



73rd Student Senate
Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee Agenda
7/22/2021 | Zoom Meeting ID: 909 196 4098

Call to Order: 6:17 pm

Members Present: Chair Linsky, Vice-Chair Tackett, Parliamentarian Rowan, Senators Randall, Nemeth

Members Tardy: None

Members Absent: Lessard

Guests: Senators Marcus, Nasworthy

Approval of the Minutes:

- Tackett: So Moved
- Rowan: So Seconded

Announcements:

- None

Student Comments:

- None

Committee Business:

- Combining Budget and Finance Committee

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Linsky: Okay, so let's talk about combining both the Budget and Finance committee
- Rowan: I think we should do a subcommittee structure for the Budget Committee. A budget week could consist of several different committees where we split up each allocation and budget hearing. This would make it easier for the budget week to perform their duties.
- Tackett: I like that idea Rowan, the problem we had with Budget week was this "Budget Bro" mentality. This mentality of traditionally on budget does not show up during the budget week, which would create many quorum issues. They also are not too well versed in finance code or budget statutes. We need to solve this issue when combining.



I think the budget week should work like central reserves but have let's say 5 out of 8 of the members be from this newly combined budget and finance committee.

- Linsky: I like that idea. This could solve the "finance bro" issue.
- Randall: I still think the sub-committee stuff that Rowan talked about is good. Having a subcommittee for the budget will mean that the individuals are at the very minimum financially literate
- Rowan: I think Budget week would work to split it up into something like 3 different subcommittees that are each separately responsible for different allocations and presentations.
- Linsky: We might be getting ahead of ourselves by making such a specific structure. This should happen organically. I am weary that this new complicated process wouldn't translate
- Randall: I would recommend that the next budget chair goes minimum into the budget week with a 50/50 process. That would be half of this committee being people who deal with funding boards, Unions, and Bureaus and the other half hear RSOs. I would want the whole committee to hear about Union and Campus Recreation.
- Rowan: We should do 4 people from finance, 4 from the budget, and the chair can go to either. Vice chairs would be appointed to each committee.
- Randall: I don't want to make the process complicated with several complex structures.
- Marcus: I think budget should be a subcommittee of Finance
- Randall: Why?
- Marcus: The finance-minded people are split between budget finance and budget. I feel like a 9 person subcommittee would work and this big committee would handle a budget week. I feel like the budget week is a technical skill. Since the budget week is open to the public, doesn't it have diverse thoughts?
- Tackett: No, the only other person who shows up is Randall. It's budget and Randall. We need to force diversity by appointment from other committees.
- Rowan: I think both these ideas are great. But the sweeping special committee type of structure seems more complicated.
- Randall: I disagree, the sub-committee seems more complicated.
- Linsky: I don't like one of the most important things in the senate being a part of a subcommittee.
- Rowan: The subcommittee can be specialized and diverse and the finance committee would still have the final say. It is unprecedented to have subcommittees but it is not a bad thing.
- Randall: I do not think we can pass this before the next budget week.
- Linsky: I want to gather where we are right now. I want Randall to write this. I want him to write what this committee looks like with a special standing committee or a sub-committee. Whatever you think is best.
- Randall: Which is option is best?
- Linsky: I don't know.
- Rowan: We should write both
- Linsky: What will be the best way to do this for the first step for presenting our rules to the Rules and Calendar committee?



- Randall: We should do this one rule at a time
- Linsky: How fast do we want to do this?
- Rowan: I want to get this done before the next election. The inauguration will probably take place around mid-November.
- Linsky: We could present this by page length. I think 1 through 3 is the first one we present.
- Randall: Do we present this on the floor as soon as fall starts?
- Linsky: That would be great. We did all the heavy lifting already.
- Rowan: I think the first rule set will be heard on week two or three depending on when committee assignments happen.
- Linsky: I think we should submit this as a whole to Rules and Calendar, and table it as needed.
- Randall: Linsky should primary sponsor everything and have everyone else be a cosponsor.
- Linsky: I would like for everyone to be able to sponsor their own rule. I want to share the love. Everyone could get their own Rules.
- Rowan: There is a primary sponsor cap at 4. So it either all needs to be split up. We can have Linsky be the primary on all and the person with the most knowledge be the second primary.
- Linsky: I do not want to take all of the glory of the primary sponsorship. We should split it all up to each person so they all get their bill. So now, let's divvy up these rules as follows for Primary Sponsorship.
- **Rule One: Linsky and Tackett**
- **Rule Two: Linsky and Nemeth**
- **Rule Three: Linsky and Nemeth**
- **Rule Four: Linsky and Randall**
- **Rule Five: Linsky and Randall**
- **Rule Six: Linsky and Randall**
- **Rule Seven: Linsky and Tackett**
- **Rule Eight: Linsky and Nemeth**
- **Rule Nine: Linsky**
- **Rule Ten: Linsky and Tackett**
- **Rule Eleven: Linsky and Randall**
- **Rule Twelve: Linsky and Little**
- **Rule Thirteen: Linsky, Randall**
- **Rule Fourteen: Little (ALONE, NO ONE ELSE)**
- **Rule Fifteen: Linsky**
- Linsky: Okay perfect. We have a plan. Rules and Calendar might get tired of us but I hope they challenge us. We have been in this echo chamber for so long we need to be challenged. I am willing to end this soon.
- Rowan: I move to **Adjourn**
- Tackett: **So seconded**

Unfinished Business:



- None

Final Announcements:

- None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: None

Adjourned: 7:20pm

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