



76th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
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Call to Order: 4:30

Members Present: Senator(s) Carr, Hine, Grant, Gomez, Johannemann, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Randall, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent, Chair Windlan

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Members Absent: Senator(s) Kubiak (U), Pareja (U)

Guests: Alexis Staveski, Jonus Goldstein

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Announcements:

- Welcome new IA Senators Johannemann and Randall!

Committee Business:

- Resolution #26: Primary Sponsor Staveski

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **Resolution #26: Primary Sponsor Staveski**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Sponsor: Thank you so much Chair Windlan, so thank you so much for hearing me today. I'm sorry that I'm your only piece of business but I'll promise it will be quick. So this resolution is with the corresponding bill that is going to change statutes and rules of procedure. So since it is passing I will tell you what the bill itself does and then I will say what part of the resolution it corresponds with. So the purpose of the bill is to do a statute change with funding board statutes like PAC and RTAC with the goal in mind of just streamlining those statutes to make the process easier on RSOs. I will get on that in a second and also adding two

senators to the PAC and RTAC board respectively. So basically to make the process easier for RSOs we want to give the chair power within organizations without 24-hour email notification. So right now the way we have to do it is that we post our meeting times on the website in accordance with the sunshine law obviously but we also have to send out an email notification to the heads of the organizations within 24 hours. So that for us is Sunday at 6:30 pm. But since I do not get a lot of the applications from SGA accounting until Friday at 2 pm a lot of RSOs don't get back to me until Monday morning and technically we cannot hear them Monday night if they email me Monday morning. I have to push them to next week technically and that kind of delays the whole funding process for like a week and a lot of time RSOs don't really get back to me then and they don't get their funding which sucks. If we have the meeting times up on the website and the RSOS emails us and says "Hey we're finally being heard, even though we haven't had 24 hours' notice". I want RSOs to come in and hear our funding requests. Second, it expands the board's membership to include two senators. I think this is a great way to foster the spirit of financial literacy within the Senate because right now we only have the chair and the vice chair who are senators who can give us perspective on what these requests are and the chairs are running the meeting and the vice chairs are taking the minutes so when questions come to the floor people don't really know what was said in the meeting because the chair and the vice chair were busy during the meeting so I think having those senators there can often provide another perspective to what was said and why the committee made the decision that they did. I also want to give the chair the power to accept 3 quotes at the meeting as opposed to not with the application. Right now RSOs will submit 2 quotes and technically I have to ask them to resubmit through the qualtrix and a lot of times organizations don't really do the resubmission so a lot of time they do that with funding. But fo they could bring those 3 quotes for that to the meeting they can serve their purpose and then RSOs can get funded. I also think the committee should be able to meet on Mondays and Tuesdays. Right now in statutes, the committee says the committee has to meet Monday or Tuesday, but with MLK day we kind of had a weird week and technically we had to meet on a Wednesday morning but we weren't allowed to statutorally. We had to use a loophole by calling it a special meeting, so I just think giving the chair the power to have the meeting any other day, so it is easier for RSOs to cope with having weird weeks and having days off. That is everything the bill does so the only thing the resolution does is just add to PAC and RTAC two senators in rules of procedure. Thank you with that, I yield.

○ Round of Questioning:

- Senator Lalani: In regards to the Senators being able to serve on PAC and things like that, do you know why in previous history we have not been allowed to do that? Has there been a reasoning as to why it is not a thing that we do?
 - Candidate: I honestly have no idea. When I talk to people if they have a reason why, there's just not a reason why it wasn't done. There have been talks to make it a thing. I have been in talks with the Former RTAC chair he said "Oh I have the bill written can you

get it moving” and I just thought it was something people got too busy to do.

- Vice Chair Larancuent: I was just wondering who your plan is meant to appoint these 2 Senators to have in your committee?
 - Candidate: It will be the standard appointment process so President Cofer or the next president when they do the standard committee assignments, they will just pick two senators to serve. 2 on PAC and 2 on RTAC and those senators can also choose to serve on other standing committees if they would like to but they are not required to because we wouldn't want to overburn those senators but if they are like “oh I want to do PAC and judiciary” they would be able to do that but they are not required.
- Senator Randall: Yeah just a question about wording it says “shall have the authority” Are we not mandating that they are appointed just because it says shall thing, what is the deal with that?
 - Candidate: I think it was written in accordance with how the surrounding phrases were written but it is something I would be open to changing. I think it was just written to keep it in accordance with everything that was around it.
- Senator Randall: Is that how other statutes are worded like how the president who are helping Golden Torch right now and Joseph has power in a bunch of other different committees do you know or is it good?
 - Candidate: I am going to be totally honest with you. Parliamentarian Widdman sent me this resolution so I am assuming he just did that to keep it in accordance with the surrounding language but if it's not we can amend it. I am totally friendly with that.

Vice Chair Larancuent moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Lalani seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, I am super in support of this. I know Chair Staveski as well as Chair Beavis and I know a lot of people have been working on funding board statutes for quite a while. I know PAC and RTAC quorum have been an issue for quite a while. I have seen group messages of people asking people to join and sometimes the president would have to join and it is a whole thing so I think this will solve a lot of issues and make finances job and once the consent resolutions a lot easier so definitely in favor of this.
 - Vice Chair Larancuent: I am definitely in pro of this resolution, I think this is needed especially, and would be great to have 2 senators who know what it is like to give money to these people to help out in PAC and RTAC so there wouldn't be as much debate on the floor because all those questions would be flushed out that weren't flushed out by people who aren't in senate and are just RTAC/PAC members and would just help the process go out a lot easier and a lot faster and these RSOs can get their money
 - Senator Lalani: Echoing what the previous senator said, by making a great point on making a smoother flow when we have the resolutions go up on the floor if we already have senators in committee prior answering questions and asking questions which makes it so much easier and I also think a huge part of SGA is about making and having more representation

and this does that. By having these senators in Committees in PAC and RTAC will really provide an opportunity for them to have peace and experience on what it is like to work with these organizations like that and I really do not see a bad reason for it

Senator Lalani moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Larancuent seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Candidate: Thank you guys so much for my time. I am sorry for whispering I am in a building but yeah.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [11] Carr, Hine, Grant, Gomez, Johannemann, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Randall, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 26 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- None.

Next Meeting: 02/27/24 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:46

Signature of Chair [Name]