

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: March 9th, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:30pm

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Call to Order:

- President Hunter calls the meeting to order at 7:53pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Led by Barrett.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Land Acknowledgement:

- Wells: 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.

Roll Call:

- Refer to Attendance.

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 3.2.2022:

- **DuChêne moves to approve the Journal of 3/2/2022.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Journal of 3/2/2022 is approved.**

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r

- Carlos **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:05:17): I'm sharing this message regarding our recent RTAC request. I understand that funds are low however we would tremendously benefit from the request being approved as we're taking an academic trip with many students interested. Further information will be provided.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- FSU Student Body President Natassia Janvier: Thank you all for being here tonight. I want to greet you all in the spirit of love and admiration for the things that you all do here and as a way to

communicate formal language for my veto. I know there was an ample amount of time for you all to get briefed on my opinions, so I just wanted to formally address you all while continuing to extend my gratitude and thanks for the work that you all do, while talking about opportunities for you in the future – particularly leadership. First I will address Bill 3 which I vetoed, my opinion piece was as follows: I talked about the harsh consequences that it would put on RSO's and how it would dis-incentivize RSO's from engaging with Student Government, particularly with our financial processes – which is something we already know to be very strenuous. I view it important for leaders and those educated on the financial processes to incentivize RSO's to engage with us and diminish a barrier. Lastly I pointed out consequences it could lead if there were a two-year provision on organizations, for example new leadership having to take on the burdens of the consequences of not being able to get SGA funds because of former leadership. I think it's important for us to utilize the growing territory we have within the Student Government Association to teach people how to use resources and best maximize their potential with resources = I think there's an ample amount of processes that currently exist that allow us to do this and I would love for us to think through what those formal processes can be given our current system. I vetoed the Bill and wanted you to all know that the work you do is not in vain but in this regard I have to watch out for the provisions of indirect consequences that can happen to the student body and RSO's who deserve the same access to funding and the processes we have privy to us as Student Government leaders. Besides that, I want to encourage you all (especially as some of us come to the end of our terms) that although there are a few Senates left, there is still an ample amount of time to connect with communities and the Executive Branch – I appreciate the engagement on any project that you have and in any way that I can help. I appreciate you all and President Hunter for your leadership within the Senate as well. Thank you all.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees:

- Jewish Student Union (JSU) Director Gabay: Statute revisions are happening soon so please look at them. If there are any amendments you would like to see please let DuChêne or I know in advance so we can talk about it.
- OGA Director Rawan Abhari: The Florida Legislature has concluded its budget hearings today regarding their budget conferences where they essentially hash out the different numbers between each other. It was accepted in the Senate Chambers to allocate \$5.4 million to be put into open education resources – there will be a repository in the state of Florida that basically opens the door for grants for professors to put in their resources and textbooks so that you do not have to pay for them again. This is an effort we are excited to have achieved which started in 2016 so I would be remised not to thank the previous leadership before me. OGA is back on track, getting things done, and creating relationships with the different legislators at various levels – we just wrapped up our meeting in DC this week and were very lucky to hear that there was a grand reception at the federal level to the expansion of **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:11:11), a very bipartisan issue. My administration will keep pushing that, and we will ask the next one to do so, but I just wanted to share that exciting news with all of you. Session officially ends on Friday and we have a lot of information to send your way and post on social media as to what happened in this Session, as we know there were a plethora of things that affected us. I want to thank my team and the lobbyists to helped us, and just wanted to share that with you all. If you have any questions let me know. Thank you so much.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board and Student Engagement Ambassadors: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$5020.22, PAC \$8,375.00, RTAC \$6,327.00, and ORG Fund \$3,000

Report of Senate Liaisons: None.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - Met last night (3/8) at 6:00pm. We had three impeachment hearings but tabled two of them and heard one for Senator Edouard which was not forwarded. Bills 14, 15, 17, and 21 passed while Bills 18 and 19 failed.
- Internal Affairs
 - Met Monday (3/7) and approved candidate Marlon Derilus for the position of Freshman Leadership Institute (FLI) Director - he is not on the Floor tonight. We finished Bureau Review Deliberations. We also discussed proposed changes to the official SGA application.
- Budget
 - Met today (3/9) at 5:00pm. We tabled Bill 20 and passed Bill 22.
- Finance
 - Met yesterday (3/8). We passed Resolutions 15 and 12.
- Student Life
 - Did not meet last week but will be meeting tomorrow (3/10) and electing a new Vice Chair.
- Rules & Calendar
 - Met tonight (3/9) at 5:30pm. We forwarded a candidate for Business Seat 6, tabled Resolution 9, Resolution 18 was withdrawn, Bills 15 and 21 passed, we tabled the suspension hearing for Garner, forwarded Senators Fox, Reeves, Noel, and Kaminsky for impeachment and unsuspending Senator Williams granted them three more absences.

Senate Confirmations:

Marlon Derilus – Freshman Leadership Institute, Director (1 applicant)
Not present.

Jake DeChick – 74th Student Senate Business Seat 6 (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:
 - I want to keep this brief and thank everyone in SGA who has gotten me through this process. If you have any other questions, please reach out - I spoke a lot during my initial confirmation and a couple weeks ago too if you checked the minutes. I just want to get this through process and create relationships with my fellow Senators, Student Government, and non-senators that push bright and talented young students to participate more in SGA.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No speakers.
- General Questioning:
 - So speakers.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question, Rivers seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called.**

- Closing Statement.
 - Thank you for attending. I yield my time.
- **Voting Results for Jake DeChick – 74th Student Senate Business Seat 6:**
 - **22 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Candidate passes.**
- *Pro-Tempore Nemeth administers the Oath of Office.*

Consent Calendar:

CR15

Sponsored by Senator Rider (P)

To fund Themed Entertainment Association at FSU, Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students, and American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Scholars.

- Point of Informationnt of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: It is my understanding that the amount for Themed Entertainment Association was cut to \$1,000. It was my understanding that the representatives said they couldn't do anything with that money, so can you clarify?
 - We gave them the new funding but didn't get to discuss anything with the RSO's as they didn't come into Finance, as we had to amend it and allocated too much funding in RTAC as it hasn't been reflected in the Budget online yet. We understand that this is an unfortunate situation, but this is the best way to see fit. They have not expressed that to me.
- **Duchene moves to approve Consent Resolution 15, Little seconds.**
 - **Myers objects among three other individuals.**
 - **Now in debate on Consent Resolution 15.**
- *Senate moves into debate on Consent Resolution 15 as a whole.*
 - Opening Statement:
 - Rider: It's difficult in this situation as the budget online says \$6,327 where a few weeks ago we allocated funding to an RSO where they had never informed me that they would be taking the money out this late. My committee approved of amending everything down to \$1,000 for every single line item as we saw this to be the only way to keep this fair for each RSO with the new knowledge in such a short amount of time. We saw this as the most fair option. We also shared with RSO's how we may help them fundraise to make up the difference.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Hockett: In the Calendar for tonight for the Accounting Office it says \$6,327 for RTAC, is that correct? If not what's the actual number?
 - It should be \$3,827. Two weeks ago we allocated funding to the National Council of Negro Women and they haven't removed the funding from the Accounting Office.
 - First Round of Pro:
 - Point of Informationnt of Information: Gonzalez to the Chair of Finance: Since the minutes aren't updated I can't entirely check, but it was my understanding that the representatives for the Themed Entertainment Association said that they are unable to proceed with this trip with the \$1,000 of funding. If that's not correct can you clarify?

- I'm not sure what it says in the minutes but they did say to please vote yes on this line item.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Were these amounts amended in RTAC or Finance?
 - Finance.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Is there a reason you gave them equally \$1,000 and made the amounts exactly the same rather than as a proportion?
 - This is what the Committee saw best fit with such little time. If you look in the RTAC minutes we have the line-items sectioned out as we try to fully fund for lodging at first but moved down to \$1,000 as saw this as the most fair for each RSO - as they were all under the impression that they would be getting more funding for lodging. My Committee saw it most fair to be all cut down to \$1,000. There's not enough money to be allocated any better is what we've determined.
- Bowling: Even though this is not the exact amount of money they are looking for, I think it would be beneficial to have this money for lodging. Although this may not be the most helpful for the Themed Entertainment Association, they would still benefit from this money. I strongly encourage the Senate to vote yes.
- Rivers: Obviously it seems they would not have enough money without full funding, but I saw in the chat that they could fundraise as the trip is in a month and a few days. I feel they can make up the \$119 difference in that time.
- Point of Information: Little to the Sponsor: Do you think it makes sense to fund two organizations the same amount of money even though one has double the amount of travelers?
 - That is something we have thought about as we looked at the ratio travelers and compared this to how much they were paying out of pocket in addition to looking at line items for each of them that we struck out. As we already struck out so much, rather than funding one RSO, we didn't only want to leave one funded. Found this to be the most fair.
- Point of Information: Bowling to the Sponsor: When the RSO from a few weeks ago takes money out, what will be the amount in RTAC?
 - \$3,287.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: You're saying that you still have \$3,287 so are you trying to save the \$287 or why wasn't the budget maxed out on this Consent Resolution?
 - The Committee brought that up, however as we do have more than 30 FSU business days left (and due to my support for RSO's) we decided that in the off-chance of more RSO's that approach RTAC, we should leave a little bit to at least hear other requests. We still want to try to connect RSO's with fundraising and we saw it better to leave a little bit of the budget left.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: During this spring semester, has RTAC ever the funded an amount of \$200?
 - No.
- Hockett: When I sat in on the Finance meeting I spoke to the President of the Themed Entertainment Association which talked about this being a great networking opportunity. This seemed like an inaugural event

and a big step especially as it had a finite application process. I think this would be a great opportunity for this RSO.

- First Round of Con:
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Is it correct that the Themed Entertainment Association requested the most out of the three organizations in lodging?
 - Yes.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Why was the Themed Entertainment Association funded the least in RTAC?
 - This cut was because the of the type of event they were having; they also had done the least amount of fundraising out of all of the other organizations and currently have a PAC request. Their date is also the 13th, showing us that they had enough time to fundraise – especially with our assistance.
 - No speakers.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question, Suarez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called.**

- Closing Statement:
 - Rider: I know this is kind of crazy - I am just trying to get all of my numbers right. I am doing the best I can to help represent these RSO's, but my Committee and I were trying to figure out the best way we can and saw this option to be the most fair. We are lucky that they have Spring Break and some extra days to do some more fundraising. We didn't know what to do with the RSO from two weeks ago. Again, we found this to be the most fair while also giving them the opportunity to fundraise more.

- Voting Results:
 - **25 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Consent Resolution 15 passes as a whole.**

- *Senate moves into Bills First Reading.*
- *Senate moves back into the Consent Calendar.*
 - **Diaz moves to place Consent Resolution 16 on the Consent Calendar, Bowling seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Consent Resolution 16 is placed on the Consent Calendar.**
 - **Bowling moves to enter Finance as a Whole, Suarez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into Finance as a Whole.**

- *Senate moves into Finance as a Whole.*

- **CR16 Sponsored by Senator Roy:**
 - Opening Statement:
 - PAC met yesterday (3/8) at 7pm. We heard 6 organizations and funded 5 of them. The Puerto Rican Student Association requested 150 t-shirts. Student Art Studio for Healing wanted to host an event on

April 1st at a gift shop at Railroad Square. They are going to have a lot of free stuff outside – to gather people and learn more about the community – but specifically want some funding as they plan on doing two different art projects. The Political Discourse Club is requesting funding for pizza for their GBM's as they have been advertising themselves quite a bit. The Themed Entertainment Association is requesting 75 t-shirts and Relay for Life (who's events achieve around 800 in attendance) requested a lot of money, which we partially funded for \$3,717 for sound equipment, etc.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Gonzalez: How many t-shirts are we funding for the Puerto Rican Student Association and the Themed Entertainment Association?
 - 150 for the Puerto Rican Student Association and 75 for the Themed Entertainment Association.
 - Gonzalez: Where can I find the minutes to this PAC meeting?
 - The meeting just happened last night (3/8) and our Vice Chair was not there so we haven't gotten minutes out, only the recording.

