



74th Student Senate

Rules and Calendar Committee

02/09/2022 | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order: 5:34 pm

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Senator Roy

Guests: Senator Drackley

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
 - Met on 2/8
 - Passed Bill 9 unamended, Bill 6 and Resolution 7 Amended
 - CA 1 was withdrawn
- Budget:
 - Met on 2/8 at 5
 - Heard and passed resolution 7
 - Resolution 8 was not on agenda
 - Treasurer gray presented allocations for Student Academic Programs
- Finance:
 - Met on 2/8
 - Passed CA 8 and 9

- Held no confidence vote for VC and elected VC Rivers
- IA:
 - Met on 2/7 at 7:30
 - Heard and passed CA 1 unamended
 - Passed SCURC treasurer candidate
- Student life:
 - Not met since 1/27
 - Meeting 2/10 possibly
- PAC:
 - Chair absent
- RTAC:
 - Met two nights this week
 - Created CA 9

Committee Business:

- Bill 6 Sponsored Senator Bettley & Senator Gonzalez (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co):
Revising the statute regarding the Senate Projects account to send Bills to the Budget Committee.
- Resolution 6 Sponsored by Senator Drackley (P) Tucker, Diaz, Russell:
To increase transparency to the student body, specifically those applying for positions within SGA.
- Resolution 7 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez and Senator Bettley (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co):
To expand the Budget Committees purview under Student Senate Rules of Procedure to encapsulate all the responsibilities assigned to us under Student Body Statutes.
- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P):
Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Fineout (Motion Picture Arts Seat 1)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Guillamont (Undergraduate Studies Seat 8)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Thau (Communication and Information Seat 2)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Grant (Engineering Seat 3)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Lessard (Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat 4)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Resolution 6 Sponsored by Senator Drackley (P) Tucker, Diaz, Russell:
 - Opening Statement:
 - I'm not sure if this is relevant but in IA we added a bunch of co-sponsors and Dr. Williams who it will get sent to. This is a simple resolution to add a link to forwarding questions on the SGA website for applicants to see questions more easily. I've talked to ppl who applied and random people and they didn't know it was on the get involved page. This is to ensure that those applying are more prepared and know more ab the position they're applying for. Yields 3:58
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Chair Gonzalez: why is this being sent to Dr. Hecht?
 - Drackley: recommended by other senators to forward it to her and other people on there that aren't necessary. I know that the student body chief of staff and director of student affairs and MORE need to be forwarded a copy
 - **Duchene moves to enter round-table discussion; Myers seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Myers: POC: Dr. Williams or Hecht being sent to?
 - Drackley: both
 - Gonzalez: POPP can we have the amended version of this
 - Nemeth: yes
 - Drackley: chair Russell emailed it to pro temp after we voted on it in IA
 - Russell: that's what I was going to say, if you can't find it ill look in my email
 - Duchene: these questions being linked, are they IA specific questions or general questions. Buried in the website?
 - Drackley: I'm not entirely sure what the difference is. The link would be to the get involved page on the SGA website to the forwarding interview questions

- Duchene: those aren't mandated that we ask them but the purpose of this is to make them more visible?
 - Drackley: yes, to make it more visible as well as make it to allow the candidates to virtually research the answers to the questions
 - Gonzalez: where does the question link exist on the SGA website?
 - Drackley: only under the get involved page at the top below the engage banner
 - Gonzalez: and the get involved tab is where you apply for a position correct? So, it's visible to all applicants already, right?
 - Senator Drackley: correct
 - Duchene: speaking from experience, I had a hard time finding these questions when I looked for them. Often with the website it tends to not be user friendly so if there's a way we can be helping people find useful information I support it
 - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Myers seconds**
- Closing:
 - So, this is pretty simple. I know that to me, now that I've been in SGA the website is a bit easier to manage, but it is very complicated to newer people and in regard to concerns about making people think the questions are mandated, it does say on the page that they're suggested questions. Waives
- Vote:
 - Yes: #6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, DuChene, Rider]
 - No: # 0
 - Abstain: # 0
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 6 DOES PASS**
- Resolution 7 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez and Senator Bettley (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co):
 - Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: This is simple, it puts all of the mandated powers of budget committee that exist in statues into rules as well. Easier for budget committee and chairs to refer to in the future for accessibilities so powers

don't get lost. All it does is move existing powers to rules. We amended in judiciary because since budget handles the budget for budgeted organizations, it makes sense that they're the ones conducting those reviews. If you have any questions let me know but this isn't adding or extending any new powers just moving already existing powers into RoP.
Yields 2:55

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - **Myers moves to enter round-table discussion; Duchene seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bowling: question for sponsor, how would this change how the finance committee operates as a whole?
 - Gonzalez: it wouldn't change finance at all. Under statues it says finance has the authority to conduct mid annual reviews and budget assists in that, so this is clarifying that budget when they do help with mid annual reviews, they won't touch PAC and RTAC, only budgeted organizations. Wouldn't change what finance currently does
 - **Myers moves to call to question; Russell seconds**
- Closing:
 - Gonzalez: like I said this is simple. Waived
- Vote:
 - Yes: #6; Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider
 - No: # 0
 - Abstain: # 0
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 7 DOES PASS**
- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 - **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- Resolution 6 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez and Senator Bettley (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co):
 - Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Another one that is sponsored by whole budget committee. This is a statue change and all it does is move senate projects bills from

finance to budget. This is the way it's always been and last fall it was changed, I didn't catch it, but this is changing it back because it makes more sense for budget to handle the ppl they allocate. Senate projects usually funds ppl who can't go to PAC and RTAC, so it makes sense for the people that allocate to budgeted organizations are handling the transfer bills moving from senate projects. The amended made was to 418.4B because I didn't mean to make that change so we just changed it back. Yields 3:21

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Bowling: Senate projects funds are currently controlled by budget, so all this does it move back the decision to give back senate projects to budget?
 - Gonzalez: yes basically
 - **Myers moves to enter round-table discussion; Duchene seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Duchene: this is smart, makes sense and I congratulate the sponsor for coming up with another smart bill
 - Bowling: as finance chair it makes more sense to have budget control this, considering they control every other aspect of that process. Makes logical sense to do this
 - **Myers moves to call to question; Duchene seconds**
- Closing:
 - Gonzalez: WAIVED
- Vote:
 - Yes: # 6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No: #0
 - Abstain: #0
 - **BILL 6 DOES PASS**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Fineout (Motion Picture Arts Seat 1)
 - Total of 10 absences since 12/01/2021
 - Opening Statement:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Questioning:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Closing:

- NOT IN MEETING
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bowling: Senator Fineout is in my committee, and I've messaged him so many times to make sure he knows about meetings, and I haven't communicated with him at all or received any from him. He's been MIA for the entire session so I think we've done what we can and I'm not sure what else we can do to get him back in.
 - Duchene: I cannot and will not defend Senator Fineout's absences but personally as the fine arts senator I know that it is nearly impossible to be a film major and a senator. It's always going to be that way, and I think that it's going to be difficult for me to vote to suspend or impeach this senator because based on the current structure and requirements of the film school, the seat will likely always be vacant or filled with a senator who is here sparingly. Knowing its unavoidable I tend to let Fineout figure out what he's going to do with that.
 - Bowling: I get it but he's in my committee and I haven't received any message or info. But the lack of communication, even if you are busy all day, u should still have time to send a message and that's where I'm uncertain
 - Gonzalez: I'm undecided because we've had this convo about Liam before, but the difference is he used to tell us he couldn't make it.
 - Duchene: I know a lot of folks over at that college and while yes, these senators will always have attendance problems I'm sure there are other students over there interested in SGA who can communicate better. I really do sympathize with chair Bowling, and I can't justify that
 - Gonzalez: the only reason I want to give him the benefit of the doubt is because is such a special circumstance. What if we give him two more absences without communication?
 - Myers: I think that's wasting time
 - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Myers seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes #6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No: # 0
 - Abstain: # 0
 - **RESULT: Senator Fineout is forwarded to Judiciary for impeachment**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Guillamont (Undergraduate Studies Seat 8)
 - Total of 9 absences since 12/01/2021
 - Opening Statement:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Questioning:
 - None
 - Closing:
 - NOT IN MEETING

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: he was suspended in the 73rd and we granted him lenience because he did show up and sponsor bills, but since the 74th they haven't been to one meeting. No bills, no communication, so I don't have empathy and want to forward for impeachment
 - Duchene: when I saw this senator's name my first reaction was what happened because he was active in the 73rd. If he wanted to take a leave of absence, he needed to have initiated that process, so I think at this point we need to make it up to the judiciary committee.
 - Myers: I'll say the same sentiments as a previous Senator,
 - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes #6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No: #0
 - Abstain: #0
 - **RESULT: Senator Guillamont is forwarded to Judiciary for impeachment**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Thau (Communication and Information Seat 2)
 - Total of 10 absences since 12/01/2021
 - Opening Statement:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Questioning:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Closing:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: He was also suspended in the 73rd and provided more absences and the same exact thing so I think we should forward
 - Russell: this senator was in IA last semester, and I saw them in their once or twice. They never participated or engaged so I will be voting to forward
 - Bowling: was in finance committee, couldn't add him to groupme because he never joined 74th senate groupme. With that I'll be voting to impeach
 - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Russell seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes #6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No: # 0
 - Abstain: # 0
 - **RESULT: Senator Thau is forwarded to Judiciary for impeachment**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Grant (Engineering Seat 3)
 - Total of 8.5 absences since 12/01/2021
 - Opening Statement:

