



75th Student Senate

Rules Committee

Wednesday, 8th March 2022 at 5:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014

Call to Order: 5:31pm

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent:

Guests: Sarah Moosbrugger, Caitlin Allgoever, Mariana Dos Santos, Kevin Shasho

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Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Inauguration will be on Monday, April 10th. It's normally on a Wednesday, but there is a Board of Governors meeting in South Florida on April 5th that both Nimna and Jack need to attend.
- Judiciary: Chair Kariher
 - Judiciary did not meet this week.
- Internal Affairs: Chair McMahon

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- Budget: Chair Bettley
 - Committee met last Thursday, 2 March at 3:15pm, and passed Bills #30 and #31.
- Finance: Chair Pedraja
 - Committee met yesterday, 7 March, and passed Consent Resolution #17, amended.
- Student Life: Chair Carter
 - Committee met last Friday, 3 March at 3pm and passed Resolution #25, and passed Resolution #26, amended.
- Programming Allocations: Chair Wyatt
 - Committee funded 7 different organizations, and we still have money left.
- Resource for Travel Allocations: Chair Widmann
 - Committee did not meet.

Committee Business:

- **Confirmations:** Mariana Dos Santos – Student Senate, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat #3 (0 Applicants)
 - Caitlin Allgoever– Student Senate, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat #6 (1 Applicant)
- **Suspension Hearings:** Kevin Shahso- Division of Undergraduate Studies Seat #11

Old Business:

- Suspension Hearing for Kevin Shahso
 - Opening Statement:
 - Thank you for hearing me out today, All of my excused absences are because of Line Dance. I am a delegate for Theta Chi, and taking on this responsibility this semester was a lot. Practices each week with sororities that conflict with our meeting time, are Wednesdays at 5:30. There are also Sunday meetings, which I cannot attend so I have to go to the Wednesday meetings. For my delegate job with Theta Chi, those fall on my meeting times for Finance. Line Dance is wrapping up, and I am open to switching committees if that aligns better with my schedule.
 - **Pedraja moves to enter deliberations, Bettley seconds.**
 - Deliberations:
 - Pedraja: Shasho is a great senator with legitimate excuses. He always communicates, and we should grant him 2 additional absences. I am in favor of unsuspending.

- Point of Information to Pedraja- Kariher: When he communicated that he could not attend Finance meetings, why didn't you suggest him moving committees:
 - Pedraja: I was unaware of his absence count, but I knew Line Dance was wrapping up.
 - Carter: Last week, we heard a similar case about committee attendance. In accordance with precedence, it would be appropriate to unsuspend and grant two more absences.
 - Bettley: I am also in favor of unsuspending. Coming to the committee and explaining why they had those absences, and communicating with the Chair shows that they are willing to come back.
 - Widdman: I want to echo the sentiments of the last two senators. He had other commitments, and communicated that so I am willing to unsuspend.
- **Pedraja moves to call the question, Widdman seconds.**
- Vote:
 - Yes: **0**
 - No: **6** – Pedraja, Carter, Bettley, Widdman, Kariher, McMahon
 - Abstain: **1** – Wyatt
 - **RESULT: Senator Shasho is unsuspending.**
- Deliberations for Additional Absences:
- **Pedraja moves to grant Senator Shasho 2 additional absences, Bettley seconds; no objections.**

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Mariana Dos Santos– Student Senate, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat #3
 - Opening Statement:
 - I am originally from Venezuela but live in Miami. I am double majoring in International Affairs and Interdisciplinary Social Science. I am in the College of Social Science and Public Policy Leadership Council, which is why I originally applied for this position. I feel like knowing the students and knowing the leadership in that college, I would be a good representation of what the students think and what they would like to see. I am also part of the Legislative Certificate Program, so I have been attending Senate most of the semester. I also have a little bit of experience with legislation. I participated in Noles Engaged in Politics with OGA and interned at the Florida Senate with the Senator from Miami. Right now, I am working at a criminal defense law firm where I read bills and everything that is going on in the House right now. I've been wanting to do this for a while, so thank you.
 - General Questioning:
 - Chair Kariher: Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate Dos Santos: Yes

- Chair Kariher: Is your availability good on Wednesdays?
 - Candidate Dos Santos: Yes
 - Chair Kariher: What committee would you like to be in?
 - Candidate Dos Santos: I really like Student Life: I attended Rules, Finance, and Budget, but I feel like I'd like to see a little bit more.
 - Chair Widdman: Do you have any plans specific to the college?
 - Candidate Dos Santos: We've been doing roundtables with the Dean and students. I haven't really talked to them about it, but being in contact with all the students I think would help.
 - Pro-Tempore DuChêne: Are there any outstanding requirements for the Legislative Certificate Program?
 - Candidate Dos Santos: No
 - Pro-Tempore DuChêne extinguishes general questioning.
 - Closing Statement from the Candidate:
 - Thank you, guys! This is really exciting for me, I was in the student council in high school, and I did OGA last year so I just hope that I could be one of you guys soon enough, thank you.
 - Round-table Discussion:
 - Chair Widdman: Yes, I support this candidate. I think that just being involved in the COSSP SLC, I think that they bring a unique perspective, so I support them.
 - Chair Pedraja: I'd like to speak in favor of this candidate: She's super active within the legislative program. She's eager to learn and always asks questions, and I'm in support.
 - **Kariher moves to forward the candidate, Bettley seconds, no objections**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **7**– Chairs Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE DOS SANTOS PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Caitlin Allgoever– Student Senate, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy Seat #6

- Opening Statement:
 - Hi everyone! I'm Caitlin, I'm a Political Science major and International Affairs minor. I've been wanting to get involved with the student senate for over a year now, and I ran for a seat in the fall, but unfortunately didn't win so I applied for this opportunity. I have a bunch of friends who are in Senate, and they've all had really great experiences and so I was really excited to be able to hopefully get to share those experiences with them. It would be an honor to represent my college and advocate for students on campus.
- General Questioning:
 - Chair Pedraja: Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate Allgoever: Not yet, but I have the information for it. If I were to be confirmed, I would become financially certified.
 - Chair Pedraja: What committee would you like to be in?
 - Candidate Allgoever: I'm not really sure, whatever fits in my schedule, but I know Judiciary seems very interesting to me.
 - Chair Widdman: What plans do you have to help the college specifically?
 - Candidate Allgoever: I'm honestly not really sure, I'd like to do what I can to be able to protect any COSSP classes that are threatened because of HB 999. I don't know if I'd be able to really have much power, but I want to be able to protect COSSP as much as I can and advocate for COSSP students.
 - Chair Widdman: This is a Spring seat, so with the little time you'd have, what is something you would like to accomplish?
 - Candidate Allgoever: Something that I've been wanting to accomplish for a while is to hopefully be able to pass some sort of legislation making it to that Jewish students don't have to email professors weeks in advance to be able to get excuses for holidays. That's been something that I've been really interested in for a while and hopefully something I'd be able to accomplish in my short time in Senate.
- **Kariher moves to enter roundtable discussion, Bettley seconds.**
- Closing Statement from the Candidate:
 - I really don't have anything else to say but I wanted to thank you guys for this opportunity and I'm really looking forward to hopefully being able to work with you all.

- Round-table Discussion:
 - Chair Bettley: Yes, I think that even though this is a Spring seat, this candidate already has ideas for what they would like to do and hopefully there are some people in this room right now that can help her accomplish that if she is confirmed. I just think that it really shows a lot of passion and dedication to apply to something even knowing that you only have about a month left and still wanting to partake in that anyways, so I am definitely in support of this candidate.
 - Chair Kariher: I just want to echo those sentiments and say I really do appreciate bringing that up. I've had Jewish students in my classes that have had to ask professors like on exam day or like a week before exam day, and it's just hard, especially when a professor doesn't understand or they're not of the Jewish faith. It's just like kind of an awkward position for them to be in, and it's great that we're being proactive and supporting our Jewish students on campus. I really appreciate the candidate bringing that up, so I'm in full support.
- **Pedraja moves to forward the candidate, Kariher seconds, no objections.**
- Vote:
 - Yes: **7**– Chairs Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Wyatt, Widmann
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE ALLGOEVER PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 5:30pm on Zoom

Adjourned: 6:00pm

P. DuChêne

Signature of President Pro-Tempore Patrick A. DuChêne