- First Round of Pro:
 - Point of Information: Little to the Sponsor: How many people will be able to attend the events hosted by the Student Art Studio for Healing?
 - They expect around 100 people but 60 will be able to attend using PAC funds for the art projects.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Do you know how much is left in PAC?
 - \$8,250 including everything since the last Consent Resolution.
 - DeChick: I think this is a great cause to fund and Chair Roy did a great job on being prepared and how this funding will benefit each of these groups.
 - Point of Information: Hockett to the Sponsor: For the Student Art Studio for Healing, are crafts solo or more of a group activity?
 - They are expected to be more solo activities.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: Is the gift shop an authorized vendor with the University?
 - They are looking into it but I can double-check with them.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: How much will be left in the PAC account if we approve this?
 - Around \$1,400 - more than \$1,000 but less than \$1,500.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: I'm guessing you cut all of them, and if you did then did these RSO's say that they can make up the difference?
 - We cut Relay for Life as they requested a lot of funding. We partially funded them for the equipment which is how we got that figure. For the Themed Entertainment Association, they were only funding for t-shirts so we funded them for the full amount (same with the Puerto Rican Student Organization and as they have over 120 members), we went with the lower number the Student Art Studio for Healing presented, and the Political Discourse Club requested several weeks and we chose the most feasible.

- Point of Information: Wang to the Sponsor: For the Political Discourse Club, how many members do they have in their club and expect to come?
 - When they first made their request they had about thirty members, now I believe they have around forty-five members – they have been getting a lot more members as they just started this semester. The pizza will be used as an incentive to draw people in.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: For the events for the Student Art Studio for Therapy and for Relay for Life's event, what are the expected attendances?
 - Relay for Life had about eight-hundred people at their last event and for the Student Art Studio they expect about sixty and at least forty more to be interested, so around one-hundred total.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: What is the average attendance rate for the Student Art Studio for Healing's other art events?
 - They didn't have a number for other events, but they did have an average for attendance being 45 around forty-five. They are also partnering with another group: MPAC.
- Point of Information: Wang to the Sponsor: How many pizzas are the Political Discourse Club receiving?
 - About ten pizzas from Pizza Hut.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: When the Political Discourse Club submitted their request they had thirty members, and then you said they reported forty-five, and then you said they expect fifty?
 - They submitted their request four weeks ago. They have been to us once and requested t-shirts, paper and ink for fliers, and pizza/food to incentivize people. They did not come with food quotes so they had to come back. They also decided want to request t-shirts next semester so that they will have better estimates of what their membership will look like. Four weeks ago they had thirty members and now they are looking to get enough pizza to feed fifty people.
- Point of Information: Wang to the Sponsor: For Relay for Life what all are we funding?
 - We are not funding for fields, rather will fund equipment costs. They went with American Audio and Visual as it was the cheapest they could find. The funding will cover numerous types of stage equipment.
- Point of Clarification: B. Suarez to the Sponsor: For the amount of people in the Political Discourse Club, they are merging with another club across the aisle which is why their membership is so off.
- Point of Information: Wang to the Sponsor: Did any of Relay for Life's fundraising efforts go to contractual service?
 - We around $\frac{3}{4}$ of it. They are funding the rest with it with their own money.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez to the Sponsor: How much does Relay for Life cost in general as I know they fundraise a lot?
 - They initially requested \$8,000 which we brought down to this figure.
- Gonzalez: There are no holes to poke in this Consent Resolution so great job Chair Roy.

- Diaz: Having attended most of this meeting with PAC, Relay for Life noted that they cut costs wherever possible. They chose this particular contractual service vendor as they provided the cheapest option with a 25% discount. The American Cancer Society (ACS) and Relay for Life recognized their ability to pull funds from other donations as well.
- First Round of Con:
 - No speakers.
 - **B. Suarez moves to call the question, Gonzalez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called.**
- Closing Statement:
 - "Quit while you're ahead."
- Voting Results:
 - **21 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Consent Resolution 16 passes as a whole.**
- **Diaz moves to exit Finance as a Whole, Rivers seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate exits Finance as a Whole.**
- *Senate moves out of Finance as a Whole and into Debate on Consent Resolution 16.*
 - Opening Statement:
 - I am waiting to see if Accounting could do this in less time. We have at least one more day to check this. But, our SGA Advisor is saying it's better to address this now. We tried entreating and taking their request as best we could as we try to assist any organization we can. I don't think that PAC can fund this so I ask that you vote no and apologize to this organization.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No speakers.
 - First Round of Pro:
 - No speakers.
 - **Gonzalez moves to zero-fund the Relay for Life line-item, Myers seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The Relay for Life line-item is zero-funded.**
- **Wang moves to approve Consent Resolution 16.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Consent Resolution 16 is approved.**
- **Duchene moves to return to the Order of the Day, Wang seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate is back in the Order of the Day.**
- *Senate moves back into the Order of the Day and into Bills First Reading.*

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 12 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez & Senator Wang (P)
Revising the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging. **(Referred to Student Life, Finance, and Judiciary. Passed in Student Life 2.17. Finance did not meet 2.22. Tabled in Finance 2.23. Amended and Passed in Finance 3.8.)**
- **Diaz moves to unlock the Calendar and move back into the Consent Calendar, Rivers seconds.**
 - **No objection.**
 - **Senate moves back to the Consent Calendar.**
 - *Senate moves back into the Consent Calendar.*
- Bill 16 Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)
To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council. Also, to give Homecoming the power of planning Homecoming Chief and Princess Election. **(Referred to Student Life and Judiciary. Amended and Tabled in Student Life 2.24. Student Life did not meet 3.3.)**
- Point of Personal Privilege: Rivers: I would like to withdraw Bill 16.
 - **Bill 16 is withdrawn.**
- Bill 18 Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)
To amend the Election Code to release candidates and political parties from legal responsibility when the Supervisor of Elections approves campaign materials and clothing that are later found to be in violation of the Election Code. **(Referred to Judiciary. Did Not Pass in Judiciary 3.8.)**
- Bill 19 Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)
To amend the Election Code to narrow its scope of enforcement to only candidates, political parties, and party members. **(Referred to Judiciary. Did Not Pass in Judiciary 3.8.)**
- Bill 20 Sponsored by Senator Wang (P) Pfeuffer-Ferguson (Co)
Transferring \$2000.00 from the Asian American Student Union Expense Category to their Contractual Category to bring guest speakers for Asian American Heritage Month events. **(Referred to Budget. Tabled in Budget 3.1. 3.9.)**
- Bill 24 Sponsored by Senator Suarez and Senator Wells (P) Murray (Co)
To allow first-year college students to represent the college of undergraduate studies despite being enrolled in their University Division. **(Referred to Student Life and Judiciary. Student Life did not meet 3.3.)**
- Bill 25 Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P) Senators Wang & Gonzalez (Co)
To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council. Also, to give Homecoming the power of planning Homecoming Chief and Princess Election.
- Bill 26 Sponsored by Senator Rider (P)
To fund food costs for the end of the year banquet for The Office of Governmental Affairs and Noles Engaged in Politics on April 11th in the Globe Auditorium.
- Bill 27 Sponsored by Senator Rider (P)

To fund items such as notebooks and pens for the current and future Board and NEP classes.

Bill 28

Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P)

To reallocate \$1,000 in the category of Expense to the category of Food for the Veterans Student Union for the purposes of subsidizing their monthly socials.

- **Gonzalez moves to place a Bill on First Reading, Roy seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 30 is placed on First Reading.**
- **DuChêne moves to place a Bill on First Reading.**
 - **Bill 29 is placed on First Reading.**
- **Gonzalez moves to place Bill 30 on Second Reading, Wang seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 30 is placed on Second Reading.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 14

Sponsored by Senator Wang & Senator Gonzalez (P) Senator Bettley (Co)

Creating a stipulation that only senators financially certified by the time the Budget is voted on may vote on the bill. **(Referred to Budget and Judiciary. Passed in Budget 3.1. Passed in Judiciary 3.8.)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Wang: When I was Chairing Rules & Calendar last semester we had to table candidates coming into Senate being confirmed as Senators the day the Budget was being voted on as the Committee thought it would be fiscally responsible if they came in without being financially certified – they didn't want someone not financially certified voting on a Budget Bill.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No speakers.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Roy: This doesn't seem like it changes a lot as long and I believe it to be positive as long as it is checked a few days beforehand to ensure every Senator is financially certified; I support it.
 - Hockett: It is the bare minimum requirement, and I was able to do it so anyone can. I think it's a good idea.
 - Roy: With the financial certification, the results are immediate on Canvas so if we ever had a situation where a new Senator is coming up, that can be used if needed.
- First Round of Con:
 - No speakers.
 - **Murray moves to call the question, Barrett seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called.**
- Closing Statement:
 - I yield my time.

- **Voting Results:**
 - **21 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Bill 14 passes.**

Bill 15

Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Senators Barker, Beall, Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Fronczak, Gonzalez, Lessard, Little, Myers, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Rider, Rivers, Roy, Russell, Stewart, Soares, Suarez, Tsouroukdissian, Tucker, Wang, Weintraub (Co)

Increasing internal accountability by closing statutory loopholes surrounding how long Student Senators may remain suspended for not being financially certified. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules & Calendar. Passed in Judiciary 3.8. Passed 3.9.)**

- **Opening Statement:**
 - This is simple but important as Rules & Calendar is tied up as if a Senator was never financially certified they are suspended but Rules & Calendar cannot refer them for impeachment. This clarifies that if you are suspended for not being financially certified you will still incur absences so that once you reach the absence threshold you can be referred to impeachment. This opens Seats that aren't being used.
- **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - No speakers.
- **First Round of Pro:**
 - Roy: As someone who has been on Rules & Calendar this is a problem – it creates a system with a lack of involvement as we aren't able to get new people in Senate. I appreciate how the Sponsor brought this up and was able to get so many co-sponsors to achieve different perspectives.
 - DeChick: Anytime the Senate can move to make itself more productive it should be taken advantage of.
- **First Round of Con:**
 - No speakers.
 - **B. Suarez moves to pass by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 15 passes by unanimous consent.**

Bill 17

Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)

Amending the Election Code to expand its enforcement period. **(Referred to Judiciary. Passed in Judiciary 3.8.)**

- **Opening Statement:**
 - B. Suarez: I found - from sitting in violation hearings - that we should be enforcing a time period beyond three weeks before and after elections to be upholding the Code of Conduct. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:30:05).
- **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - No speakers.
- **First Round of Pro:**
 - Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: Political parties exist as RSO's, would this change how political parties exist between RSO's?

- No as everyone is held to the Election Code standards. If they're in violation then they are still held accountable regardless if they are an RSO or party no matter what the time of the year it is.
- Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: If someone ran as a Senator in the fall election and two weeks later ended up doing something, would they still be able to get an election violation?
 - Yes, they would still be held accountable for the election violation. We wanted to make sure everyone is held accountable throughout the entire school year.
- Point of Information: Rivers to the Sponsor: They would be upheld to the Election Code however on Line E it says after 48 hours after polls closed. So does that mean after the fall election they cannot commit violations?
 - No.
- Point of Information: Stewart to the Sponsor: You are aiming to change this to be the entire school year correct?
 - Yes.
- Point of Information: Stewart to the Sponsor: Why does it say immediately following the Spring election? Would you not rather it say until the end of the Spring semester?
 - It can be amended, but I think we are following the in-between time from after two weeks to the weird period between three weeks before the election. I would be friendly to an amendment.
- Point of Information: Little to the Sponsor: Would you be friendly to striking the first clause of the sentence in 711.4 Part D?
 - I would.
- **Stewart moves to amend Chapter 700 Part B to say “...enforced in a time period beginning at the start of the Fall semester and ending with the completion of the Spring semester,” Roy seconds.**
 - **Author finds it friendly.**
 - **Amended to say “...enforced in a time period beginning at the start of the Fall semester and ending with the completion of the Spring semester.”**
- Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: With these changes, this will affect both parties and individuals, right?
 - Yes.
- Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: With somebody who runs with a party in the Fall, and then slowly disaffiliates with that party, and violates the Code what would happen?
 - Another Bill with that failed in Judiciary that failed with that, I view that as an election code violation. In 11.4 B you can only commit violations 48 hours after the polls closed. So hypothetically if the polls closed in the Spring elections, 48 hours after that then ***RECORDING INAUDIBLE*** (01:38:38).
- Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: If can only report violations 48 hours afterwards, what sort of violations would they still be able to be commit afterwards between Fall and Spring?
 - False or malicious claims against the candidate, removing campaign material, etc.
- Point of Information: Roy to the Sponsor: So after that 48 hours when the Supervisor can't have anything reported to them, everything from

- them until the next three week period, will all of those then go to the Supervisors desk, or is he able to consider them during that time?
- 48 hours after the polls close can be reported and 48 hours and one minute can't report anything in fall election. So it pertains to the following election.
- Point of Information: Little for Stewart: Why did you choose to leave out the Summer semester?
 - Mainly as not much goes on during the Summer semester but I am friendly to changing it to include the Summer semester.
 - Point of Information: Rivers to the Sponsor: After 48 hours after the Spring election, the SOE cannot hear **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:42:31).
 - Statutes now say that 48 hours after polls close nothing can be done about the previous election. With the amendment that was made, 48 hours and 1 minute after the Spring election would rule into the Fall election.
 - Point of Information: Rivers to the Sponsor: Can violations be filed after the Spring election and if so those violations will be heard during the Fall election cycle, correct?
 - No, you can't hear election violations from the Spring election 48 hours after.
 - Point of Information: Barrett to the Sponsor: Have you discussed this Bill with the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisors?
 - Not on this Bill specifically but they are all in the understanding that the Election Code is broken.
 - Point of Clarification: Little to the Sponsor: That 48 hour deadline is only for the most recent election, so after one election, there are no more violations to be filed after that most recent election. So, no one could file violations for our most recent Spring election because that 48 hours window has passed. However if this Bill were to pass and someone saw a candidate as overzealous for a Fall Senate Seat breaking the Election Code than that can be reported right now and the SOE can hear that for a violation of the Fall semester elections.
 - Point of Information: Diaz to the Sponsors: Do you have any concerns with amending an Election Code that has been found to be unenforceable and unconstitutional by the Elections Commission last night?
 - We have to take one thing at a time.
 - Roy: I support this Bill. I do think this system is a bit strange as it only applies for small bits of time. This can create a more positive space. I would be concerned how it is not extended through the Summer but would look forward to working with anyone to make party distinctions. I think this is a step in the right direction.
 - Rivers: I am in support of this Bill however I think that some of the wording is confusing, especially 711.4 Part D. It is my understanding as now you cannot turn in violations after Spring election with this Bill. With that line that is not possible which I believe you wish to be possible.
 - Point of Information: Stewart to the Sponsor: What is going to be the circumstance in the situation that a Supervisor of Elections has not yet been appointment and confirmed?
 - We didn't add an enforcement period over the Summer is that a Supervisor of Elections doesn't have to be appointed. There

has to be one between Fall and Spring, which is why we didn't add a summer section as it could not be enforced.

- Wang moves to amend in Chapter 700 Part B strike “in the time period beginning at the start of the Fall semester and ending with the completion of the Spring Semester” and add “shall be enforced year-round,” Roy seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Authors do not find it friendly.
- Opening Statement on the Amendment:
 - Wang: The SOE doesn't have to be confirmed but it doesn't mean that they still can't be so this gives oversight into the Summer semester. If we want to have some oversight over campaigning for another election that is coming up in three to five months, why not have that Summer semester in which we can have that oversight.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No objections.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Little: I support this Amendment as we can have an SOE over the Summer semester. It doesn't make sense to only enforce this over Fall and Spring and exclude the Summer semester, especially as the Summer semester leads up to Fall elections and can act as time that potential candidates could begin to commit violations. I think that this language makes the most sense if the intent of this Bill is truly to enforce the Elections Code year-round.
 - Roy: The Elections Supervisor is hearing these violations in the three weeks before and 48 hours after. This allows those violations to be filled over the Summer. I think this keeps the Bill very streamlined.
 - Point of Personal Privilege: Murray: We find the Amendment friendly now.
 - **Authors find the Amendment friendly.**
- First Round of Pro on the Bill 17.
 - **Rivers moves to amend 711.4 Part D and strike out “beginning at the start of the Fall semester,” Myers seconds.**
 - **Authors find the Amendment friendly.**
 - **Little moves to amend Chapter 700 Section B to strike the precluding statement as it is now enforced year-round, Wang seconds.**
 - **Authors find the Amendment friendly.**
 - **Little moves to amend 711.4 “720.4 D” to say “702.4 D,” Wang seconds.**
 - **Authors find the Amendment friendly.**
 - Rivers: I think the Bill looks amazing now.
 - Little: I think this is a good idea. It makes sense to hold people responsible year-round.
 - Barrett: I think this is an amazing Bill that addresses a lot of good issues. I do wish it had been run past the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisors to better clarify, but I think it's amazing.
- First Round of Con:
 - **Wang moves to call the question, Rivers seconds.**

- **No objections.**
- **The question is called.**
- **Closing Statement:**
 - Murray: With the concern about the Election Code might not being enforced at all, it would be good if it turns out that we can. Thank you to B. Suarez for her involvement in this Bill.
 - B. Suarez: Thank you for having me and my first piece of legislation as we are all learning.
- **Voting Results:**
 - **17 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions.**
 - **Bill 17 passes.**
- *Senate moves into a three-minute Recess, ending at 9:54pm.*
- **DuChêne moves to verify quorum.**
 - **Refer to attendance.**
- **DuChêne moves to adjourn, Murray seconds.**
 - **Senate is adjourned at 10pm.**

Bill 21 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Duchêne, Lessard, Drackley (Co) Broadening language relating to the conditions by which a Student Senator may take a summer leave of absence. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules & Calendar. Passed in Judiciary 3.8. Passed in Rules & Calendar 3.9.)**

- Opening Statement:
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- First Round of Pro:
- First Round of Con:
- Closing Statement:
- **Voting Results:**

Bill 22 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Rider, Bowling, Roy, Suarez, Satizabal-Prieto, Garner (Co) Transferring \$2,800 within HLSU to adequately fund their annual gala. **(Referred to Budget. Passed in Budget 3.9.)**

- Opening Statement:
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- First Round of Pro:
- First Round of Con:
- Closing Statement:
- **Voting Results:**

Constitutional Amendments:

Resolutions:

Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P) Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.

(Referred to Rules and Calendar. Tabled in Rules and Calendar 2.9. 2.16 2.22. 3.9.)

- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P) Wells (Co)
To give an option for Statements of Dissent to be read aloud during Student Senate meetings. **(Referred to Rules & Calendar. Tabled in Rules & Calendar 3.2 Withdrawn 3.9.)**
- Resolution 19 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Russell, Downing, Lessard, Suarez, Murray, Barberis, Fronczak, Wells (Co)
Proposing amendments to the Student Government application that would clarify a question relating to applicants' academic classification.

Unfinished Business:

Statements of Dissent:

New Business:

Spring Awards:

- Mattie Durham Senator of the Year
- The Mores Award (Senate Ethics Award)
- The Vires Award (New Senator of the Year)
- The Artes Award (Chair of the Year)

Closing Announcements:

Officer Announcements:

Advisor Announcements:

Final Roll Call:

- Refer to Attendance.

Adjournment:

- **Senate is adjourned at 10pm.**