



74th Student Senate

Rules and Calendar Committee

01/26/2022 | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order: 5:03

Members Present: Pro-Tempore Nemeth, Chair(s) Myers, Gonzalez, Bowling, Russell, Duchene, Roy, Nasworthy

Members Tardy:

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Chair(s) Bowling, Russell

Guests:

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary: Met in a hybrid format last night at 7:00pm, passed Resolution 5 with amendments
- Budget: Did not meet this week
- Finance: Passed Consent Resolution 5 and 6, forwarded 2 RTAC candidates
- Student Life: Did not meet this week
- PAC: Met on Monday, heard 4 organizations, 1 was tabled so they could come back with more information on how they're going to advertise and work with others in their community. Had an issue go to Finance where we didn't know whether to fund 1 or 2 plaques. Our membership was completely divided, so Finance settled that dispute. They decided to just do 1 plaque, and that was the 1 amendment made in Finance.

- RTAC: We heard 2 organizations, and they both received funding for their trips from Consent Resolution 6. As you heard, 2 RTAC candidates were forwarded from the Finance committee, and we will be hearing them on the Senate floor tonight.

Committee Business:

- Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P) Hunter (Co): To convene a Commission on Student Government charged with examining, gathering evidence, and providing recommendations on every entity in SGA

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P) Hunter (Co)
 - Opening Statement
 - Gonzalez: Resolution 5 will establish an advisory commission to review our Student Body Statutes and provide recommendations for the Senate. With an emphasis on “advisory” because they will not have legislative power, that is only granted to the Student Senate. This will only bring people together in a room. Statutes can be very confusing, there’s some people don’t follow, some are redundant, so this commission will explore what is best for the student body. There would be 3 subcommittees, and after the committees come up with recommendations, the entire commission will review them and introduce the recommendations of the entire unit to the Student Senate in a bill format. Everything will be as streamlined and efficient as possible for the Senate, they won’t give us 200 pages and say “have fun.” We gave all branches of SGA appointment powers, so hopefully some agency leaders will be on there, some Senators, and so on. The only person included by name is the Secretary of Internal Affairs who will serve as the Chair. An Associate Justice and an Elections Commissioner will also be appointed. All of it is in the Resolution, so if you have any questions, please let me know.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
 - Duchene: Did Chair Myers say something was amended in Judiciary.

- Gonzalez: It was just a language thing. It wasn't clear that the Secretary of Internal Affairs was the Chair, so we separated it into two sentences.
- **Myers moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion
 - Duchene: I read it, it's thorough, it's smart, and it's a really good idea. I feel like we discover something every two weeks or so that doesn't work as good as it could, so this is a really nice way to examine all of those places at once.
 - Myers: For as confusing as Statutes can be, this Bill is digestible and written very well. Streamlining and making things more efficient can never hurt. I echo the sentiments of the previous Senator who spoke.
 - Nasworthy: I would like to echo the sentiments of the previous 2 Senators. This will have a great impact on SGA as a whole. The ROPAH committee made some positive changes this past summer, and this commission will have a similar effect on a much bigger scale.
 - **Myers moves to call to question; Roy seconds**
- Closing Statement
 - Gonzalez: This starts something that's a really big deal, so please give it a second look before it hits the Senate floor. I don't care if you ask me a ton of questions because it should be looked at very thoroughly. Thank you.
- Vote
 - Yes: 5 [Myers, Gonzalez, Duchene, Nasworthy, Roy]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 5 DOES PASS**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth:
 - I will be sending a text in our GroupMe to evaluate if we should change our meeting time

- Finance, PAC, and RTAC- please always CC Laurel on your emails

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 5:17

Sarah Nemeth

Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth