



74th Student Senate

Rules and Calendar Committee

02/22/2022 at 8:15pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order: 8:19 pm

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Bowling (U) , Roy (U) , Duchene (U)

Guests: Jake DeChick, TJ Hockett

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary: Judiciary met at 7 pm on February 22nd. Judiciary passed Bill 9 amended, Bill 10, and Bill 13 unamended.
- Budget: Budget met at 5 pm on February 22nd.
- Finance: not present
- IA: Internal Affairs met at 7:30 pm on February 21st and began conducting bureau review. IA heard presentations from the Office of Governmental Affairs, the Inter-Residence Hall Council, and the Student Council for Accessibility and Advocacy. IA will begin deliberations February 28th at 7:30 pm.
- Student life: not present
- PAC: not present
- RTAC: RTAC met at 2:15 pm on February 22nd heard two RSOs. RTAC was only able to fund one RSO due to one of the RSOs not following financial code.

Committee Business:

- Jake DeChick – 74th Student Senate, Business Seat 4
- Tyler “TJ” Hockett – 74th Student Senate, Engineering Seat 1
- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
- Resolution 11 Sponsored by Senators Fronczak and Stewart (P) Beall, Nemeth (Co): Creating a distinguishable difference between excused and unexcused absences in Student Senate.
- Resolution 14 Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) Russell (Co): Proposed changes to Rule 13 regarding excused and unexcused absences, what is considered an excused absence, and changes to the allotted numbers of absences a Senator is given.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Jake DeChick – 74th Student Senate, Business Seat 4
 - Opening Statement:
 - “First I wanted to thank all the chairs that were able to attend tonight. Obviously I know it’s a requirement to attend but I still appreciate your time. I know you guys have a very busy week with elections coming up tomorrow. I just wanted to tell a little about myself. I’m a freshman, this is my first time applying to SGA, I was not a general body member in my high school’s SGA. I didn’t pursue an executive seat because I was focused with Boy Scouts of America and am an Eagle Scout. I’m very passionate about giving back to the community. That’s one of the biggest reasons I wanted to apply to represent my constituents in the College of Business. Not only do I really love talking to people and learning their stories and learning how we can make their life on campus better, I also represent a unique part of constituency, which is students that declare their majors as first or second year students. I graduated high school with my associates degree. For a lot of kids that’s a big jump going from a junior college or high school to your professional life. I really want to

represent the students because they probably don't know as many people. If I was confirmed, I'd be that voice for them.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Chair Russell:** Are you financially certified
 - **Candidate DeChick:** Yes, scored an 84
- General Questions:
 - **Chair Russell:** Do you have any ideas for legislation to represent your constituents?
 - **Candidate DeChick:** Yes I do. This is a program that has already been established, but having a mentor/mentee program for Senators from all different colleges. Alternative learning pathways are growing and this is something all colleges can benefit from.
 - **Chair Rider:** What would you say is your biggest weakness?
 - **Candidate DeChick:** I have the tendency to think in circles. When there is a problem I try to look at it as many ways as possible. Sometimes because of this I'll be missing the most obvious or appropriate answer. Overthinks solutions to problems, but believes this can be avoided by collaborating with fellow Senators.
 - **Chair Russell:** Can you name the five committees of the Senate and tell us what committee you would like to serve on?
 - **Candidate DeChick:** Budget, finance, internal affairs, judiciary, rules and calendar, and student life. I would definitely love to be a part of internal affairs or the finance committee.
 - **Chair Rider:** Besides the College of Business, are there any other communities that if elected to the Senate you would be representing?
 - **Candidate DeChick:** Any student I see on campus, I will be available to them. Just because I'm holding a business seat does not mean that I will close myself off to other students. More specifically, I also will represent College of Social Science and Public Policy students through my involvement in Phi Alpha Delta.
 - **Chair Russell:** What would you consider your greatest accomplishment?
 - **Candidate DeChick:** That's a great question. I don't like to limit myself, but my Eagle Scout project. When I was a sophomore in high school, I

worked with the Agricultural Science department at my school to develop a 16,000 sq/ft irrigation system.

- **Chair Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable; Chair Meyers seconds**

- Closing:

- Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate the dialogue. Hopefully I have this type of dialogue and more with other Senators if confirmed. To sum it up with something I learned in Boy Scouts, whenever you go camping and go to the woods one of the big rules is to leave the campsite better than you found it. My goal, if forwarded to Senate, is to leave the Senate better than how I found it, not to say anything about the current state of the Senate. I yield my time.

- Roundtable:

- **Chair Russell:** I will be voting yes on this candidate. He obviously is very well prepared and gave us great answers regarding ideas for legislation, knows about the five committees plus rules, and has an idea of what committee he would like to serve on. I think his experience with Boy Scouts definitely will aid him in helping with community projects and values that guide him. I encourage the committee to vote yes.
- **Chair Gonzalez:** I wanted to echo what Chair Russell said. He seems very prepared and I'll be voting yes as well.
- **Chair Gonzalez moves to call to question; Chair Myers seconds**

- Vote:

- Yes: 4 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider]
- No: 0
- Abstain
- **RESULT: THE CANDIDATE FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
SENATE SEAT 4 DOES PASS**

- Tyler "TJ" Hockett – 74th Student Senate, Engineering Seat 1

- Opening Statement:

- "Hello everyone. My name is TJ Hockett. I'm a freshman here at FSU and I come from Sarasota, Florida. A little bit about me, my dad graduated from FSU in 1991. He was very happy I chose this over Gainesville, I mean who would choose Gainesville? I'm studying biomedical engineering as a pre-med student, which is an interesting combination.

Last semester I was part of the Legislative Certification Program, which was funny because for a while they didn't know I was a participant. I met President Hunter and she talked to me over summer and was like "hey did you do some of the chart?" and I did most of the chart. I met former Pro-Tempore Wang and she was wonderful. That experience was pretty cool. I got to meet a couple Senators, I read the Chair Roy's Tyler Roy News. I thought that was pretty interesting someone could be so dedicated to make something people can read outside of their regular time. It seems like a really good community with a lot of people who are dedicated to making sure the right legislation is out there. I thought it would be a great community for me to be a part of. That's pretty much it, I'd love to be a part of it and I'd love to be a Senator for the College of Engineering as Seat 1."

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Chair Russell:** Are you financially certified?
 - **Candidate Hockett:** Yes
- General Questions:
 - **Chair Russell:** Do you have any experience aside from the Legislative Certification Program that you think will help you in Senate?
 - **Candidate Hackett:** Not directly with SGA, but I have been doing things that are engaging with student life. For example, I played intramural flag football which was fun and am an undergraduate research assistant with the College of Medicine. This has allowed me to learn how to communicate properly with faculty at FSU.
 - **Chair Rider:** What do you think is the greatest strength you have that you can bring to the Senate chamber?
 - **Candidate Hackett:** I think that my greatest strength is the ability to communicate really well. I was around a lot of competitive and gifted individuals in high school, but I learned that on a certain scale they became kind of inept at communicating. I learned that it was very important that while I'm here and learning I know how to talk clearly to people.
 - **Chair Russell:** How would you describe your conflict-resolution style?
 - **Candidate Hockett:** I don't know if I have an official title for it, but I think if there's a conflict then what I try to do first is understand the other side. A lot of people try to attack it, to try to compensate, because some conflicts can be very vulnerable. I think it's important to understand where someone is coming from and then figure out where the distance occurred and address it from there.
 - **Chair Russell:** Can you tell us the five committees of the Senate?
 - **Candidate Hockett:** Budget, finance, internal affairs, judiciary, student life
 - **Chair Myers moves to enter roundtable; Chair Russell seconds**
- Closing:

- All I'd like to say is that I think it would be a great experience for me and for others to collaborate on tons of matters, especially since the College of Engineering is so separate. It's kind of like an island, far away. I'd like to serve as a student engineer and reflect those values of us trying to repair machines to be a tool to repair anything in Student Government. I hope to become friends with a lot of you if I do get forwarded to the full Senate.
 - Roundtable:
 - Chair Russell: I will be voting yes on this candidate. He has shown dedication to knowing committees, he's been to Senate meetings, talked with our current President and former Pro-Tempore. He seems very excited and ready to learn.
 - **Chair Myers moves to call to question; Chair Russell seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 4- Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider
 - No: 0
 - Abstain 0
 - **RESULT: THE CANDIDATE FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING SENATE SEAT 1 DOES PASS**
- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P):
 - **TABLED**
- Resolution 11 Sponsored by Senators Fronczak and Stewart (P) Beall, Nemeth (Co):
 - **WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS**
- Resolution 14 Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) Russell (Co):
 - **TABLED**

Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
- Resolution 14 Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) Russell (Co)

Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth: get some rest, sleep tight.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:30pm

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

Adjourned: 8:51 PM

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Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth