



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

### Rules and Calendar Committee

03/09/2022 at 5:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 568 902 4475

**Call to Order:** 5:37

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

**Members Tardy:**

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

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

**Guests:** Senator Diaz, Senator Suarez

#### **Announcements:**

- Pro-Tempore:
  - Land Acknowledgement
- Judiciary:
  - tabled 2 impeachment hearings, heard senator edgua, bill 14,15,17 passed 18 and 19 failed
- Budget:
  - tabled bill 20, bill 22 passes on floor tonight
- Finance: passed
  - CR 15, Bill 12
- Internal Affairs:
  - IA met Monday at 6:30 we have finally heard all bureaus for bureau review and will hold deliberations 3/21. we passed the candidate for FLI director. we are working on updates for the SGA application
- RTAC:

- Heard consent resolution 15 it was ammended in finance due to budget total issue.

### **Committee Business:**

- Jake Dechick - 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate, Business Seat 6
- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
- 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.
- Bill 15 Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Senators Barker, Beall, Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Fronczak, Gonzalez, Lessard, Little, Myers, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Rider, Rivers, Roy, Russell, Stewart, Soares, Suarez, Tsouroukdissian, Tucker, Wang, Weintraub (Co): Increasing internal accountability by closing statutory loopholes surrounding how long Student Senators may remain suspended for not being financially certified.
- Bill 21 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Duchêne, Lessard, Drackley (Co): Broadening language relating to the conditions by which a Student Senator may take a summer leave of absence.
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Garner (Music Seat 1)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Fox (Arts and Sciences Seat 5)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Williams (Business Seat 3)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Reeves (Criminology Seat 2)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Noel (Education Seat 2)
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Kaminsky (Undergraduate Studies Seat 15)

### **Old Business:**

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
  - **TABLED – SPONSOR IS ABSENT**
- 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.
  - Opening Statement

- Thank you taking the time to hear me out. I created this resolution because coming into senate I didn't know what statements of dissent were. After one was made no one knew where to find them. I tried to find them and failed. I wanted to make this to give senators the option to be read aloud. This would not be mandatory. This would be a courtesy. This is just another opportunity for senators to voice opinions.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions
  - Gonzalez- did this bill idea come from a senator who made a statement of dissent?
  - Answer- no
  - **Gonzalez move to enter roundtable; Myers seconded**
- Round-Table Discussion
  - Myers- I'm not opposed to this idea. I think people put time and effort into these statements. I like that it's not mandatory. However, I'm concerned because sometimes they are referencing a specific senator and I don't know if this is a good idea to put a senator on the spot. This might create a tense environment in the senate. Worried that this could be used to call someone out. I have a few concerns, but not opposed.
  - Gonzalez- I agree, the Florida senate doesn't do this. This is not read in the FL senate. All past statements have been targeted to a specific senator and I don't think we should be targeting senators. I don't like the environment this promotes. I'm not super opposed but concerned.
  - Bowling- I'm inclined to agree with the past Chair's. It looks like this could be under the discretion of the president but I do understand how this could potentially foster a toxic environment. I understand where both Chair's are coming from.
  - DuChene- I'm a little torn on this. I just wrote a statement and I would be happy to read it. My statement goes in the minutes. So only the senators on the floor will be hearing this. If something passes or doesn't pass that is the official capacity of the speaker. I don't know if we should be giving the speaker a full time to be giving their statement. The senator could be expressing this already in pro or con. For example, my statement was not about my bill it was about a member's behavior. I don't know if this is appropriate to present to the senate. I do admit if this was a thing I would use it. But it also could be used to target
  - Bowling- same boat as chair DuChene, nothing more I would love to have it read out loud however, this is not the environment we want to create in senate. I still think this could be used in a non-productive environment.
  - Gonzalez- I think this would open up a gate to create a hostile senate environment. I would not want to pass a bill that could chance the senate becoming toxic again.
  - Myers- I don't think statements of dissent are the hardest to find. Maybe we could make them more accessible.
  - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconded**

- Closing
  - I would like to pull my resolution after listening to debate
  - **RESOLUTION 18 IS WITHDRAWN**

**New Business:**

The candidate still has business seat 4, we discussed this but candidate still presented Jack Rowan was called and confirmed this was ok to hear him

