



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate**  
**Rules & Calendar Committee**  
**07/06/2022 at 5:30PM | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/7669809570>**

**Call to Order: 5:34pm**

**Members Present: Pro Tempore Drackley, Chair Tucker, Chair Marting, Chair Rowan, Chair DeChick, Chair Folwell**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests: President Diaz**

**Land Acknowledgement**

- **Chair Rowan:** 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:**

- **Judiciary:**
  - **Chair Tucker:** Judiciary met both on last Thursday as well as last night to go ahead and finish all our business. I would honestly have to login into Canvas to tell you the seven bills we heard. We also heard the candidates for the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice and three Associate Justice. We passed the Chief Justice, two associate Justices and failed one.
- **Internal Affairs:**
  - **Chair Rowan:** Internal Affairs passed a bunch of Executive cabinet candidates including Katie Russell for Director of Appointments, Juan Bustamante for Director of Sustainability, Maggie Gahan for Executive Advisor, Kaitlyn Adams Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Rodney Wells Director of External Affairs, which as a note we might have a slip up with Rodney and his floor

hearing might have to wait until the fall. The timing of Senate meetings works really bad for him like getting home from his D.C. Internship. So fingers crossed we get him tonight. Adam Bowling for Deputy Treasurer and we also passed Nina Gibson for the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Institute. In addition to that we passed Bill 48 by President Diaz to abolish the Office of Sustainability, Bill 49 to alter Bureau review. Bill 55 by Senator Casiple changing the makeup of the AASU Executive Board. Bill 57 by President Diaz making a whole bunch of changes to the HLSU statutes. Next we will probably have two meetings to finish the cabinet and hear the candidates we have left and finish up our legislation that will be assigned tonight.

- **Budget:**
  - **Chair DeChick:** Budget passed Bill 58 and a note to the Pro Temp, there was a miscommunication with my Vice chair regarding Minutes. Look in your inbox for the updated minutes. I apologize that they're late. That's all that Budget did last week.
- **Finance:**
  - **Chair Marting:** Finance has no new updates.
- **Student Life:**
  - **Chair Folwell:** Student Life has no new updates since our last meeting but just a reminder in the meeting before last one we passed Bill 58 with no new updates.
- **President Diaz:** Point of information to Chair Tucker. When is Judiciary planning on approving the election code exam because I want to coordinate with IA so that we can get the Deputy Supervisor confirmed.
  - Chair Tucker: We originally scheduled to do it a few weeks ago but the committee wanted to review and update it. It's scheduled for next Thursday but if needed to correlate with IA, I can schedule a meeting to do so.
  - Chair Rowan: I think it's possible that by the nature of how things work that this might take to the very start of the fall. We all got kind of screwed that we didn't know or that we didn't start on the election code until later. So it may take until the fall.
  - Chair Tucker: Yeah, you know with the amount of work that Judiciary has been assigned with the Supreme Court Justices and we originally planned to do it three weeks earlier but committee members wanted to go over it.

#### **Committee Business:**

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#### **Old Business:**

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#### **New Business:**

- **Resolution or Bill 48 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz**
  - Opening Statement:

Senator Diaz: This is a Bill to abolish the Office of Sustainability. The Internal Affairs committee recommended that OSS be abolished for a couple of reasons. Most notably, they have not had any executive board members in the last several years. They haven't been budgeted any money so it's not a huge deal if they're abolished. There's a lot of RSOs at FSU that do the job

of OSS much better than OSS can largely because they don't have a board right now so they can't really be doing much. This is kind of just eliminating a lot of bureaucracy. This is an organization that is not needed. This is an organization that's not needed. It's not fulfilling any of its mission statements. Obviously, nobody's there to execute its mission statement, but let's just get it off of the books now and potentially forever. And if Senate or if a future Student Government Association decides they want to bring it back, they have every right to, this is just for now. I found that this bureau is not serving the student body by keeping it in statute. So this Bill removes it so I will yield my time with that.

