



73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 5

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

WHEREAS: There has been confusion over the manner in which Senators who are unsuspended by the Rules & Calendar Committee due to excessive absences may be absent for future meetings following their acquittal, and

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 5, Clause A (1) of the Constitution of the Student Body states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-SECOND STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: These following Rules be amended as follows:

13.8 Penalties:

- a. If a Senator is absent for three (3) committee meetings, they shall be required to meet with their Chair 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 seven (7) absences, both excused and unexcused, shall be automatically suspended and forwarded to the Rules & Calendar Committee for 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. Taking the number of both excused and unexcused absences into consideration, the Rules & Calendar Committee shall decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is no longer capable on consistent attendance, they shall then forward the Senator to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings, and the Judiciary Committee and shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and the Constitution.
 2. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith, they shall unsuspend the Senator, then propose and vote on any number of additional absences that the Senator may accumulate before being suspended and subject to review by the Rules & Calendar committee again.

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

Renee Wang, Senate President Pro-Tempore
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director
Da'Shaun Scott

Alexander D. Harmon

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: 20th of JANUARY, 2021