



74th Student Senate

Rules and Calendar Committee

03/02/2022 at 5:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

Call to Order: 5:40

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent (Excused):

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

Guests: Jack Rowan, Senator(s) Fronzack, Lessard

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
 - Judiciary did not meet this week
- Budget:
 - Budget heard and passed bill 14 and tabled bill 20
- Finance:
 - Finance met and passed consent resolution 14
- Internal Affairs:
 - Absent
- Student Life:
 - Student life met last Thursday tabled bill 16 and passed bill 17
- PAC:
 - Absent
- RTAC:

- RTAC did not meet

Committee Business:

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
- 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.
- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Duchêne & Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson (P) Bettley, Diaz, Gonzalez, Little, Myers, Rivers, Russell, Wang (Co): Condemning the passage of the Florida Legislature's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and reaffirming our support for the LGBTQ+ community.
- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P) Wells (Co): To give an option for Statements of Dissent to be read aloud during Student Senate meetings.

Old Business:

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
 - **TABLED**
- Resolution 14 Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) Russell (Co): Proposed changes to Rule 13 regarding excused and unexcused absences, what is considered an excused
 - Opening Statement
 - Lessard: This resolution is straightforward. I am amending to make excused absence a half absence instead of a whole absence. We have students in performing arts that cannot skip their events. I have also changed the amount of allocated absences to 5.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
 - Gonzalez: Just to be clear this reduced the amount of absences to 5?
 - Lessard: Yes this would reduce the absence to 5, but it would also give a senator more leeway with excused absences. I would be friendly to an amendment to lower absences.
 - **Gonzalez moves to enter round-table; Meyers seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion

- Gonzalez: I do not like the work excuse because you can choose to not schedule your shift certain days
- DuChene: I have stressed the entire year about absences. I should have a great deal of absences due to my required major.
- Meyers: I agree but I hesitate to make a blanket statement about occupations.
- Lessard: My work requires a 6 week notice about scheduling availability. I included the work clause because it affected me.
- Gonzalez: I understand what the judiciary chair is saying in this case. The chair has discretion to enter an excused absence and I think this could be abused.
- Bowling: I would like to have this in writing just for certain cases.
- Myers: This can be an individual case, I am not sure how this can be in writing. This is more of a matter that should be handled individually.
- **Myers moves to strike 13.8 section 8**
 - Sponsor finds it friendly, no objections
- **DuChene moves to add Fronzak as a primary sponsor**
 - Sponsor finds it friendly, no objections
- **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
- Closing
 - Lessard: thank you for your input and tome on this resolution. I appreciate the input on the resolution and 13.8 clause 8. Thank you for being so accommodating.
- Vote
 - Yes: 5 [Myers, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 14 PASS**

New Business:

- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Duchêne & Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson (P) Bettley, Diaz, Gonzalez, Little, Myers, Rivers, Russell, Wang (Co): Condemning the passage of the Florida Legislature's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and reaffirming our support for the LGBTQ+ community.

- Opening Statement
 - DuChene: Hi everyone, this resolution condemns the passage of any bill that seeks to ban the discussion of sexual orientation. This was passed in student life and affirms support for LGBTQ+ groups on FSU. I spoke to the Pride Director and she was on board. The use of strong language is appropriate.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
 - **Gonzalez moves to enter round-table; Myers seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion
 - **Gonzalez moves to amend and add “Therefore” before the “be it resolved” clause.**
 - Myers seconds, sponsor finds it friendly, it passes
 - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Myers seconds**
 - Closing
 - DuChene: Waived
 - Vote
 - Yes: 5 [Myers, Gonzalez, Bowling, Duchene, Rider]
 - No 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 9 PASSES**
- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P) Wells (Co): To give an option for Statements of Dissent to be read aloud during Student Senate meetings.
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Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
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Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth: I realize that I am very strict with attendance.
- Rown: Parli pro crash course/new senator orientation will be on March 22nd

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30pm

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

Adjourned: 6:30pm

Sarah Nemeth

Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth