



## Senate Resolution

### 71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate

#### Senate Resolution #: 14

Sponsored by Senator Alvarez, Leckie, Ready, Walsh, Murcia

**WHEREAS:** Article 1, Section 5 of The Constitution of the Student Body states that the purpose of the Student Government shall be, "To provide an official voice through which the opinions of the student body may be expressed.", and

**WHEREAS:** Statute 417.4 B. 1. states, 'Any Senator may author an optional "statement of dissent" which outlines the dissenting opinion of the Senate on a particular issue.' And

**WHEREAS:** Senate Rules of Procedure, Rule 11.15 states, 'A Senator shall be permitted to enter into the record a written explanation of no more than two hundred (200) words or any vote or action he/she may take.' And

**WHEREAS:** the current Rules of Procedure do not specify the processes of entering statements of dissent or written explanations, and

**WHEREAS:** Senate Rules of Procedure 15.3 states "Any amendment to these rules shall be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution", and

**WHEREAS:** Any permanent amendment of the rules requires two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, therefore,


**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

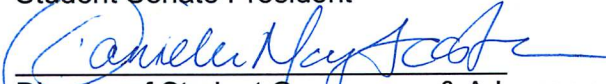
The following rules be amended as attached.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** a copy of this resolution is sent to:

David Higgins, President of the Student Senate  
Claudia Villegas, President Pro-Tempore of the Student Senate  
Brandon Brown, Vice President of the Student Body  
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

OFFICIALS:

  
Student Senate President

  
Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

## **RULE EIGHT – Senate Business**

- 8.9** The Senate Program Assistant shall publish the Senate Journal each week no later than twenty-four hours prior to a regular session of the Senate. Journal entries shall include, but not be limited to:
- a. Times of convening and adjournment.
  - b. A list of Senators present and absent for first roll call.
  - c. Name of presiding officer(s).
  - d. Messages from the Executive Branch.
  - e. A description of all measures introduced and date of entry.
  - f. Messages of the Senate President and names of all guests introduced.
  - g. A summary of all committee reports.
  - h. Engrossing, enrolling, and transmittal of all bills and constitutional amendments.
  - i. Description of any floor amendments or committee amendments offered and their disposition.
  - j. Any material votes required by the Student Body Constitution, Statutes, or these rules, ordered by the Senate or determined necessary to report the proceedings of the Senate.
  - k. **Any submitted Statements of Dissent**
  - k.l. All roll call votes.
  - l. m. A list of Senators present and absent for the final roll call.
  - ~~m. Any submitted Statements of Dissent~~

## **RULE TEN - Submission and Consideration of Measures**

### **10.1** Definitions

- a. A "Constitutional Amendment" shall be any measure proposing a change, deletion or addition to the Student Body Constitution.
- b. A "Bill" shall be any measure proposing an amendment to the Student Body Statutes or any measure appropriating money.
- c. "Resolutions" shall be any substantive measure which is not a bill, or constitutional amendment.
- d. A "Nomination" shall be the name of any person who has been named to candidacy to fill a vacant position in Student Government that requires confirmation by the Senate.
- e. "Confirmation" shall be defined as the approval of a nominee by the Senate, in which case the nominee shall then immediately assume office.
- f. "Statement of Dissent" shall be defined as a written explanation expressing disagreement with any motion, action, or measure made by majority decision of the Senate

### **10.15** **Statements of Dissent**

Any senator may, during New Business, move to add a Statement of Dissent into the record.

- a. The statement must solely address a singular action, motion, or measure made during that session

- b. There may only be one statement submitted per any action, motion, or measure
- c. Senators who did not make the motion on the floor may cosign the Statement with the consent of the Senator who made the motion
- c. The statement must be submitted to the Senate Program Assistant ~~forty eight (48) hours~~ **two (2) school days** following the session of the senate when the motion was made
- d. If the Senate Program Assistant finds the Statement to be in violation of The Senate Conduct code, they may withhold its inclusion to the journal

## **RULE 11 – Debate and Voting**

**11.15** ~~A Senator shall be permitted to enter into the record a written explanation of no more than two hundred (200) words or any vote or action he/she may take.~~

- 11.156** When making a point, a Senator shall adhere to the proper procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition.
- a. Points do not relate directly to the substance of the pending motion, but rather the method of transacting the business of the motion. Incidental motions must be dealt with immediately.
  - b. Types of points used within Senate are listed but not limited to:
    1. Point of Personal Privilege
      - a. To register a complaint about the environment of the meeting or make a personal request.
    2. Point of Information
      - a. To request information of the Senate President.
    3. Point of Clarification
      - a. To make a germane factual statement.
    4. Point of Order
      - a. To enforce the rule(s).
    5. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
      - a. To ask a question regarding the rule(s)