■ **Sponsor yields with three minutes and 43 seconds.**

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

○ **Chair Rowan moves to enter round-table discussion; Folwell seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

■ Chair Folwell: Point of Information to the Sponsor, Yeah, point of information for the sponsor. I forget which committee was in last but I remember in there, there was a little bit of contention over whether or not the stricken out chapter 911 and chapter 912 would stay in. Do you intend for that to stay in or for it not to stay in?

■ President Diaz: Oh, terrible. So, this was what I said. At the last meeting and I understand that others might want to contribute to that conversation as well. But if you look at the agency statutes, which are chapter 1000s of statutes, you will notice that there is a very similar list to this that shows all of the agencies and the agencies that are stricken out, no longer exists. So the agency statutes and the way that they work is when they have gotten rid of agencies, they strike them out just like they're stricken out in this bill. So the intent of this bill when I submitted was to keep the text there but to physically like strike it out in the statutes document, because you'll notice where it says chapter 911, that whole section where it says the history that will stay there, and there's many statutes that do this, that they keep the history there, and at the end, it just says deleted by this bill and the bill number. Actually if you guys want to amend it by saying Senate Bill xx and putting in 48. That'd be so great. But that's what I have to contribute. I know Chair Rowan has some input on that and others do so feel free.

■ Chair Rowan: Yeah, I didn't want to get debate on this. I was really hoping I could just call the question on it considering how many days it's gone through. But alas, President Diaz had opened his mouth on this question so now I have to do this. So statutes is very clear. When you strike out text it goes. That's in statutes that with when you strike out text that you want to delete it. So I know that does not matter what the intention is. That's what statutes say about that. So the strikeouts is being deleted, end of story. It's done, finito, all the way, all the time, other times and statutes where you see it like that with a line through it. That's wrong, that should be deleted. All that text should be deleted. I shut up.

■ Chair Folwell: I move to just strike xx when it says deleted by Senate Bill xx and add in 48.

■ **Chair Folwell moves to amend, Chair Rowan seconds, the Sponsor finds it friendly.**

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○ **Chair Tucker moves to call the question; Chair Folwell seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- President Diaz: All right, got upgraded to candidate now. I just wanted to ask. I just wanted to ask chair Rowan and I know the question has been called so no point at this point. But you can talk about this later. But I wanted to ask if your intention with the striking out would be. I guess now we should keep the strikethrough. An do we amend so that the strike throughs are taken out of the bill? How's the process moving forward? I look forward to hearing your thoughts on that and to potentially an amendment on the floor. But yeah, that's all I have to say. Thank you for your consideration of this bill and for letting me speak in my closing.
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [5] [Tucker, Marting, DeChick, Rowan, Folwell]
    - No: [0]
    - Abstain: [0]
  - **RESULT: BILL 48 Passes Amended**
  
- **Resolution or Bill 59 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell**
  - Opening Statement:
    - So this bill is kind of spurred by the issues we have with the leave of absence, not last meeting but with a meeting before and it was just, you know, confusing. It wasn't really codified in a good way. They're dispersed all over the place. So basically, what this does is it takes all of the various mentions of leaves of absence, and it just puts them in one place. Specifically, leaves of absences for Senators, not for you know, other members of student government. Now, there are some changes, but those are due to committee amendment. If you'll stay where the amendment is, essentially, one of the things that was pointed out to me after submission, even though I put it in directly from statutes as is, is with the current or with a normal leave of absence, basically somebody could skip, like every single meeting of the semester if they played their cards right. Just with the way that it's worded. So this has kind of evolved into actually creating changes as well which I'm perfectly okay with, because that's a really good point because senators have an obligation to show up, and also there's a time cap put on special leaves of absence, which you know, is fine, I get it. You don't want people to take insane amounts of time. This specifically clarifies that senators on a leave of absence are not counted towards quorum. So those three things are the only changes to the process right now. Everything else is the same and it's just consolidated into this one section. So this should mean going forward, the senator leaves of absence are a lot easier to handle. I yield the rest of my time.
      - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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      - **Chair Rowan moves to enter round-table discussion; Chair DeChick seconds**
      - Round-Table Discussion:
        - Chair Rowan: So we went through or I was at Judiciary when this kind of got went through the wringer yesterday. I will say one more thing that I thought they would amend but they didn't so I'm going to do it right now. So the basic thing on it is the idea that people have these specialties or facets that they should be able to break a glass case for emergency thing and while Judiciary amended it to add a cap on to it. I think I should mention the one thing that I said was I think there should be a minimum of time for these leaves of absence because they are something that is supposed to be for a very, like

something big has happened that you need a significant period of time that you would not have counted against your attendance. Because with the new attendance rules you can up to 12 absences, so long as you've used both mental health days, and all of them are excused that's basically two months of the Senate meetings. So I, so in addition to that I think we should also have a process by which someone could step into that seat temporarily. I think especially in smaller colleges where we might only have one or two senators at a time from that college it's more important. I mentioned I joked yesterday about you know with chair or with former chair Garner going off to the cabinet now, if Senator or Vice Chair Kariher were to by some unfortunate accident, get ran over by a truck on Tennessee street right now, There will be no one to represent the College of Music while he takes a leave of absence.

- Chair Rowan: I move to amend 405.62a to add at the end of the sentence, and shall last at least one month and then after the period, a temporary Senator may be appointed to fill the seat for the period of the special leave of absence. These temporary senators shall be appointed in a manner similar as summer senators.

- **Chair Rowan moves to amend, Chair DeChick seconds, Chair DeChick objects**

- Chair DeChick: Point of Information. Would the process of appointing a temporary senator be the same as a normal appointment.

- Chair Rowan: Yes.

- **Chair DeChick withdraws his objection, Chair Tucker objects**

- Chair Tucker: What exactly is your reasoning that it needs to last at least one month instead of you know, they need to be gone for two or three weeks.

- Chair Rowan: My main, my main reason for that is the changes that have recently been made months ago to the attendance record for the attendance rules. So that now you have up to five absences with excused absences counting as a half absence. In addition to the fact there are two mental health days, so if we take all that together, you can miss all of your absences which are excused in which you know, if someone had to take a leave of absence, I would say nine and a half times out of 10 those the reason why they're doing it would give them an excused absence in the normal course of the Senate.. That's almost, that's basically two months of Senators there abouts, and then in the summer, that's almost the entire semester that someone could miss without any issue. So I think if it's only a leave of absence, we should be clear in our work or in our wording here, that this is very much break glass in case of emergency. Something is really serious that you need to step away for a period of time, at least a month. Less than that. I think at that point, we've tailored our attendance rules in a way in which people can still miss some Senate for the proper reasons and not be affected at all. So I think that one month is good right now because once we go further than a month, I'm sorry if you go go further than a month then it gets too close to the knife edge of like 12 meetings.

- Chair Folwell: I worry that adding temporary senators to this thing could overcomplicate it but I am willing to put that aside because I think if any more issues arise, they can be resolved in a timely manner. What I want to say is that if you read over three, it says that only during a summer leave of absence they may be temporarily reassigned so if you're going to make this amendment, this needs to be struck.
- **Chair Tucker withdraws his objection, the sponsor find the amendment friendly**
- Chair Rowan: I move to amend 405.63 to delete and only during.
- **Chair Rowan moves to amend, Chair DeChick seconds, the sponsor finds it friendly.**
- **Chair Rowan moves to call the question; Chair Marting seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Chair Folwell: Thanks, I waive.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [5] [Rowan, Tucker, Marting, DeChick]
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [1] [Folwell]
- **RESULT: BILL 59 Passes Amended**

**Unfinished Business:**

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**Closing Announcements:**

- Pro Tempore Drackley: I don't really have anything. I'm sick and have an 102 fever and have bad fatigue so I will not be at tonight's meeting in person. I will be there virtually though. I'll still manage roll call and iClicker and Chair Tucker will be at the physical computer.

**Next Meeting:**

**Adjourned: 6:07pm**

*Alden Drackley*

**Signature of Pro Tempore Drackley**