



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 4

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Student Body states that "The Legislature Powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senate," and,

WHEREAS: Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Student Body states that "All executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in a President of the Student Body, assisted by the Student Body Vice President," and,

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 2, Clause B of the Constitution of the Student Body states that, "the [sic] Senate shall select a Senate President and President Pro Tempore" and,

WHEREAS: There is no mention of the Vice President having Legislative Powers or Presiding authority over the Student Senate within the Constitution of the Student Body, and

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 5. Clause A.1. 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-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The following Student Senate Rules be amended as follows:

PART I: SENATE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

RULE ONE: Election, and Vacancies, and Removal of the Office of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore

- 1.1 Following the Fall Inauguration and installation of the new Student Senate, the most senior member of the Student Senate shall call to order an organizational meeting of the Senate for the purpose of electing a Student Senate President. During that meeting, the Senate Rules of Procedure from the previous session shall be adopted in order to conduct business.
- a. "Most senior" shall be defined as the senator that has served the longest consecutive term. Should more than one senator have served for the same amount of time, the senator whose name appears first on the official roll of the senate shall be considered the most senior.
- 1.2 In the case that the most senior Senator accepts a nomination for Student Senate President, then the next most senior Senator will chair, and so on. The Chairperson shall have the right to cast a vote for election of the Student Senate President in such cases where their vote would be decisive.
- 1.7 In the event of permanent vacancy in the office of Student Senate President, the Student Senate President Pro Tempore, at the next scheduled Senate meeting, shall assume the chair and immediately call for election of a new Student Senate President following the same procedure above. If the current Student Senate President Pro Tempore is nominated for the office of Student Senate President, or the positions of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore are vacant simultaneously, the following shall be the order of succession: Chairperson of Judiciary, Chairperson of Internal Affairs, Chairperson of Budget, Chairperson of Finance, and Chairperson of Student Affairs. Any person in this line of succession who shall become acting Student Senate President shall have only the authority to sign bills waiting to go to the Student Body President, call the next immediate meeting of the Student Senate and conduct the election for the new Student Senate President. In the case where the President Pro Tempore and all Committee Chairpersons are nominated or unable to Chair, then the most senior Senator present shall immediately assume the chair for the purposes of conducting the election. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall reserve the right to retain their position as Student Senate President Pro Tempore if they are nominated and do not win.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:
Alexander Harmon, Student Senate President
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Assistant VP Student Affairs
Da'Shaun Scott, SGA Program Coordinator

DocuSigned by:

Alexander Harmon

6/8/2021 | 4:50 PM EDT

OFFICIAL: _____

18244305E958499...

Student Senate President

PASSED: April 14th, 2021