSO's court because they could very well remove the people that violated statutes and have an entirely new eboard and then the sanction is gone. That was their reasoning and you guys can decide, I was friendly to it. With that we yield. YIELDED 1:20
    - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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  - **Senator Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Tucker seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Little: POI to anyone, does anyone see the amended version?
    - Chair Myers: It should be regular bill 30 because that what was given to me
    - Senator Little: In the process of applying these sactionis, Would the individuals responsible themselves be sanctioned or would it be the organization
    - Senator Wang: As of right now i believe it says the organization's name
    - Senator Little: POI under current language, how would we determine who are the responsible financial officers?
    - Chair Gonzaelz: GOod question, it would have to be up to the RSO, they can reach out to accounting
    - Senator Little: SO i don't know if the language of the responsible financial officer makes sense because then it seems like its placing the ball in accountings court because let's just say the organizations replaces their treasurer and then goes to accounting and is like we replaced our treasure and is like "we replaced our treasurer so let's lift our sanctions", and whoever gets the email they can say don't think that's enough . I'm just worried that it allows too many people in the process of the sanction removal to determine who is responsible. I'm not in favor of the current language
    - Senator Tucker: Personally I think this bill has been way overcomplicated. If we had just kept it at "one year point" I believe it would be better. I don't like the language that tries to explain who is responsible and I want to try to find a way to make this more simple.

- Senator Little: Yes, I agree. I think the original is the fairest way to put it, and I hate to undo the work of previous senators and it keeps it simple. I think we should just keep it back to its original language.
- Senator Tucker: Yes I agree with that, and it does kind of suck but we were placed behind in the process, but I agree.
- SENATOR \_\_\_\_ MOVES TO AMEND; SENATOR \_\_\_\_ SECONDS
  - 805.3(C): Strike “until such time that the responsible financial officers, as prescribed by that RSO's bylaws, are no longer in office”, replace with “no longer than one (1) calendar year”
  - No objections; Sponsor finds it friendly
- Senator Tucker: I like how it reads now, I think we've gone through this all.
- Senator Little: I'll go ahead, Yes I like this bill. I liked it in different renditions and hopefully all of the judiciary will be there tomorrow to defend this version. I'm going to vote yes and I hope we can all defend.
- **Senator Little moves to call the question; Senator Tucker seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Senator Wang: Thank you for the debate, I think it's absolutely hilarious that we have come full circle with this bill and it's coming back to the floor. WAIVED
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
  - No: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
  - Abstain: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
- **RESULT: BILL 30 [PASSES / DOES NOT PASS / IS TABLED / ETC.]**
- **Bill 31 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P); Hockett (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - VC Rivers: So this bill is to have it that the majority of the incoming senior class can vote on the senior class council elections. Right now it's written that only current seniors can vote. Most of the seniors are voting on people who are going to be representatives after they graduate. Student life amended the bill to read that to seniors too. I'm open to discussion  
YIELD 2:03
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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  - **Senator Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Wang seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Wang: I really like this change, when I was going into senior year I was coded as a senior so if the bill was amended I wouldn't have been able to vote. I think this is a good bill because it changes who it truly affects
    - Senator Little: I agree with all of the sentiments and I voted for the incoming senior class but I'm also not going to be here when they are actually going to be in office and I think it makes sense to include the people who it directly affects. I will be voting yes
    - Seanotr Tucker, I agree and move to call to question
  - **Senator Tucker moves to call the question; Senator Wang seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - VC Rivers: Like i said it's so that juniors can vote on who is representing them. WAIVED

- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 4 ] [VC Beall, Senator(s) Wang, Little, Tucker]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL 31 PASSES**
- **Bill 33 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers**
  - Opening Statement:
    - VC Rivers: This is to have the senior class council more accountable in their actions. As someone who sat on class council, it's like a stepchild and I want everyone to be updated about what their trying to do YIELD 2:25
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Senator Little moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Tucker seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Wang: POI can we see the minutes from the student life meeting
    - Chair Myers: yes i can share my screen, let me pull them up
    - Senator little: So POI for the sponsor, given that the senior class council only has to meet a mimun twice a month, do you think that the once a month update is reasonable?
    - VC Rivers: I don't understand the question
    - Senator Little: Given that the senior class council only meets twice a month, do you think it makes sense for them to update us once a month.
    - VC Rivers; So that's for the senior class council specifically, the other class councils also have a time they meet like one of the councils meet once a week. I know they have meetings with the presidents and I believe that there is enough information to present to the senate.
    - Senator Little: POI to the sponsor, was your intention for this to have the senior class council to share all the business of all the councils or have each individual council form the individual councils to represent themselves
    - Senator Rivers: Yes my goal was to have the senior class representative give info about all the class councils
    - Senator Tucker: POI, is this represented going to be a member of the senior class council or is it some select position
    - VC River: yes it will be one of the members of the senior class council like any of the exec board positions
    - Senator Wang:POI to the chair, are we currently in technical non debatable?
    - Chair Myers: No, round table
    - Senator Wang: I don't know if what I'm reading in this bill is clear about what the sponsor actually wants to do, so what I want to do is make some amendments but I want to talk about it first. So starting with the phrase The senior class council, what if we said a member of the senior class council so it enumerates ....
    - Senator Little: Yes I agree, the language is unclear on who the representative is and I think that language could work. I think in that bullet point if the intention of the bill is to have the senior class council share all of the information, that specifically should be enumerated. I am not sure if

I like that because I think that the other class councils should be able to send their own representatives to share their own information.

