



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

01/24/2024 @ 5:30 p.m. | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/97807020841>

**Call to Order:** 5:31 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair(s) Khosh, Salazar, Bevis, Staveski, Lento, Vice Chair(s) Anandjiwala, Larancuent

**Members Tardy:** N/A

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Guests:** Marshall Widmann, Vice Chair Navarro

**Land Acknowledgement:** The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

### **Announcements:**

- Welcome to the first Rules meeting of 2024!
- Reminder that following the next Rules meeting we will need a volunteer to take minutes, or it'll be up to a spinning wheel to choose who takes minutes.

### **Committee Business:**

- **Leave of Absence Request:** Vice Chair Navarro – College of Business Seat #3

### **Old Business:**

- None.

### **New Business:**

- **Special Leave of Absence Request (SBS 405.6):** Vice Chair Navarro – College of Business Seat #3
  - **Effective Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

- **Expires Thursday, February 22, 2024**
- Opening Statement:
  - Happy Wednesday guys, so basically when I was going back to Panama and sleeping on the plane, I woke up and didn't have my passport anymore... the flight attendant woke me up because I was the only one left on the plane. So, I didn't have my passport anymore, so I went to National authorities, before that I had to make a report at the airport and then I went to the Interpol and made different filings with lawyers because it's probably a case of identity theft due to my passport having an American visa. I had to go through the whole process of getting another passport and once I got that I had to apply for a new visa, to then go to the interview which usually takes 6-8 months, but I was able to get an emergency interview last week and got approved and I should be getting a new passport around February. I thought I was going to miss the whole semester but I'm 99% sure I will be back around the third week of February.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you, guys, for your time.
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Chair Salazar, Point of Information: Will Vice Chair Navarro still be the Vice Chair for Finance?
    - Pro Tempore Gorelick: Yes.
  - Chair Lento: He's my vice chair and he's done a great job even though he's stuck in Panama... he's done a great job of taking notes and doing the minutes, he's very communicative and let me know what was going on. There's no reason we shouldn't grant him this.
  - Chair Khosh: I just wanted to say that this is such an unfortunate situation and if anyone is aware of how lengthy the process is to get a new passport... it is literally a nightmare. I just feel terrible, and I feel like anyone else in this situation would just resign so the fact that he's requesting a leave of absence instead and continue being dedicated is just heartwarming so I think we should grant him this request.
  - Chair Bevis: I have no words to describe this, it feels unreal. I will say Vice Chair Navarro has been to Finance meetings and is very active in the meetings so I think we should grant him this leave of absence.
- Vote: (2/3 threshold):
  - Yes: **7 – Lento, Khosh, Staveski, Bevis, Anandjiwala, Larancuent, Salazar**
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: VICE CHAIR NAVARRO'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST IS GRANTED FOR THE PERIOD OF 24 JANUARY 2024 UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None.

**Closing Announcements:**

- See you guys in Senate in an hour!

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom

**Adjourned:** 5:44 p.m.

*Jason Gorelick*

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***Signature of President Pro Tempore Jason Gorelick***