



**74th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 5:00pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014**

Call to Order: 5:02pm

Members Present: Carter, Hakmon, St. Hillaire, Weintraub, Beall, Alaimo, Soares, Masters, Hitchcock, Barrett, DuChêne

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Williams (U)

Guests: Senator Suarez

Weintraub moves to adopt the rules of procedure, Beall seconds, no objections

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Announcements:

This will be our last SL meeting of the Spring semester, so thank you for being here, and I'm so excited to work with you all in the Fall!

Committee Business:

- **Bill #35, Bill #47, Resolution #35**

Chair skips Old Business at the request of Bill #47 Sponsor

New Business: Bill #47, Resolution #35

- **BILL #47 - Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P), Senator Wells (Co)
To allow first-year college students to represent their peers despite being enrolled in their University Division.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):
- Suarez: A little bit about my bill. It was originally passed and amended in student life and failed in Judiciary. I adopted the amendments from student life when I resubmitted it.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
- **Weintraub moves to enter round-table discussion; Beall seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Soares has a POI to the sponsor:** What was the primary reason this failed in its previous form?
- Suarez: It failed in judiciary with two no's and one yes. Members of judiciary did say they wanted it to be heard on the floor but unfortunately the vote did fail it.
- **Beall has a POC:** I was chairing the judiciary meeting and everything the sponsor said was correct.
- St. Hillaire: I really like this bill, I think it gives more individuals an opportunity to join senate.
- Soares: I agree, I think this just opens more doors for more people to get involved and makes it easier for them if they are uncomfortable about running.
- **DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor:** Did any party official or any other non-senator help you in writing this bill?
- Suarez: No
- **DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor:** Are first year students who are enrolled in their university divisions eligible to vote for Undergraduate Studies candidates
- Suarez: No
- **DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor:** What is the constituency of our undergraduate studies senators?
- Bella: First year students
- **DuChêne has a POC:** The constituency of our undergraduate studies senators are students who are not yet enrolled in their academic division.
- **DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor:** I am going to phrase a hypothetical. If an individual is enrolled in their university division and that university division historically is not easy to win with the party they are running with, do you believe they should be allowed to chose to run in undergraduate studies to circumvent that election in those university divisions?

- Suarez: I think that, back to something that I previously stated, to be able to circumvent any process you can go as far as to say that someone seeking a dual degree could do that. To the same sentiment of your hypothetical, I think it's a case by case basis.
- **DuChêne has a POI:** I promise this is my final point. My question to the sponsor is, do you agree with the following statement: Students who are in dual-degree programs get to choose which college they run for because they are enrolled in two separate academic units which falls under the constituency jurisdiction of Senate, whereas first year students who are enrolled in their majors do not get to choose which seat they run in, because undergraduate studies is not a major or degree path?
- Suarez: Statutorily yes, I do agree, but this would be allowing that same process.
- **Carter has a POI to the sponsor:** This is a similar question to what was just asked but I was wondering if you think there is a difference between a student choosing to run between their dual-degree program options such as COSSPP and Arts & Sciences, and choosing to run between COSSPP and Undergrad, and if so, could you describe what you think their differences would be?
- Suarez: Yes, so, I believe there is a firm difference. I will give myself as an example. I am a COSSPP senator and I have taken maybe one COSSPP class, as I transferred in, and I am taking majority undergraduate university required classes. So, this bill would not apply to me, but it would apply to the first years that are in their major, so I think the parallels are very different. You can enter as a first year student and have the majority of your credits done and you can be taking predominantly undergraduate classes and that would be your undergraduate constituency.
- **St. Hillaire has a POI:** This only applies to non-transfer first year students, correct?
- Suarez: Yes, we adopted that amendment in student life before.
- **Carter has a POI to the sponsor:** For example, I have these transfer credits because I came in with all these credits and would this be mitigated by the first year point?
- Suarez: Yes, so you would not be allowed to run under this bill because you have experience in college therefore you are no longer a first year. That's where we get into the verbiage of freshman, sophomore so on.
- **St. Hillaire has a POI to the sponsor:** So, I came in with my AA but was accepted as a first-year student. I came in as a junior, so I understand that I am considered to be a junior, but I am a first year. So, I find this to be confusing. A student could be accepted as a first-year student - no issues - but a student could be denied and sent an application to transfer and be accepted. So, this wouldn't apply to those students?

- Suarez: So, to clarify your question, the two cases would be one of a first year student with credits who was accepted and the other of a student who was denied with no college experience and transfers in. So, if the student who was denied and received their transfer from their high school then they would be accepted under this bill but if the credits come in from a community college then they would be denied under this bill.
- **Beall has a POI to senator St. Hillaire and reserves a follow up:** What school do you fall under, are you considered undergrad or are you under a certain school?
- St. Hillaire: I am considered undergrad because I was one credit off.
- Beall: My follow up is to say this out loud: I am the exact same as the previous senator. I came in with my AA but am considered an undergrad so this bill kind of makes that confusing. I do see the point of the bill its just confusing in my eyes.
- **Soares moves to call the question; Barrett seconds**
- Closing Statement: Personally, I wanted to thank you all for your points and questions especially you chair as they always keep me thinking which is the entire point of senate. I do understand all of your concerns although I do think they can be worked out potentially in judiciary or on the senate floor. Overall, I just want to make senate a more open place and they can represent whatever they feel more comfortable in.
- Vote:
 - Yes: **1** Voter Names: Carter
 - No: **5** Voter Names: Hakmon, St. Hillaire, Soares, Masters, Barrett
 - Abstain: **4** Voter Names: Weintraub, Beall, Alaimo, Hitchcock
- **RESULT: BILL #47 DOES NOT PASS**
- **RESOLUTION #35 - Sponsored by Senator Barrett (P)**
The College Leadership Council Funding Committee's recommendation of allocation of funds for the 2022-23 school year from the 2022-23 budget line for College Leadership Councils
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Barrett: Hello student life. This resolution comes from President Hunter asking me to serve on the College Leadership Council funding Committee this past Friday. The committee consists of two senators, two members of the executive branch and the student body treasurer. We were given 10000 from the 2022-23 line item for College Leadership Councils to allocate for next school year. Per statutes the committee reaches out to all of the CLC's, and they come and give a presentation on events and things they are hosting in the year and ask for a

certain portion of the money. A senator on the committee then writes a resolution that must be submitted within 7 days of meeting to then have the senate approve or disapprove our allocations. Some CLC's did not come to present so in the resolution I stated which came and asked for money. This doesn't technically move any of the funds I believe a bill is passed maybe to do that, but this is just showing our suggestions.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; Weintraub seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- Soares: I'm in favor of this, as the sponsor said this doesn't really do anything with the money it just is whether we agree with or not.
- St. Hillaire: I am also in favor of this. All of the events being put on would be really beneficial to all students.
- **Soares moves to call the question; Beall seconds**
- Closing Statement:
- Barrett: Thank you all for looking at this. I believe it goes to budget next for them to approve.
- Vote:
 - Yes: **9** Voter Names: Beall, Soares, Carter, St. Hillaire, Hitchcock, Masters, Weintraub, Alaimo, Hakmon
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **1** Voter Names: Barrett
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #35 PASSES**

Chair returns to Old Business

Old Business: Bill #35

- **BILL #35 - Sponsored by Senator Beall (P), Senator Hunter (Co)**
To complete funding for Bill 88 that was paused in the 73rd senate to install one large picnic bench outside of the Rovetta building. The amount listed would be used to cover freight and installation costs of the table.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Beall: So sorry it has taken me so long to come to student life, life happens and scheduling issues. This bill is pretty simple, its just to install one large picnic table, I'm not sure exactly where, somewhere outside of the Rovetta building. A couple facts about this picnic table, it is black, so it matches all the other picnic

tables, and It is ADA accessible. I actually did not come up with this idea, it was brought up by a senator in the 73rd senate who unfortunately termed out it kind of rolled over and I got selected to pick it up and work on finish getting it funded. It did get funded in the 73rd senate \$3,102.25 because that's originally how much they thought it was going to be but unfortunately it wasn't enough. Facilities came back and told them it was not enough money and that they need an additional \$1200 to finish shipping and installing the picnic bench. That is all and I am open to any questions.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; Hitchcock seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **POI Hakmon:** You said you are not sure where it will be located?
- Beall: No, I do not currently know where it will be located. I had been brought to this by mostly emails and they do not say where the exact location is.
- **POI St. Hillaire:** We know around when this picnic table would be installed?
- Beall: That's a great question. I do not have a specific time because they wanted to wait until they got the funding but I do plan on seeing this when its done so I will be getting that information if this gets passed and will let you know.
- **POI Hitchcock:** Do we know who exactly decides where exactly it goes?
- Beall: I can try to answer this and if anyone else knows they can interject. It was done by the first impressions project, and it was brought to me by administration and facilities as well. There are a few different people trying to install this, so I do not know exactly.
- Soares: I like how it is ADA accessible to include everybody.
- **Weintraub moves to call the question; Soares seconds**
- Closing Statement:
- Beall: I wont be long but thank you for all of your questions, I will try to find the answers to all of those.
- Vote:
 - Yes: **10** Voter Names: Carter, Hakmon, St. Hillaire, Weintraub, Beall, Alaimo, Soares, Masters, Hitchcock
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**

- **RESULT: BILL #35 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Soares: I just want to urge all the new senators to take advantage of speaking in committee. It can be kind of nerve wracking to talk in front of all of senate and in committee its nice to get that practice and it's a really comfortable atmosphere especially with Chair DuChêne.
- DuChêne: Great first meeting! I really appreciate and commend all of your questions. It was a great great meeting.

Next Meeting: Undetermined

Adjourned: 5:54 pm



Signature of Chair, Patrick A. DuChêne