THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senate Resolution

71st Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 81

Sponsored by: Alvarez, Denton

Date: 10/9/19

WHEREAS: Senators are responsible for ensuring their own attendance to both Committee meetings and the Senate as a whole, and

WHEREAS: The current means of addressing potentially truant Senators has proven difficult to enforce in the past, and

WHEREAS: Excused absences, while made in good faith, may still have negative impacts on the business of Committee meetings and the Senate as a whole, and

WHEREAS: Amendments to the Senate Rules of Procedure must be introduced in the form of a resolution, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: Senate Rules of Procedure read as follows:

13.8 Penalties:

a. If a Senator is absent for three (3) committee meetings, they shall be required to meet with their Chairperson to determine whether or not they should be reassigned. If a decision is not reached in that meeting, the committee may, by a majority vote, expel a member who has received three (3) absences. The expelled member shall be reassigned to a different committee by the Senate President.

1. If a senator knows that they will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of a committee, it is their responsibility to meet with the Senate President regarding a reassignment prior to absences being accrued.

b. Any senator who accumulates ~~five (5) unexcused~~ seven (7) absences, both excused and unexcused, shall be automatically suspended and forwarded to the ~~Judiciary~~ Rules and Calendar Committee for ~~impeachment proceedings~~ review over the senator's absences. Suspended senators shall not be considered in determining quorum, nor shall they be entitled to any rights or privileges of a Senator, except for those related to due process of potential impeachment proceedings.

1. ~~The Judiciary Committee shall contact the suspended Senator by phone of the impeachment proceedings at least twenty four (24) hours before any meetings,~~ Taking the number of both excused and unexcused absences into consideration, the Rules and Calendar Committee shall

decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith. If the Rules and Calendar committee finds that the Senator is no longer capable of consistent attendance, they shall then forward the Senator to the Judiciary committee for impeachment proceedings, and the Judiciary Committee shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The aforementioned amendments not be implemented until the meeting of the 72nd Student Senate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Chairs of the Standing Committees of the 71st Student Senate be reminded of their authority under Senate Rule 13.7 c., which states "(T)he presiding officer shall have the discretion to determine if an absence is excused or unexcused, subject to appeal by the absent senator before the Rules and Calendar Committee."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:
Dr Danielle Acosta, SGA Director
Kelvin Ready, Chair of the Budget Committee
Matthew Harris, Chair of the Finance Committee
Samantha Jacobsen, Chair of the Judiciary Committee
Asia Warren, Chair of the Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee
Jack Denton, Senate President Pro Tempore and Chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee
David Higgins, President of the Student Senate

OFFICIALS: _____
Student Senate President

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Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

SENATE VOTE: 23Y-4N-1A
PASSED: 23rd of October, 2019