



## 75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Rules Committee

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 5:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014**

**Call to Order: 3:32PM**

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

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** President Diaz, Senator Folwell, Senator Anderson, Madeline Severy, Dylan Patel-Qadir, and Emily Hall

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**Announcements:**

- Pro-Tempore:
  - Thank you for bearing with me today as I'm currently out of the office. Additionally, special thanks to Chair McMahon for Pro-Temping this evening!
  - Welcome to our candidates and thank you to Senators Anderson for being here, it is very meaningful that you came to see us today.
- Judiciary: Representative Maglin

- Committee met and passed Bill 17 unamended and forwarded Senator Bozeman for Impeachment.
- Internal Affairs: Chair McMahon
  - Committee met and passed a candidate for confirmation.
- Budget: Chair Bettley
  - Committee met and passed Bills 18 and 19.
- Finance: Chair Pedraja
  - Committee met and passed CR 13 and CR 14.
- Student Life: Chair Carter
  - Committee met and passed Bills 18 and 19.
- Programming Allocations: Chair Wyatt
  - Committee met and passed Consent Resolution 14, funding Chabad at FSU, Classical Guitar Society, Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity, Relay for Life of FSU, and Friday Night Live.
- Resource for Travel Allocations: Chair Widmann
  - Committee met and passed Consent Resolution 13, funding the American String Teachers Association.
- Members of the Public
  - None

**Committee Business:**

- **Confirmations:** Madeline Severy for Student Senate: Undergraduate Studies Seat #2, Dylan Patel-Qadir for Student Senate: Undergraduate Studies Seat #8
- **Bills for Consideration:** Bill #17
- **Resolutions for Consideration:** Resolution #16
- **Suspension Hearings:** Senator Autumn Anderson (Crim-2), Senator Ryan Malone (Undergrad-22)
- **Censure Repercussion Hearings:** None
- **Leave of Absence Requests:** None

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:** Confirmation Hearing for Madeline Severy, Confirmation Hearing for Dylan Patel-Qadir, Bill #17, Resolution #16, Suspension Hearing for Autumn Anderson, Suspension Hearing for Ryan Malone

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Madeline Severy for Student Senate Undergraduate Studies Seat #2**
  - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
    - Hi everyone, My name is Maddy, I am a first year International Affairs major. In my first semester at FSU I fell in love with the campus and I have developed a passion for helping the community that I am a part of.
    - I am hoping to join an appointed position to ensure that students voices are being heard and look forward to answering any questions you have for me.
  - Question Period
    - McMahon: Reading through your application, one of your goals was to connect student government to the larger student body, do you have any specific ideas to push that goal?
      - One of the best ways we have reached people I think Social media is a good way but I think that reaching out to the student body in a more personal way is very important.
      - The Student Senate and SGA help to put on a lot of events so I would love to help spread awareness to those events.
    - Maglin: Point of Information to Pro-Tempore: If appointed the candidate serve through the spring?
      - Yes to the candidate would serve until Spring Inauguration.
  - Closing Statement
    - It was great to talk to everyone and understand what you do and share some of the things that I hopefully can do in the Senate.
  - Round-Table Deliberation (15 minutes)
    - McMahon: I want to voice my support for the candidate, I believe that she has a passion for leadership and would be a great candidate for the Senate.
    - Carter: I would also like to speak in support of this candidate, she is very passionate and empathetic and I think it says a lot about her character that she is continuing to find ways to join the Senate,
    - Bettley: Even though her time will be short in senate, I am excited to see the work that she would like to do.
    - Maglin: I would like to echo the sentiments of all former senators.

- Pedraja moves to call the question, McMahon seconds, no objections
- Vote:
  - Yes: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
  - No: **0**
  - Abstentions: **0**

**○ RESULT: SHOW THAT MADELINE SEVERY IS FORWARDED TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR CONFIRMATION**

**• Candidate for Confirmation: Dylan Patel-Qadir for Student Senate Undergraduate Studies Seat #8**

- Opening Statement (3 minutes)
  - Hi, my name is Dylan and I want to thank you for the time you have taken to speak to me today and thank you for the hard work you do to improve our school. I want to join SGA for the same reasons I would like to summarize why I should be appointed to Senate, the reason I applied to be an undergraduate Senator is because I want to get a better understanding of all forms of government. Currently, I am a sophomore studying criminology with interests in attending law school. One requirement to do that is to understand the law, so with this position, I will use my knowledge to understand what it means to represent the student body. Another reason is to improve my public speaking and communication skills. Being a good public speaker is a key asset to get a point across, being in a position like this will amplify those skills. My third reason for wanting to be in this position is my eagerness to obtain this position. My goal is to represent and support the student body and that is only possible when I am fully committed to the role. This opportunity will also allow me to understand time management and give the best possible “me” to the Student Senate. My last reason is a goal that I have where I want to start a new project that will help the safety of the Student Body overall, and that plan is that with the help of the student senate, we can make a geographic information system for FSU and allow for students to see what crimes are being reported around campus and learn more about these crimes and understand where crimes are happening the most.
- Question Period

- NONE
- Closing Statement
  - Even though you didn't have any questions for me, how you go about this process shows that you are determined to have the best candidate for these positions, and this experience will not be taken lightly. Although I do not have experience or knowledge about student government, I am hoping to gain some, and I am confident that I can be a good representative of the student body and am eager to serve them, thank you.
- Round-Table Deliberation (15 minutes)
  - Widmann: I am in full support of this candidate, I know that Chair Bettley and I have spoken about this before, and that is a project that we have been looking at starting following some issues regarding safety at college campuses across the nation. This is something that we could hopefully partner with you on if you are confirmed tonight, and I appreciate you finding ways to better the campus.
  - McMahon: I am in support of this candidate and echo the sentiments of the former speaker. I think he has a lot of great ideas, and even though he may not have experience, I think he will do amazing things.
  - Bettley: I support this candidate and I appreciate that he is coming into the senate with a project idea in mind, and like a fellow Chair said, I would be excited to work with you.
- Bettley moves to call the question, McMahon seconds, no objections
- Vote:
  - Yes: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
  - No: **0**
  - Abstentions: **0**

○ **RESULT: SHOW THAT DYLAN PATEL-QADIR IS FORWARDED TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR CONFIRMATION**

- **Bill #17 - Sponsored by Senators DuChêne and Folwell, Cosponsored by Senators Anandjiwala, Boisvert, Carter, Chehaitli, Dale, LoBianco, Maglin, McEntyre, McMahon, St. Hilaire – This bill makes the willful misrepresentation of oneself in**

**an official capacity as a representative or potential representative of the Student Government Association a violation of the SGA Code of Ethics.**

- Opening Statement (5 minutes):
  - Folwell: Hi everyone, this is to update the Code of Ethics to include something that I believe is pretty non-controversial.
  - This pretty much means lying to get into office is a violation of the code of ethics.
  - This is not an effort to attack any specific individual in student government, this is only to ensure no one lies or purger themselves to get into office.
- Question Period:
  - Wyatt: What would be the punishment if someone was found guilty of this?
    - Statue 205.6 states that the Student Supreme Court would assign punishment.
  - Wyatt: Did anything inspire this change?
    - I don't think anyone here is under the illusion that there weren't some individuals in SGA that were being scrutinized very closely, and there have been allegations made, and one thing that I realized was if someone accused an individual of lying in order to get into office there is nothing you can do, and like I said this is not a way to get at someone, but I think it is necessary to have.
    - And after reading through statutes.
  - Widmann: Would this apply to all former actions as it takes effect, or would it be for future actions?
    - This would not apply retroactively; this would only be for future actions.
- Bettley moves to enter deliberations, Maglin seconds, no objections
- Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):
  - Bettley: I support this, we are in respectful positions and I think that they should be taken seriously so I think that it is important to reenforce these positions we hold.
- Wyatt moves to call the question, McMahon seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement:

- Thank you all, I don't think this is too controversial, I just think this would be good for improving the ethics codes.
  - Vote:
    - Yes: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
    - No: **0**
    - Abstentions: **0**
  - **SHOW THE BILL PASSES**
- **Resolution #16 - Sponsored by Senators Barret and Bettley, Cosponsored by Senator Dale – Amends the Senate Rules of Procedure to add Sustainable Campus and the FSU Food for Thought Pantry to the list of Senate liaisons.**
  - Opening Statement (5 minutes):
    - Bettley: This is not super necessary, however, the reason I want to add this to our Rules and Procedure because of how active sustainability has been on campus.
    - Sustainable campus has also reached out to request a permanent form of communication.
    - Food for Thought has also started to serve a larger number of students, so I believe that it is important to provide a form of communication.
  - Question Period:
    - None
  - Widmann moves to enter deliberations, Maglin seconds, no objections
  - Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):
    - Wyatt: If we were to do this, would this be necessary that it sets a precedent that we have to do it this way in the future, or is this just something to assure that we are making this position.
      - Diaz: If this is passed, I would be required by the rules to appoint these individuals.
    - Widmann: I love the idea of this and think it is important to work with the groups that are serving a large position of the FSU community. However, if we were to pass this and make it a requirement, this could lead to the position being vacant.
    - Carter: I understand Chair Widmann's point, but at the same time I think that that is a bridge we can cross when we get there. I don't think that anyone is against the idea of implementing these positions, but I feel that

at some point that we can't fill the liaison positions, I think that is something we can handle when we get there. But for now, I think these would be worthwhile positions to make connections to these entities.

- Widmann moves to call the question, Maglin seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement:
  - I appreciate the concerns that were addressed because they were concerns I had while I was drafting this legislation; however, I think it is important to set a precedent regardless on if all positions are filled because the ones that are in our rules and procedure are the only ones that are required to be filled every Senate, so I want to ensure that these two entities constantly have input from the Student Senate.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
  - No: **0**
  - Abstentions: **0**
- **SHOW THE RESOLUTION PASSES**
- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Autumn Anderson (Criminology & Criminal Justice Seat #2)**
  - Declaration of Absences
    - Senate Meeting Mental Health Day #1 9/07 (0) = 0
    - PT Nemeth Calculated Committee Absences as of 10/13 (1.5) = 1.5
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Half Absence 10/19 (0.5) = 2
    - PT Nemeth Calculated Absences as of 10/26 (1) = 3
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 11/12 (1) = 4
    - Senate Meeting Mental Health Day #2 11/16 (0) = 4
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 2/08 (1) = **5**
  - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
    - Hi guys, thank you for letting me move forward in the calendar. The last absence was my fault to excuse my absence. However, my previous absences were all in the last semester and I changed my schedule to be more involved and to make sure I can attend senate, and my committee.
  - Question Period (15 minutes)
    - Bettley: Are you a Spring or Fall seat?
      - Spring

- Widmann: What committee are you in?
    - Internal Affairs
  - Widmann: Do you have any conflicts to attend that meeting?
    - Not anymore
  - Wyatt: How many more absences would you need?
    - None, I should be able to attend them all.
- McMahon moves to enter deliberations, Pedraja seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement (Remainder of Opening Time)
  - Thank you for hearing me out and unlocking the calendar for me.
- Deliberations (15 minutes)
  - McMahon: Senator is an active member of Internal Affairs, and I would not support forwarding for impeachment.
  - Bettley: I am in favor of granting the Senator a few more absences for the remainder of her term, and I think that it shows that she still came to the orientation on Monday even though she is not re-running. I believe that she is dedicated and wants to make Senate a priority for the rest of her term.
  - Widmann: I agree with what the former Senators have said, I think it means a lot that the Senator was able to move her schedule in order to make Senate a priority, and that she would like to finish her term strong within the 75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate, so I would not support impeachment.
  - Maglin: I just sat in on an impeachment hearing in my own committee, which is Judiciary, and the fact that this Senator has shown up to the Rules committee before being forwarded means a lot about how she cares about senate, and I am surprised to see her here, I feel like I see her at every meeting.
- Pedraja moves to call the question, Maglin seconds, no objections
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yae to Forward, Nay to Unsuspend)
  - Yes: **0**
  - No: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR ANDERSON IS UNSUSPENDED**
- Unsuspension Only: New Absence Deliberations (5 minutes)

- Bettley: I would support granting the Senator 1 or 2 more absences since her term is about to end.
    - Widmann: I would support granting 2 more absences to the Senator, she did state that she had a work conflict and I know she works in housing and I used to work in housing as well, and sometimes you just can't get around it and do have to go to work.
  - Pedraja moves to grant the Senator 2 additional absences, Widmann seconds, no objections
- **Senator Anderson is granted 2 additional absences**
- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Ryan Malone (Undergraduate Studies Seat #22)**
  - Declaration of Absences
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Half Absence 10/05 (0.5) = 0.5
    - Senate Meeting Mental Health Day #1 10/12 (0) = 0.5
    - Senate Meeting Excused Half Absence 10/26 (0.25) = 0.75
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 11/09 (1) = 1.75
    - Budget Committee Excused Absence 11/29 (0.5) = 2.25
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 1/25 (1) = 3.25
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 2/01 (1) = 4.25
    - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 2/08 (1) = **5.25**
  - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
    - Hi everyone, Last semester I got 2 absences, and these absences were due to a lot of other extracurriculars the last two weeks with work, Line Dance, and Relay for Life, I have been very swamped recently. But I am working on my time management and really do want to finish out my term strong.
  - Question Period (15 minutes)
    - Bettley: As a member of the Budget committee, will your work schedule interfere with the current Budget committee meeting time?
      - No, I don't work on Thursday.
    - Widmann: I know you said you were affiliated with line dance as well, were the three consecutive absences you have due to Linedance specifically, or will you need to take another absence for Linedance?
      - I would most likely need one because the event is on a Wednesday from 5:30 – 8:00.

- Bettley moves to enter deliberations, Pedraja seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement (Remainder of Opening Time)
  - Thank you, guys, I am glad I made it in time.
- Deliberations (15 minutes)
  - Bettley: I would be in favor of granting the senator a few more absences, I think 2 would be good. Also, talking about Budget, I really think we can use all the help we can get.
- Pedraja moves to call the question, Widmann seconds, no objections
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yae to Forward, Nay to Unsuspend)
  - Yes: **0**
  - No: **7** (Maglin, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR MALONE IS UNSUSPENDED**
- Unsuspension Only: New Absence Deliberations (5 minutes)
  - None
- Bettley moves to grant the Senator 2 additional absences, Widmann seconds, no objections
- **Senator Malone is granted 2 additional absences**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Thank you all for a productive meeting; I will see you all next week!
- President Diaz: I will be appointing Senator Rivers to Judiciary and Senator Fineout to Internal Affairs

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 5:30pm on Zoom**

**Adjourned: 6:31 PM**

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**Signature of President Pro-Tempore Patrick A. DuChêne**