



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

72ND STUDENT SENATE
Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 9

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sojos

Date: November 21st, 2019

Whereas: According to the 72nd Senate Rules of Procedure, by vote, Senate committees have the authority to fail legislation if it is deemed unnecessary or unsuitable by the members of the committee, and

Whereas: In contrast to failed legislation, amendments which failed during committee business can be presented for a second time on the Senate floor during the Second Reading of a proposed bill or resolution, undermining the decision of the committee, Therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The following changes be made to the 72nd Student Senate Rules of Procedure:


- 10.11 The primary sponsor of any bill, constitutional amendment or resolution may withdraw consideration of the document from the Calendar of the Senate at any time.
- 10.12 **Amendments:** Any amendment to a measure must be submitted to the Senate Programs Assistant in written form and must contain the number or title of the measure to be amended, the exact language of the proposed amendment including that which shall be inserted, deleted, and/or substituted.
 - a. Motions to amend shall be made during any round of debate and shall require a second. If the proposed amendment is not objected to, the presiding officer shall ask the primary sponsor if the amendment is favorable. If the sponsor assents, the original measure shall be amended, and debate shall proceed on the measure as amended.
 - b. If the motion to amend is objected to and/or the sponsor does not find the amendment favorable, debate on the primary measure shall halt and the Senate shall consider the amendment as a stand-alone measure. The Senator who made the motion to amend shall be considered the sponsor for purposes of debate.
 - 1. Debate on the amendment shall not address the merits of the original measure, unless it is pertinent to the merits of the amendment. Additionally, questions and points of information should only inquire on the facts of the amendment itself.
 - c. A motion to amend shall require a majority vote to pass.

- d. An amendment may be amended following the same procedure above, but a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.
- e. All amendments that appropriate or transfer funds to organizations that are not part of the originally submitted bill must be individually debated on the Senate floor, regardless if the sponsor accepts them as friendly or unfriendly. Such amendments shall require the normal majority vote of the Senate to become part of the main bill
- f. Any amendment(s) failed, by vote of committee members, during committee business may not be re-introduced for consideration during the second hearing of a bill or resolution unless 1/10th of Senators present rise in support of the amendment.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following individuals:

Jack Denton, Student Senate President
Alexander Harmon, Student Senate Pro-Tempore
Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta, Student Government Association Director
Evan Steinberg, Student Body President

OFFICIALS:


Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 39Y-3N-0A
PASSED: 5TH OF FEBRUARY, 2020**