- Senator Tucker: Yes, I agree. I would prefer that the senior class council only discusses their own council's info.
- Senator Wang: I think that we should just create a couple more bills so that the other class councils have to do the exact same thing
- Senator Little: I think we should just do the work so we don't have to add anymore work for tomorrow
- SENATOR \_\_\_\_ MOVES TO AMEND; SENATOR \_\_\_\_ SECONDS
  - Section 302.5.A(7): add "send one of their officers to" after "shall"
    - No objections; sponsor finds it friendly
- Senator Little: Okay so i want to ask if the sponsor to the bill would be friendly to saying that the senior class would only be allowed to share the business of only the senior class
- VC Rivers: I can see both sides of it, I just think that the senior class council is supposed to be the most knowledgeable of Student Government and I feel like this task would be the easiest as the leader of the class councils. I can see why some committee members might have reservations about it. I just feel it would be easiest.
- VC Beall: Is there a point in time where the senior class council has meetings or something where they are updated constantly by the other councils and that's why you feel as if they are the most knowledgeable?
- VC Rivers: Thank you so much for that question, twice monthly they hold all council meetings with the included class councils where everyone reveals what events they're working on so that the senior class council can plan accordingly and that's exactly why I want them to share all of the information
- Senator Wang: POI for the sponsor, are the meetings you are referring to mandated by statutes?
- VC Rivers: I do not know that specific answer to that question
- Senator Wang: I don't believe that there is any statute mandating it. My concern is that there is nothing in writing that says that the senior class councils are required to always give updates in these meetings and that they are going to happen in the future. If they were to report every single class council without these meetings, that is where my concern is
- Senator Little: I share the same concern that if the communication of the senior class is not good in the future, it doesn't seem right to not give the permission to the other class councils to share their info. However, the other side is that I've only seen a representative from the senior class come to the senate.
- Senator Tucker: POI to the sponsor, do you think that the senior class would be knowledgeable enough to explain the information for all of the class councils.
- VC Rivers: Yes just because I believe that the senior class council is supposed to be the facilitators of the class councils
- Senator Wang: Im reading statute 302.6A subsection D, it says "they shall hold a meeting between all of the councils once a month" so i think that is sufficient enough to keep communication enough. I'm reading the bill's current language and I don't know if the language is encompassing all the councils.

- Senator Little: yes i also think that the way the possessive is structured right now so that if the consensus of the committee is that the senior class council should report for the rest of the councils, I want to reword it so that its more clear
- Senator little: I also think that having the senior class council announce for the rest of the council does not bar the other class council from sending their own representative. I'm down to change the language so it encompasses all of the class councils.
- Senator Tucker: Do you think that putting various things in front of councils makes it more clear so people understand we are talking about all the councils?
- Senator Wang: We could do instead of apostrophe s it could be S apostrophe
- Senator Little: I was thinking the same thing, but the only problem is that if people don't know what that S apostrophe means, it could be misinterpreted. I understand it but some people might not remember the rules of grammar so i was thinking about actually listing all of the councils instead
- Senator Tucker: Perhaps we could put "about each of the class councils student projects"
- Senator Wang: We could say about the council's council's plural listed under chapter 302. I don't know I know we don't like repeating statutes but instead of listing them all out
- Senator Little: I think the best way is to list them out, and statutes sometimes change and senators can make a mistake. This is the way I would be most comfortable. Are the other class councils abbreviated in statutes and should we abbreviate the other class councils as well?
- Senator Wang: Yes they are abbreviated
- Senator Tucker: I think that's the best way is to list those out
- SENATOR \_\_\_\_ MOVES TO AMEND; SENATOR \_\_\_\_ SECONDS
  - Section 302.5.A(7): strike "council's" and add "of the SoCC, JCC, SrCC" after "goals."
  - No objections; Sponsor finds it friendly
- **Senator Little moves to call the question; Senator Wang seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - WAIVED
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 4 ] [VC Beall, Senator(s) Wang, Little, Tucker, Noel]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL 33 PASSES**

**Unfinished Business: none**

**Closing Announcements:**

- Senator Tucker: Let's make sure that we are all speaking tomorrow because I'm sure we are going to have conflict.
- VC Beall: Thank you everyone for being patient with me!
- Senator Little: If this is my last Judiciary meeting then YAY JUDICIARY! I love this committee and I hope it remains the most rigorous committee that looks at everything with a microscope. I hope that continues and goodluck everyone!

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 4/5 at 7:00 PM. <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93863796079>**

**Adjourned: 8:06pm**

*Camila Myers*

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**Signature of Chair**