- NOT IN MEETING
 - Questioning:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Closing:
 - NOT IN MEETING
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bowling: the one committee meeting he was in, he took minutes but I haven't heard from him since but that was a week ago. I think he hasn't been financially certified yet and I wish he was here to discuss with us why that is but with that I yield
 - Duchene: senator grant is brand new so I'll just say that we know there can be active senators from the college of engineering, we have a great one right now as Chair Russell knows, so this is disappointing.
 - Gonzalez: So, 8 absences since December 1st?
 - Nemeth: yes, one committee meeting and one final roll call
 - Gonzalez: did he get the 7 before he was suspended for financial certification?
 - Nemeth: it would be 7.5 absences
 - Myers: I think it's the same question of if we want to unsuspend and I do because it doesn't seem like there's a lot of effort
 - Gonzalez: According to statues, people are suspended after the two week grace period after inauguration to get financially certified. So technically after the 19th that means he didn't accumulate all those absences
 - Rowan: I agree with Gonzalez's assessment
 - Duchene: is that a loophole that can be closed with legislation?
 - Rowan: yes, through statutes about financial certification
 - Vote:
 - None
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Lessard (Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat 4)
 - Total of 7 absences since 12/01/2021
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hello Rules. I know we're not all unfamiliar with the "people first" phrase, students second, Senators third. The majority of those dates I was either sick or had to work. I work full time in college and take full time classes. My place of employment requires 6 weeks' notice for time off, so unfortunately things like the senate retreat that came out a little later I had to work so I missed. A couple other ones I was sick, I would say about only 2 ½ were for personal reasons, the others were because I was working or sick. While I take senate very seriously and I continue to sit in senate, life happened and that's what occurred. Yields 3:22
 - Questioning:
 - Gonzalez: POI to Chair Nemeth, when was the first meeting of the senate?

- Nemeth: December 1st
 - **Myers moves to enter round-table discussion; Gonzalez seconds**
- Closing:
 - I just want to say I appreciate being heard by Rules, I appreciate you taking your time. Unfortunately, life did happen, but I committed to the senate. I want to continue to show up and working for the student body. Thank you all for your time and I appreciate your patience.
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Russell: I will be voting to unsuspend this senator; I love having senator Lessard in IA. They are always asking questions, making motions and they've always been very engaged and involved. I would be upset to see this senator get impeached
 - Gonzalez: only two dates are excused, and the 9th isn't counted on this so does that mean they have 8 absences?
 - POI Nemeth: was there contact made for unexcused absences?
 - Nemeth: I believe there was. (Checked and they had contacted her twice)
 - Nemeth: It was the retreat not a meeting
 - Gonzalez: so, two are unexcused, two of them are final roll call so to me an absence for final roll call means that people just didn't stay on the call, and I don't really sympathize with that. The only way I would vote to unsuspend would be if we are very strict in the number of absences we provide going forward. We all work and find ways to figure it out and with COSSP there are so many people who want to take this spot, so I don't want to be lenient with this seat. I will only grant 3 absences if I vote to unsuspend
 - Bowling: I think that it's important to have student senators that work because they represent a good amount of the student body that do work full time jobs. Senator Lessard has provided so much for Senate and every time I've seen them, they've been involved and overall, we should vote to unsuspended.
 - Duchene: I was going to ask what they're plan was to be present more and I only had that question because Senator Lessard is very active when they're present, famous for objecting to things which I think is funny and I'm sad that they are no longer my colleague on fine arts. I am going to vote to unsuspend, but I am with the budget chair in that I will not give too many extra absences.
 - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes # 0
 - No: #6 [Chair(s) Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - Abstain: # 0
 - **RESULT: Senator Lessard is unsuspended**

- Gonzalez: since we have mental health days, if we give 3 it's 4, or if we give 2 it's 3. So how many do we want to give?
- Bowling: do work absences count as excused absences within senate?
- Myers: only university excused absences are senate excused, so no work absences are off
- Gonzalez: since they did not use their mental health day, and that is one and I want to provide 3. So what do you want to do?
- Myers: I say three with the extra mental health day, so four
- Bowling: I agree with Myers
- Gonzalez: you get two mental health days, so I only want to give them two.
- Myers: I agree
- **Gonzalez moves to allow Senator Lessard 2 more absences**
- **Senator Lessard is granted 2 more absences for the remainder of their term**

Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 9 sponsored by Chair Roy (P)

Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth:
 - Revamping the system for committee attendance. I will be sending a shared Google Sheet in our GroupMe, and I will expect the Chairs to input their committee attendance after each meeting. I apologize for putting one extra task on you, but it has been a mess to go back and check minutes, Senators have been moving committees like crazy, and some names have been missed from the minutes, so I think this will make everything move a lot more efficiently.
- Duchene:
 - Cinderella is opening, come see it! I may miss the next two senate meetings so I just wanted to throw that out there.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30pm

- <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/5689024475>

Adjourned: 6:53pm

Sarah Nemeth

Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth