



75th Student Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 5:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014

Call to Order: 5:33

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

Members Tardy: None

Members Absent: None

Guests: Laura Chatellier, Senator Burton, Senator Lewis

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Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - I hope everyone had an okay Election Day. Just a reminder that we'll be in the ballrooms this evening.
- Judiciary: Chair Kariher
 - Committee met February 28th and passed Bill 29 unamended
- Internal Affairs: Chair McMahon

- Committee met February 27th and passed Bill 29 and Resolution 23 and all 3 candidates for confirmation
- Budget: Chair Bettley
 - Committee met last week and passed Bills 19, 20, 24, and 25
- Finance: Vice Chair White
 - Committee met February 28th and CR #16 and Bill 20 Amended
- Student Life: Chair Carter
 - Committee met February 24th and Resolution 23 unamended and 24 amended
- Programming Allocations: Chair Wyatt
 - Committee met February 27th and passed CR #16
- Resource for Travel Allocations: Chair Widmann
 - Committee did not meet
- Members of the Public
 - None

Committee Business:

- **Confirmations:** Student Senate: Laura Chatellier for College of Business Seat #5
- **Bills for Consideration:** None
- **Resolutions for Consideration:** None
- **Suspension Hearings:** Senator Deyona Burton (A&S-8), Senator Renn Lewis (HHS-1), Senator Nathaniel Birdsong (Undergrad-3), Senator Kevin Shasho (Undergrad-11)
- **Censure Repercussion Hearings:** None
- **Leave of Absence Requests:** None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Laura Chatellier for College of Business Seat #5**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
 - Laura Chatellier: Hi, I am a senior marketing and real estate major. I wanted to join SGA to leave the university a better place than I've found it. As a business seat, I want to be supportive and a good listener and be a good representative.
 - Yielded with 2:14 for closing

- Question Period
 - Chair McMahon: Can you elaborate the values you discussed in your application
 - I want to ensure that we are creating a larger student identity and comradery. If students are not a part of Greek Life, for example, it can be hard for them to feel this.
 - Chair Widman moved to enter roundtable. Motion failed.
 - Chair McMahon: When will you be graduating?
 - In the fall
- Chair McMahon moves to enter roundtable discussion, Chair Widmann seconds, no objections
- Closing Statement
 - Thank you for your consideration!
- Round-Table Deliberation (15 minutes)
 - Chair McMahon: I have a bit of hesitancy. The application looks a bit bare, and her interview did not seem to stand out.
 - Point of Information from Chair Widmann: I cannot find her application
 - Point of Clarification from Chair McMahon: It is on the Forwarding Letter under modules under 2.24 Forwarding Letter
 - Point of Clarification from Pro Temp: We currently have three open College of Business seat. She will be replacing JT Marting for Seat 5.
 - Chair Bettley: I think that filling up the senate is super beneficial even if she might not have concrete goals currently.
 - Chair Widmann: I agree with the previous chair.
- Chair Widmann moves to call the question, Chair Carter seconds, no objections
- Vote:
 - Yes: **6** (McMahon, Bettley, White, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
 - No: **0**
 - Abstentions: **1**(Kariher)
- **RESULT: SHOW THAT LAURA CHATELLIER IS FORWARDED TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR CONFIRMATION TO THE 75TH STUDENT SENATE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS SEAT #5**

- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Deyona Burton (A&S Seat #8)**
 - Declaration of Absences
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 9/07 (0.5)
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 9/21 (0.5) = 1
 - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 10/12 (1) = 2
 - Committee Absences as of 10/13 (0.5) = 2.5
 - Senate Meeting Half Unexcused Absence (0.25) = 2.75
 - Senate Meeting Mental Health 10/26 (0) = 2.75
 - Committee Excused Absence 10/27 (0.5) = 3.25
 - Senate Meeting Half Excused Absence BUDGET DELIBERATIONS 11/02 (0) = 3.25
 - Senate Meeting Mental Health 11/09 (0) = 3.25
 - Senate Meeting Unexcused Half Absence 11/25 (0.5) = 3.75
 - Budget Committee Excused Half Absence 2/02 (0.25) = 4
 - Senate Meeting Unexcused Half Absence 2/15 (0.5) = 4.5
 - Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 2/22 (1) = **5.5**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
 - Senator Burton: A lot of my absences are from the previous semester. I had to meet with Case Management on a lot of those issues. I also had to call out of Senate for work reasons. My work schedule conflicts with a majority of the meetings. I know that running for the student body is a commitment, but I wish to continue and finish my term. This is an impactful environment that I take enjoyment being a part of. Life has been catching up to me a bit but moving forward this will not be an issue
 - Senator yields with 1 minute and 9 seconds.
 - Question Period (15 minutes)
 - Chair Widmann: Thank you for sharing. Would you be willing to switch out of the budget committee?
 - Yes, I have also had conversations with my job that will let me attend more budget meetings. I will be able to commit here-on-out.
 - Chair Kariher moves to enter deliberations, Chair Widmann seconds, no objections
 - Deliberations (15 minutes)

- Chair Kariher: I really enjoy this Senator and think they bring a lot to Senate. I want to nominate them for February Senator of the Month because of all the work they have done with OGA. Senate is about being accessible for people will all different backgrounds. I do not think that having a job that conflicts with senate meeting times should be a reason to remove someone.
- Chair Bettley: As Budget Vice Chair, Senator Burton did communicate with me when her schedule was changing. During the time that she did have absences, most of them were excused. She also always completed the minutes afterwards.
- Chair Widmann: I agree with the previous two chairs. Seeing the work that this Senator did with the Legislative Agenda and her passion for it makes me want to grant her more absences.
- Chair Widmann moves to call the question, Chair Kariher seconds, no objections
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yes to Forward, Nay to Unsuspend)
 - Yes: **0**
 - No: **7** (Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, White, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
 - Abstentions: **0**
- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR BURTON IS UNSUSPENDED**
- Unsuspension: New Absence Deliberations (5 minutes)
 - Chair Widmann moves to allow a non-committee member to speak, seconded by Chair Kariher
 - Chair Kariher: How many absences would you like to have Senator Burton?
 - I do not have a number. I do have a meeting with Case Management tonight. Next week, I will be attending a funeral
 - Chair Widmann: I think we should grant 2 absences
 - Chair Bettley: I think that 3 absences would be beneficial because they have already expressed conflicts coming up.

- Chair Kariher moves to grant the Senator 3 additional absences, Chair Bettley seconds, no objections
- **Senator Burton is granted 3 additional absences**
- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Renn Lewis (HHS Seat #1)**
 - Declaration of Absences
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 1/18 (0.5)
 - Student Life Committee Unexcused Absence 1/17 (1) = 1.5
 - Student Life Committee Unexcused Absence 1/20 (1) = 2.5
 - Student Life Committee Unexcused Absence 2/03 (1) = 3.5
 - Student Life Committee Unexcused Absence 2/10 (1) = 4.5
 - Student Life Committee Unexcused Absence 2/17 (1) = **5.5**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
 - Senator Lewis: Hi thank you for hearing me today. The reasons for my Student Life Committee Absences are due to scheduling issues. I currently work with the FSU Football team, and I have practice during these times. I expressed at the beginning of my time in Student Life that my schedule would be changing. It will be changing again next week because we are changing practice times and practice schedules. I apologize not sending excuses for my absences. I have really enjoyed being in senate and am excited to continue to get more involved. I would like to explore moving to a committee that would work better with my schedule.
 - Yielded with 1:05
 - Question Period (15 minutes)
 - Point of Clarification from Chair Carter: I believe that this was a miscommunication with how someone should go about committee reassignment. Her schedule is a bit crazy, but she is already in the process of exploring other committee options.
 - Chair White: Would you be able to make a different committee's meeting times?

- Yes, I need to check when all the other committees meet but I believe I could meet in any committee that is scheduled after 5:30-6pm
- Chair Carter moves to enter deliberations, Chair Kariher seconds, no objections
- Deliberations (15 minutes)
 - Chair Carter: I made it very clear with my committee that if someone did have a schedule issue with meetings in the committee that there were options to move around. I understand that sometimes messages can get lost, but we ran into a lot of quorum issues because she didn't communicate effectively.
 - Chair Kariher: I'm not really sure. My committee members do a great job communicating so the lack of communication on her part...I'm not sure. There is still a level of commitment because she has been to almost all senate meetings.
 - Chair Widmann: I agree with what everyone has said. I think we should unsuspend and give her one more unexcused absence.
 - PT DuChêne: Let me add that this will have to last through October, but the committee can do whatever they want.
 - Chair White: I agree with Chair Widmann. I think we should give the senator a chance to try another committee and see if she can better attend those times. She has attended every Senate meeting.
 - Chair Carter: I somewhat agree with the former chair. I am in favor of unsuspending but would like to grant 2 absences. 2 more absences would give her more leeway until October. I believe she has already been removed from Student Life so she can work on finding another committee.
 - PT DuChêne: She has not been moved out of Student Life yet. Why did we grant the Senator whose term expires in 4 weeks 3 additional absences but only want to grant this Senator half or one absence when they have a much better attendance and are here until the Fall?
 - Chair Kariher: I think it's just about the level of commitment. Being a Vice Chair is a huge role and getting the minutes in even without being in the committee shows how many hours they have dedicated. It seems like there is more of a commitment from the other senator.

- Point of Information from Chair Widmann: Was Senator Burton a member of the 74th Student Senate?
 - PT DuChêne: Yes.
 - Chair Carter: I think part of the reason for me is the lack of communication. Senator Burton was dealing with some other things and was good at communication. This senator has not communicated at all.
- Chair Widmann moves to call the question, Chair Carter seconds, no objections
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yae to Forward, Nay to Unsuspend)
 - Yes: **0**
 - No: **5** (Bettley, White, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann)
 - Abstentions: **2** (Kariher, McMahon)
- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR LEWIS IS UNSUSPENDED**
- Unsuspension Only: New Absence Deliberations (5 minutes)
 - Point of Information from Chair Widmann to Senator Lewis: Will you be missing any senate meetings because of scheduling issues?
 - No, I will not
 - Point of Information Chair White to Senator Lewis: A lot of the committees meet at 6pm. If you get off work at 5:30, will you be able to go?
 - Yes, I will
 - Point of Information from Chair Kariher to Senator Lewis: Are you taking a summer leave of absence?
 - Yes, I will be working at home for the summer
 - Chair Carter: I think we should grant the Senator 2 additional absences.
 - Chair Widmann: I agree.
- Chair Kariher moves to grant the Senator 2 additional absences, Chair Widmann seconds, no objections
- **Senator Lewis is granted 2 additional absences**
- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Nathaniel Birdsong (Undergraduate Studies Seat #3)**

○ Declaration of Absences - NO OBJECTIONS SO COMMITTEE PROCEEDED WITHOUT THE SENATOR

- Senate Meeting Unexcused Absence 11/30 (1)
- Senate Meeting Excused Half-Absence 1/18 (0.25) = 1.25
- Internal Affairs Committee Unexcused Absence 1/23 (1) = 2.25
- Internal Affairs Committee Unexcused Absence 2/06 (1) = 3.25
- Senate Meeting Unexcused Half-Absence 2/08 (0.5) = 3.75
- Internal Affairs Committee Unexcused Absence 2/13 (1) = 4.75
- Internal Affairs Committee Unexcused Absence 2/20 (1) = 5.75
- Senate Meeting Excused Absence 2/22 (0.5) = 6.25

○ Opening Statement (3 minutes)

- Waived

○ Question Period (15 minutes)

- Waived

○ Motion to enter deliberations is waived

○ Closing Statement (Remainder of Opening Time)

- Waived

○ Deliberations (15 minutes)

- Senator McMahon: The Senator did attend the last I.A. meeting and did participate. However, I've reached out to him multiple times and he never responded about his absences and lack of participation. He went to Senate Training and then did not attend the I.A. meeting that directly followed.
- PT DuChêne: We can do whatever we want. He would have one more chance to show up to Judiciary before it would actually get serious for him in terms of consequences.
- Chair Widmann: I think I should have objected to moving into deliberations without the senator being present. I believe that this senator does participate in senate when they are present. I think we should unlock the calendar and table this for later.
- Chair Carter: I believe that communication is relatively simple and necessary in our positions. I understand that this is different than a past hearing where the senator did not show up, but I still do think we should

vote on this tonight. I do not think we should take them off suspension if they are not even here.

- Chair Kariher: I agree with the previous chair. You need to show up to the suspension hearings to be unsuspending or send an email letting us know about scheduling issues.

- Chair Widmann moves to call the question, Chair Carter seconds, no objections
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yae to Forward, Nay to Unsuspend)
 - Yes: **4** Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Carter
 - No: **1** Widmann
 - Abstentions: **2** White, Wyatt

- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR BIRDSONG IS FORWARDED TO THE JUDICARY COMMITTEE FOR IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS**

- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Kevin Shasho (Undergraduate Studies Seat #11)**
 - Excused Absence – Hearing is laid on the table until 8th March 2023

Unfinished Business:

- **Suspension Hearing:** Senator Kevin Shasho (Undergraduate-11) to be heard 8th March

Closing Announcements:

- None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th March 2023 at 5:30pm on Zoom

Adjourned: 6:26pm



Signature of President Pro-Tempore Patrick A. DuChêne