



## 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate

### Rules and Calendar Committee

01/12/2022 | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

**Call to Order:** 5:02

**Members Present:** Pro-Tempore Nemeth, Chair(s) Myers, Murray, Gonzalez, Duchene, Roy, Nasworthy, President Hunter

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent (Excused):** Chair Bowling

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

**Guests:** Jack Rowan

#### **Announcements:**

- President Pro-Tempore: Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
  - Met at 7:00 on Tuesday, 1/11. Adopted ROP as is and passed Bill 1
- Internal Affairs:
  - Met Monday, 1/10 at 7:00. Adopted ROP
- Budget:
  - Met Tuesday, 1/11. Adopted ROP and conducted budget orientation
- Finance:
  - Chair: Absent excused
  - Adopted ROP and passed CR3 (Senator ROY attended)
- Student Life:
  - Meeting time: Thursday's at 5:00
  - No ROP, going to create them
- PAC:

- Met Monday, 1/10 at 6:00. Meeting again possibly tomorrow (cannot meet Monday). Regular meeting time on Monday at 7:00.
- RTAC:
  - Has not met yet, meeting Monday 1/24
  - Interviewing potential candidates
- Guests:
  - President Hunter: Thank you for all the work you've done and for using your groupme's. I am so appreciative of it and pro temp Nemeth will do great job. I'm just popping in for any questions.
  - Updates on senate leadership team:
    - Finishing up senate leadership interviews Friday
    - Candidates on forwarding letter done by Friday afternoon
    - Will go through IA first
    - Still get people to apply for historian
  - When you send emails, make sure it's sgaspres@fsu.edu
  - Have committee members fill out FERPA forms for committee website

**Committee Business:**

- Leave of Absence Hearing: Austin Wyatt, Undergraduate Studies Seat 13

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Leave of Absence Hearing: Austin Wyatt, Undergraduate Studies Seat 13**
  - Opening Statement:
    - "Hi everyone. I am requesting a leave of absence for this semester because of an opportunity I got to study abroad in Valencia, Spain. Unfortunately, I won't be able to participate in Senate from now until the beginning of May when I return. While I've only been in senate for a short period, I've thoroughly enjoyed the experience and cannot wait to start again in the summer or fall. I have big plans for the future and am excited to continue to work with this dedicated group of students. I plan on keeping in touch and staying informed about what is going on with our

community while overseas. Thank you again for a great fall semester and good luck with the remainder of your year.”

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Myers moves to enter round table
  - Nasworthy seconds
- Closing Statement:
  - Waives
- **Myers moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Murray: A leave of absence until May seems like a long time.
  - DuChene: When was this Senator elected?
  - Nemeth: Fall.
  - Roy: POI What is the senator’s name again?
  - Nemeth: Austin Wyatt
  - Chair Roy: Normally the way this committee works is we want to be understanding of people. We know they want to serve and made an effort to run, however it is a long period of time for someone to not be serving in that seat. That seat is constantly applied for by students who want to serve here and now. I don’t hold this against the candidate, but unless senate is virtual, then I would not expect them to be able to attend, and even then it would be difficult with time changes. It was a matter of choice choosing to study abroad, and I would probably would have chosen it too, but I would lean more towards not extending the leave of absence.
  - Nemeth: I will let anyone know that when there is an extended leave, the seat can be filled
  - Duchene: The biggest thing is ensuring that it would be filled. He said he can't wait to return for summer OR fall, and if he didn't return for summer , he would be actively participating in senate for two months out of his term before he’s up for reelection. I would consider whether the people are trying to run again the following year but if we could fill the seat it’s not harmful.
  - Gonzalez: My point goes along same lines. Grant him leave until May. He seems super excited to serve. And grant it with proviso or something that

says that if he misses more than that or requests summer leave that we can't grant it.

- Nasworthy: I was initially not ok with it, but now that we can fill it, it's not that big of a concern. I agree with a proviso to make sure he'll serve in the summer.
- Roy: Now that I know that it can be filled, I'm in favor. But with the proviso, I don't think it'll be needed if we send it with the message of be back for summer.
- Chair Murray: I share the exact same sentiment.
- **Chair Myers moves to call to question; Chair Nasworthy seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: 6 [Chair(s) Myers, Gonzalez, DuChene, Roy, Nasworthy, Murray]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES 13 IS GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPRING 2022 SENATE TERM**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- None

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Adjourned:** 5:21pm



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**Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth**