



75th Student Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, 25th January 2023 at 5:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Members Present: Pro-Tempore DuChêne, Chair(s) Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Excused ½ Absence Widmann

Guests: President Diaz, Senators White, Newsome

Land Acknowledgement: The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - I have not yet finished the Rules of Procedure, so hopefully we can have those soon, but some other initiatives have been a priority
 - Please be sure to update the Central Committee Attendance sheet after every committee meeting, and please edit the header of each section with the date that you met, so that I can easily update everyone's attendance status

- Leadership is looking at having our Senate orientation/training on Monday, 13 February
- Judiciary: Chair Kariher
 - Committee met and passed Bill 8.
- Internal Affairs: Chair McMahon
 - Committee met and passed 7 candidates, failed Bill 6, and passed Bills 8 and 9.
- Budget: Chair Bettley
 - Committee is meeting tomorrow at 3:15pm to do budget orientation and hear one piece of legislation.
- Finance: Chair Pedraja
 - Committee met last night at 6:00pm and passed CR 7 and 8.
- Student Life: Chair Carter
 - Committee met Friday at 3pm and passed Res. 7.
- Programming Allocations: Chair Wyatt
 - Committee met and passed CR 7.
- Resource for Travel Allocations: Chair Widmann
 - Committee met and passed CR 8.
- Members of the Public
 - No announcements

Committee Business:

- **Confirmations:** None
- **Bills for Consideration:** None
- **Resolutions for Consideration:** Resolution #7, Resolution #8, Resolution #9
- **Suspension Hearings:** None
- **Censure Repercussion Hearings:** None
- **Leave of Absence Requests:** None

Old Business:

- None

New Business: Resolution #7, Resolution #8, Resolution #9

- **Resolution #7 - Sponsored by Senators White, Newsome. Co-Sponsored by Senators Walerio, Dlugos, Wyatt, Brewer, Boisvert, Barrett, King, Hockett, Malone:**
A Thank you to the FSU Police Department and the Tallahassee Police Department.

Creating a Liaison position to facilitate stronger communication with the local law enforcement community.

- Opening Statement (5 minutes):
 - White: Thank you for having us. This is straightforward and thanking FSU PD and recognizing them and creating a liaison, which we do not currently have. They keep us safe and protect us all on campus, and this will provide us an opportunity to understand their policies. The FSU PD Chief supports this, and we want to facilitate stronger relationships to show we appreciate them.
- Question Period:
 - Carter: Was there an event that inspired this?
 - White: The shooting at Clyde's made me feel like they should be honored.
- Kariher moves to enter deliberations, McMahon seconds, no objections
- Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):
 - Kariher: This is a personal view but also that of the communities I represent. I know when the agencies release statements, they have to include content warnings for mentions of the police, so I'm not sure a resolution commemorating the police is smart when we could isolate those groups that have trauma related to that. Also Tallahassee PD is one of the worst in the country. They use 99% more force in arrests than the rest of the country and target black people way more than other police departments. I feel this is tone deaf with Cop City in Atlanta and recent relations with police force. I'm not sure if you've consulted the MRU, but we have a liaison for them that is a direct link to FSU PD.
 - Chair DuChêne Point of Clarification: MRU and SAFE Connection are FSU PD affiliates that we have connections with and liaisons for.
 - McMahon: I want to speak in favor, because there are national issues but FSUPD has been responsive in various incidents in Tallahassee.
 - Pedraja: I live on College Ave., which is scary with recent shootings. I support this.
 - Chair DuChêne Point of Information to the sponsor: Have you spoken with President Diaz about the creation of this position?
 - White: Yes.

- Widmann: I'm from a first-responder family. I think this has a good motive, but I'm not sure this is the best way to support them. I'm on the fence.
- Carter Point of Information to the sponsor: Are Tallahassee PD and FSU PD related?
- White: They are separate entities.
- Bettley: I think educating the students on the FSU PD policies is good, but we can do that in a way that doesn't commemorate the police. Something similar could establish a liaison and education.
- DuChêne Point of Information to the sponsor: Have you spoken to the Student Body President about this, since he works with MRU and SAFE Connection?
- White: I haven't spoken with him.
- Wyatt: Can I comment on this since I'm a cosponsor?
- DuChêne: You can comment.
- Wyatt: I'm in support of this bill. I think it's great to recognize them. There are issues with the police, but I don't know about anything on this campus that causes us to not want to commemorate them.
- Carter: I'm concerned that this sets a precedent making it to where we must thank every campus entity for doing their job. Not saying that's not a valiant effort but might not be the best use of the Student Senate's energy.
- Kariher: With the recent threats of shootings, police force did nothing to communicate that to Pride, and we're meeting with people to talk about that. The Tallahassee PD is one of the worst and most corrupt, and I don't feel comfortable recognizing their actions
- Diaz: Administrative note: if there is anything that could be amended, we should do that in committee.
- DuChêne: I have concerns, purely on semantic grounds – separate from any ideological feelings I may have. This legislation is, with all due respect, incoherently written.
- DuChêne Point of Information to the sponsor: what are the unique purposes of each whereas clause that make it a coherent resolution?
Nearly all of these clauses are inconsistent.

- White: We spent hours writing this bill to try to perfect grammar. I read over 20 resolutions before this to write this, but we're willing to have amendments made.
- DuChêne: Do you not want to send this to anyone? Typically there is a "be it further resolved" clause stating who the resolution will be sent to.
- White: Yes, we'll do amendments.
- Widmann: Does FSU PD need permission from administration to make statements?
- Kariher: They're their own entities, so they can do anything.
- Pedraja moves to amend, Carter seconds:
 - Add "be it lastly further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
 - Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
 - Sam Diaz, Student Senate President
 - Patrick DuChêne, Student Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - Rhonda Harris, Chief of Police, Assistant Vice President for Public Safety
 - Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment adopted
- Carter: This is going off of what Chair Kariher was saying, but certain groups are often victimized by the negligence of the police. I'm not saying that FSU PD is negligent in every case, but I have known individuals who have experienced that. Especially considering recent events and what Chair Kariher mentioned, I just don't feel comfortable with the timing of this bill.
- Widmann moves to amend:
 - Add "Lawrence Revell, Tallahassee Chief of Police" to the last clause
 - Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment adopted
- Kariher moves to call the question, Bettley seconds, Widmann objects
 - Widmann makes point of parliamentary procedure: I want a second on my amendment.
 - Kariher withdraws.
- Kariher seconds Widmann's amendment.
- Kariher moves to call the question, Bettley seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement:

- Newsome: Thank you for taking the time; we're excited about it and hope for support.
 - White: We want to reiterate that we're thankful for your support.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **4 McMahon, Pedraja, Wyatt, Widmann**
 - No: **3 Kariher, Bettley, Carter**
 - Abstentions: **0**
 - **SHOW THE RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Resolution #8 - Sponsored by Senator Carter. Co-Sponsored by Senator Folwell:**

This resolution will amend the Student Senate Rules of Procedure to reflect a change to attendance policy made through Bill 84 of the 74th Student Senate.

 - Opening Statement (5 minutes):
 - Carter: This makes it to where the statutory amendment made in the 74th Senate is reflected in our ROP.
 - Question Period:
 - Pedraja: What used to be the rule?
 - Carter: If the President called a special session, absences would count against Senators. With Bill 84, it made it to where excused absences wouldn't count negatively. This resolution makes it to where that Bill also pertains to the ROP.
 - Wyatt moves to enter deliberations, Kariher seconds, no objections
 - Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):
 - Diaz: We could add unilaterally at some point to make it more clear.
 - Kariher moves to call the question, McMahon seconds, no objections
 - Closing Statement:
 - Carter: Thank you guys so much.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **6 Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Wyatt, Widmann**
 - No: **0**
 - Abstentions: **0**
 - **SHOW THE RESOLUTION PASSES**

- **Resolution #9 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz:** Amending the Senate Calendar in the Rules of Procedure to align with current practice.
 - Opening Statement (5 minutes):
 - Diaz: I encourage you to look at our ROP, because they don't match our current practices. No advisor announcements, statements of dissent, etc. and this resolution adds those. In addition, I added a "Report of Senate Officers" at the beginning. "Introductions and Announcements" always confused me, so that's why I did that.
 - Question Period:
 - N/A
 - Pedraja moves to enter deliberations, Kariher seconds, no objections
 - Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):
 - Kariher: Can we change the letters to numbers?
 - Diaz: It's typically numbers to letters, but we could compromise and use bullets.
 - Kariher: I just don't like double letters.
 - DuChêne: Why?
 - Kariher: I just feel like it looks silly.
 - Diaz: I feel like we could just compromise at bullets.
 - Kariher: I'll just leave it.
 - Carter moves to call the question, Pedraja seconds, no objections
 - Closing Statement:
 - Waived.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **6 Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt**
 - No: **0**
 - Abstentions: **0**
 - **SHOW THE RESOLUTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- DuChêne: I think that Res 7. is poorly written, so if anyone wants to come help me try to revise that, I will be in my office.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at 5:30pm on Zoom

Adjourned: 6:17pm

P. DuChêne

Signature of President Pro-Tempore Patrick A. DuChêne