- Jake DeChick – 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate, Business Seat 6
  - Opening Statement
    - Thank you for hearing me again, I have been excited and dedicated for the process. After coming to a few senate meetings im very excited to get educated and continue to build relationships with current senators. I know that the seat mix up was on my fault, however I still look forward to future senate.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
    - none
  - General Questions
    - **Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable; Myers seconds**
  - Closing
    - Thank you for expediting this process, I don't want to take so much of your time. I hope to be confirmed soon to help with senate.
  - Roundtable
    - Gonzalez- I can't express how upset/ embarrassed when all of this went down. I felt like everybody in senate and rules messed up so I want to keep this quick and easy to expedite.
    - Myers- we didn't ask you questions as we believe you are even more qualified since you went through this process twice now.
    - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
  - Vote
    - Yes: 5 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider, Bowling]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
    - **RESULT: CANDIDATE DOES PASS**

- Bill 15 Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Senators Barker, Beall, Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Fronczak, Gonzalez, Lessard, Little, Myers, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Rider, Rivers, Roy, Russell, Stewart, Soares, Suarez, Tsouroukdissian, Tucker, Wang, Weintraub (Co): Increasing internal accountability by closing statutory loopholes surrounding how long Student Senators may remain suspended for not being financially certified.
  - Opening Statement
    - This is the loop hole closure. This is closing the loop hole we ran into weeks ago regarding not being able to refer senators for impeachment if they have been suspended for not being financially certified. This closes this loop hole with financial suspension.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
    - None  
Gonzalez moved to round table myers seconded
  - Round-Table Discussion
    - Gonzalez- this is a really important bill. Past senators would just be suspended the entire time. This makes it fair for the senators who are putting in the effort.
    - Myers- I appreciate how the sponsor sees a problem and created legislation to fix it. This is what we are all about (move to call to question, Gonzalez seconded)
  - Closing
    - I wave my time
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 6 [Myers, Russell, Bowling, Gonzalez, Rider, DuChene]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
    - **RESULT: BILL 15 DOES PASS**
  
- Bill 21 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Duchêne, Lessard, Drackley (Co): Broadening language relating to the conditions by which a Student Senator may take a summer leave of absence.
  - Opening Statement
    - Hello, I love rules and calendar, this was passed in judiciary. It's easy if you read this bill. The current language in statutes about summer is too narrow. Plenty of students take summer classes not through distance learning and I think that our statutes should reflect our current practice
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions
    - None
    - **Myers moves to enter roundtable; Gonzalez seconded**
  - Round-Table Discussion
    - Myers- this is a great bill. This is something that has been in practice for a while so lets update the statutes to not break any rules
    - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconded**

- Closing
  - yielded
- Vote:
  - Yes: 6 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider, DuChene, Bowling]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
  - **RESULT: BILL 21 DOES PASS**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Garner (Music Seat 1)
  - Total of 9 absences since 12/01/2021
  - **TABLED – SENATOR GARNER IS EXCUSED**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Fox (Arts and Sciences Seat 5)
  - Total of 8.5 absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement
    - N/A, Senator Fox is absent
  - Questioning
    - N/A, Senator Fox is absent
  - Closing
    - N/A, Senator Fox is absent
  - Roundtable
    - Myers-This Senator seems uninterested, we need to move them out to get more accountability.
    - Gonzalez- On board with other chairs. This Senator doesn't seem to care about our time
    - Russell- Senator Fox rarely shows up to IA. she usually texts me about an hour before meetings with her reason. it usually is academic related, but never something mandatory like having class. she never gives much notice. when senator fox shows up she doesn't participate and she often leaves early. i don't believe she has participated in much legislation or in the whole senate. i don't know about her feelings towards IA/senate, so if anyone has any input please share. at this time i will be voting to forward for impeachment.
    - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Myers seconds**
  - Vote
    - Yes: 6 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider, DuChene, Bowling]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
    - **RESULT: SENATOR FOX IS FORWARDED TO JUDICIARY FOR IMPEACHMENT**
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Williams (Business Seat 3)
  - Total of 9 absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement

- Take the time to say thank you for putting this together. I do realize that I have had many absences due to occurring issues with other organizations im apart of but this is no excuse. I want to prioritize senate. Missing senate is no excuse
- Questioning
  - What other organizations are you apart of
  - Williams- three positions in sigma chi because we are new we have lots of training and I only get 48 hours in advance. 90% of the time that what occupies my time. My fraternity does have a weekly schedule. But with how head quarters is runnign right now we have been all over the place.
  - Russell- if unsususpended, how do you plan to make time for senate commitments?
  - Williams- I would get people to sit in meetings for me
  - Gonzalez- what do your fraternity meetings look like?
  - Williams- lots of speaking and organizing events
  - **Myers moves to enter roundtable; Gonzalez seconds**
- Closing
  - With me joining senate and greek life at the same time I realized I needed to plan my time better. If im allowed to stay in I willl reschedule the rest of this semester and the entire year
- Roundtable
  - Gonzalez- I'm concerned about this candidate. He hasn't been to budget in a month. He took a budget time schedule and has not communicated with me as Chair about his absences or schedule
  - Rider- We should give this senator a chance. He said he wants to make a better schedule and we need to allow him to. He has said he knows he made a mistake and wishes to improve upon himself.
  - Gonzalez- were his absences excused?
  - Russell- i think the best solution for this senator would be for him to be reassigned to a committee that fits his schedule. we are all very busy with different involvements. i think he seems like he still wants to be here. it's very showing that he's the only suspended senator here. i will be voting to unsuspend
  - Rider- Did his Budget chair reach out to him and his absences
  - Gonzalez- not yet I was next week before he was suspended
  - Myers- I think we need to hold accountability but we could always switch his committee. The sentora seems to have an interest in staying so we should give him mercy but think about changing his committee
  - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
- Vote
  - Yes: 0
  - No: 6 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, Rider DuChene, Bowling]
  - Abstain: 0
  - **RESULT: SENATOR WILLIAMS IS UNSUSPENDED**

