



75th Student Senate Rules Committee

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

Call to Order: Put Time Here

Members Present: Pro-Tempore DuChêne, Chairs Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Widmann

Members Tardy: Chair Wyatt

Members Absent:

Guests: Senate President Diaz, Sean Faletti, Gracie Garrison

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Announcements:

- Pro-Tempore:
 - Welcome to the final rules meeting before the spring inauguration. I had my announcements that this would also be my last rules meeting, but it'll probably work out to where I'll have like one rules meeting with the new people. Because I don't know if we have decided on this. But President Xi has an eye we're leaning towards actually sending out as some information this evening or early tomorrow morning to where committee requests would be due imminently after

inauguration and we would do committee leadership elections actually next Wednesday at our first meeting. But I don't know hasn't been finalized. But if you have any input on that you can text me. But otherwise, I was going to send out an email to all of our new people this evening or tomorrow morning. But I really am thankful for you all and I'm glad I got to do this with you.

- Chair Kariher
 - Judiciary met on Tuesday and passed every bill that came to us and then we've amended and passed Bill 40 Bill 43 and Resolution 32.
- Internal Affairs: Chair McMahon
 - Internal Affairs met on Monday we pass bills 42, 45, and 47.
- Budget: Chair Bettley
 - Budget met last Thursday, and we pass bills 44 and 46.
- Finance: Chair Pedraja
 - Finance met last night, and we pass Bill 41 amended.
- Student Life: Chair Carter
 - Student Life met Friday, March 31, and we passed Bill 44, Bill 45 and Bill 46 and Resolution 31 and 33.
- Programming Allocations: Chair Wyatt
 - Committee did not meet.
- Resource for Travel Allocations: Chair Widmann
 - Committee did not meet – working on SGA funding guide.
- Members of the Public
 - President Diaz
 - I'm going to leave, get ready, get dressed, but I can't leave the Zoom because I'm recording. Either way. I just want to make clear tonight; I'll make it in my announcements. But y'all we have about 15 different items on second reading today during the Senate. And we're stopping at 10:50pm - no ifs, ands, or buts. It's in our rules now. And I'm not trying to get thrown out of the Union. So, 10:50, hard stop for 15 pieces of legislation. I've already gotten together with two sponsors to table their legislation, including my own until the next meeting. That being said, I don't want to see anything on second reading tonight. If it's not already on second reading, ideally, if it's not time sensitive, if you will be here next meeting. I don't want to see it on second reading today. That's just me

being honest with you because we don't have time for it. That's the expectation I want to set. If you have anybody thinking about doing anything on second reading, please keep in mind the time. We have a couple Hall of Fame's Senator of the Month, and I want to do Senator of the Month this week as opposed to next week, because I don't want new people. Like it needs to be people from this Senate being nominated for Senate of the month in my opinion. So yeah, just keep that in mind, please. I'm trying to make sure that it goes effectively. So, thank you.

Committee Business:

- **Confirmations:** None
- **Bills for Consideration:** None
- **Resolutions for Consideration:** Resolution #32 (Diaz)
- **Suspension Hearings:** Gracie Garrison – Division of Undergraduate Studies Seat #13
- **Censure Repercussion Hearings:** None
- **Leave of Absence Requests:** None

Old Business:

- None

New Business: Resolution #32, Sen. Garrison Suspension Hearing, Sen. Walden Suspension Hearing

- **Resolution #32 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P), Senator Pedraja (Co)** – Proposing comprehensive amendments to the Senate's Rules of Procedure to improve the efficiency of the Senate's operations. **(AMENDED and PASSED in Judiciary 4th April)**
 - Opening Statement (5 minutes):
 - President Diaz (P) - Hi, yes, I don't want to take up too much time and an opening statement. I know that the pro tempore told everybody to read the resolution prior to being here. So, I highly suggest looking at it. If you have any issues with anything in it, ask questions, but I'll yield my time with that.
 - Question Period: None.
 - Chair Kariher moves to enter deliberations, Chair Widmann seconds, no objections.
 - Round-Table Deliberation (30 minutes):

- Chair Kariher - I've looked over this bill. With my committee. It's really just fine. It's just like clerical things.
 - Chair Bettley - Yeah, I was going to say basically the same things as the previous senator. It's just really kind of making things more succinct in our rules of procedure.
 - Widmann moves to call the question, Pedraja seconds, no objections.
 - Closing Statement: Waived.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: **6** Chairs Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, and Widmann
 - No: **0**
 - Abstentions: **0**
 - **RESULT: SHOW THAT RESOLUTION #32 PASSES FOR FULL FLOOR CONSIDERATION**
- **Suspension Hearing: Senator Micalene “Gracie” Garrison (Undergraduate Seat 13)**
 - Declaration of Absences
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 11/30 (0.5) = 0.5
 - Judiciary Committee Excused Absence 1/24 (0.5) = 1
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 2/01 (0.5) = 1.5
 - Judiciary Committee Excused Absence 2/14 (0.5) = 2
 - Judiciary Committee Unexcused Absence 2/21 (1) = 3
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 2/22 (0.5) = 3.5
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 3/01 (0.5) = 4
 - Senate Meeting Excused Absence 3/08 (0.5) = 4.5
 - Judiciary Committee Unexcused Absence 3/21 (1) = **5.5**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes)
 - Senator Garrison - Hi, everyone. So, I just wanted to thank you all for being here to hear me out today. And I also wanted to say that I take Senate very seriously, and these absences weren't just me not wanting to come. And I'll gladly answer any question of any detail of all of these absences. And the majority of them, I did just get unlucky because within my sorority I'm a recruitment board leader. And of course, of all the days where nothing's going on Wednesdays all of our meetings are on Wednesdays. And then the beginning of the semester, like we had some on Tuesdays, which is where my judiciary committee meetings are. So, I did try sometimes to go to my RBL meeting and then like come to Senate,

but then Senate would end early, and I wouldn't have time. And the RBL meeting started at 7:30 and so does Senate. So, most of my absences did come from that some of them were sicknesses. And I honestly did not know that my judiciary committee absences were combined with my regular Senate absences. And if I did know that I probably would have like, used a mental health day absence, and tried to not rack up these many absences. And it really was unintentional and completely, all on my part, and I have no more meetings for my sorority RBL for the rest of the semester. And I'm completely committed for the rest of the semester. And I just want to say thank you guys again for hearing me out and I would gladly answer any questions about my absences.

- Question Period (15 minutes)
 - Chair Kariher - Are you planning on being here over the summer?
 - Senator Garrison - Yes, I'll be here all summer. I have an internship. So I'll be here all summer.
 - Pro-Tempore DuChêne - Clarification, are you taking any classes with FSU over the summer?
 - Senator Garrison - Yes. The second session of summer.
 - Chair Widmann - So I know that you did explain your time constraints for missing the Wednesday Senate meetings. But if I recall correctly from the pro tempore explaining the absences, your most recent absence that put you over the five absent absence limit was for judiciary? Do you still have any time constraints with that committee?
 - Senator Garrison - Right. So that was completely my fault. I will be honest about that last absence; I knew that I was at 4.5 because I was emailing with the pro tempore. I knew that I did have a lot of absences. And it was just a lot going on in my life, but I know everyone has that. And for that judiciary meeting, I was at the library, and I knew that I had a meeting and then I honestly just forgot, and that's completely on me. And I have a responsibility that I did not own up to and that was just honestly a mistake. So, yeah, that was the most recent one. So that's what put me over and if I wouldn't have done that, I probably wouldn't have exceeded five.

- Pro Tempore DuChêne - Thank you. And to be clear, we'll have new committee assignment. I mean, if you want to stay on judiciary, I there's a good chance we'll stay on judiciary. However, there'll be new committee assignments next week. Anyway, so that'll mean new committee times, etc. And then of course the summer is its own separate thing. We're still in question period.
- Chair Kariher moves to enter deliberations, Chair Widmann seconds, no objections.
- Closing Statement (Remainder of Opening Time)
 - Senator Garrison - So thank you guys. Again, I just want to say that I plan on now that I know that my committee absences and regular Senate absences are in one, I would definitely not exceed five again, and I'm capable of putting all my time into this committee, or whatever the next one is. And I'm going to try and figure out my new time constraints and make sure that I can kind of get everything together in order to not get these many absences ever again. So, thank you for hearing me out.
- Deliberations (15 minutes)
 - Chair Bettley - Yes, I'm in favor of unsuspending the Senator. I actually really appreciate the honesty that this Senator gave us. Things come up people forget, I'm the Chair of a Committee and I literally forgot about my own committee recently. So, I completely understand that stuff comes up and people have stuff going on. And I think it's really respectable and commendable that she's owning up to it and telling us flat out what happened. So, I will be voting to unsuspend her.
 - Chair Kariher - As the Chair of Judiciary, I can just say that Senator Garrison had shown up to pretty much every single meeting, I guess, except for that one. So, you know, I definitely think on suspending is the best option. Just showing up and participating all that stuff. I think that Senator Garrison will be a great addition to keep in Senate. So, I'm in full support of unsuspending.
- Pedraja moves to call the question, Widmann seconds, no objections.
- Vote on Forwarding to the Judiciary Committee for Impeachment Proceedings (Yes to Forward, No to Unsuspend)
 - Yes: **0**

- No: 6 Chairs Kariher, McMahon, Bettley, Pedraja, Carter, Widmann
- Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: SHOW SENATOR GARRISON IS UNSUSPENDED**
- New Absence Deliberations (5 minutes)
- Chair Pedraja moves to grant the Senator two (2) additional absences, Chair Bettley seconds, Chair Kariher objects – Chair Pedraja withdraws motion.
 - Chair Bettley POI - How many absences would be comfortable for you?
 - Pro-Tempore DuChêne - To clarify this they will adhere to the same policy of excused absences being half.
 - I think two would be plenty. I still have mental health days of if I don't see myself needing to even use an absence for the remainder of the semester. So, I think two would be fine.
 - Chair Kariher - The reason why I object to is because the Senator is going to be here over the summer. So, for everyone else that we've been giving two for isn't going to be here over the summer. So, I think you know, people go on vacation. People do stuff over the summer. So, there's a chance that the Senator might not be able to come to every senate meeting in the summer, so I'm in favor of maybe giving three or four. But I would like to know y'all's thoughts as well.
 - Chair Bettley - Yeah, I think three is like a good compromise. Correct me if I'm wrong, but she still has two mental health days as well. So that would give her three absences and two mental health days, which almost puts her right back at the same amount that a regular Senator would have. So, I'm good with three.
- Chair Pedraja moves to grant the Senator three (3) additional absences, Chair Bettley seconds, no objections.
- **Senator Garrison is granted three (3) additional absences.**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Senator DuChêne - I'll just say that I love and appreciate all of you. You're all great. And yeah, the next meeting is to be determined, but will be no earlier than the change that no earlier than the 19th of April 2023.

Next Meeting: TO BE DETERMINED; NO EARLIER THAN 26 APRIL 2023

Adjourned: 5:56 PM

P. DuChêne

Signature of President Pro-Tempore Patrick A. DuChêne