



Senate Resolution

Senate Resolution #: 74

Sponsored by: Gerdts

Whereas: Rule 1.4 of the 71st Student Senate does not require the Student Senate President or Senate President Pro Tempore to have served for six (6) weeks in the Student Senate and

Whereas: The Chairs of the standing committees may serve as interim Student Senate President or Senate President Pro Tempore in cases of their absence, and

Whereas: The Senate Rules of Procedure should be consistent in its application of requirements for positions in the senate, and

Whereas: Rule 15.3 of the 71st Student Senate states, "Any amendment to these rules shall be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution", therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University that: The Senate Rules of Procedure be amended to read as follows:

5.4 Election and Removal of Standing Committee Chair and Vice Chair

- a. Elections shall occur immediately after the reading of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment or departure of a sitting Chair and Vice-Chair. Senate shall move to enter committee caucus for the purpose of electing Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
- b. The overseer of the nominations, speeches, pro-debates, and vote for the Chair position of each of the standing committees shall be one of the following: SGA Director, SGA Associate Director, Senate Program Assistant, President, and Pro Tempore. In the event that one or more of these overseers are absent, the President shall designate any additional overseers as he or she sees fit.
- c. The Chairperson of a standing committee shall have served six (6) weeks in Senate prior to assuming the chair. This rule may be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee that shall occur when the Senator is nominated to run for Chair.
- d. c. Nominations for Committee Chair and Committee Vice-Chair shall be taken from the committee members and shall require a second. The nominee must accept the nomination. Each candidate shall be allowed, in alphabetical order, to address the standing committee for no more than three (3) minutes in the form of a speech.
- e. d. The overseer shall allow no more than two committee members to speak in pro during debate. Each committee member's pro-debate shall last no longer than two (2) minutes. No con-debate shall be permitted during the election process. All nominees not addressing the standing committee shall be requested to leave the immediate area when not speaking, including during all debate on the candidates.
- f. e. All members of the standing committee including the nominees will vote with a secret ballot for the Chair. Each committee member including the candidates for Chair shall

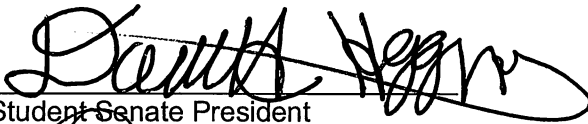
cast their vote by writing the name of his or her desired candidate on a piece of paper and turning it in to the overseer.

- g. f.** The overseer will count the secret ballots to determine a majority vote and declare the winner. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff election will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes in the first round. In the event of a tie in the final round, the President shall cast the tie breaking vote. The vote count shall not be announced.
- h. g.** At this point, the overseer's role in the election is completed. The Chair now conducts the election for Vice-Chair. The process for the nominations, speeches, and pro-debates for the Vice-Chair shall be the same as that for Chair. The Chair shall cast a vote in the event of a tie.
- i. h.** A Chair or Vice-Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on. Only those who have served on the committee for minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present for the vote to be held.
 - 1.** The Vice Chair shall preside over the motion and vote to remove the chair. In the case that the Vice Chair is unavailable, or the committee is voting to remove both the Chair and Vice Chair, the most senior member of the committee shall preside.

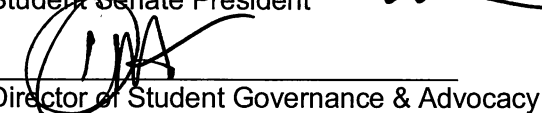
Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following,

Evan Steinberg, Student Body President
Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta, Director
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

OFFICIALS:



Student Senate President



Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

**SENATE VOTE: 24Y-4N-2A
PASSED: 23rd of October, 2019**