Gonzalez- leaning towards 3 which would be 6 unexcused absences

Myers- agree, we have allocated 3 in the past

**Gonzalez moves to grant Sneator Williams 3 more absences; Myers seconds**

**Senator Williams is granted 3 absences**

- Suspension Hearing: Senator Reeves (Criminology Seat 2)
  - Total of 9.5 absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement
    - N/A, Senator Reeves is absent
  - Questioning
    - N/A, Senator Reeves is absent
  - Closing
    - N/A, Senator Reeves is absent
  - Roundtable
    - Myers- This one is a senator I could always count on, they have messaged me about when they can't miss. I trust they are listening and paying attention. How much do we value number of absences versus what they bring to senate
    - Gonzalez- I agree, the only reason they have been heard is when they show up. Some effort is there but needs more.
    - Gonzalez point of info- when did you email them
    - Nemeth- last Friday
    - **Myers moves to call to question; Gonzalez seconds**
  - Vote
    - Yes: 4 [Myers, DuChene, Bowling, Russell]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 2 [Gonzalez, Rider]
    - **RESULT: SENATOR REEVES IS FORWARDED TO JUDICIARY FOR IMPEACHMENT**
  
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Noel (Education Seat 2)
  - Total of 8.5 absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement
    - N/A, Senator Noel is absent
  - Questioning
    - N/A, Senator Noel is absent
  - Closing
    - N/A, Senator Noel is absent
  - Roundtable
    - Myers- They are also in judiciary and can count on them to be present, camera usually off and doesn't offer opinions much. I'm torn as the previous senator. Quality over quantity as they do offer a lot to judiciary
    - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Myers seconds**



- Vote
  - Yes: 4 [Russell, Gonzalez, Rider, Bowling]
  - No: 1 [DuChene]
  - Abstain: 1 [Myers]
  - **RESULT: SENATOR NOEL IS FORWARDED TO JUDICIARY FOR IMPEACHMENT**
  
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Kaminsky (Undergraduate Studies Seat 15)
  - Total of 7 absences since 12/01/2021
  - Opening Statement
    - N/A, Senator Kaminsky is absent
  - Questioning
    - N/A, Senator Kaminsky is absent
  - Closing
    - N/A, Senator Kaminsky is absent
  - Roundtable
    - Gonzalez- POI, what committee is he in
    - Nemeth- student life
    - Gonzalez- what is he like in committee
    - DuChene- He has only been to one, after first absences he didn't say why he would not come in the future. Attendance is spotty
    - Russell- seems to like senate but frustrating that his actions don't match up with words. Very torn on his participation
    - Gonzalez- I don't know about his senate presence
    - Russell- Why is he missing do you know his Chair?
    - DuChene- He has only told me twice when he was missing
    - Gonzalez- Going to vote yes
    - Bowling- If someone says I won't miss anymore meetings, but still does, we should vote yes
    - **Gonzalez moves to call to question; Bowling seconds**
  - Vote
    - Yes: 5 [Myers, Russell, Gonzalez, DuChene, Bowling]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1 [Rider]
    - **RESULT: SENATOR KAMINSKY IS FORWARDED TO JUDICIARY FOR IMPEACHMENT**

#### Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P): Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.
- Suspension Hearing: Senator Garner (Music Seat 1)

#### Closing Announcements:

- Nemeth- Thank you for being active and engaged you are all appreciated
- Myers- if you have anyone not liking your committee send them to me, We need help and have a lot of work coming through and we need more conversations.
- Gonzalez- budget is now down to 5 so also please send us senators
- Bowling- Finance also needs more senators
- Russell- Bureau reviews after spring break, please come and learn

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm

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

**Adjourned:** 7:00



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**Signature of Pro-Tempore Nemeth**