



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 73<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #: 50**

**Primary Sponsors:** Linksy and Tackett

**Co-Sponsors:** Little, Nemeth, and Randall

**Whereas:** The Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc committee met in Summer 2021 and proposed the attached changes to the 73rd Student Senate Rules of Procedure.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the following changes be made to the 73rd Student Senate Rules of Procedure:

### **RULE ONE: Election, Vacancies, and Removal of the 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. At least two-thirds of the membership of The Senate must be present in order for the election of the Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore to occur. Elections for Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall be by secret ballot and shall require a majority vote in order to elect a candidate.
  - a. Runoff Elections for Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore:
    1. 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.
    2. If more than two candidates tie for first place, then there shall be a runoff of all tied candidates.
    3. If two or more candidates tie for second place, all tied candidates shall proceed to the runoff with the first place candidate.
    4. All runoff elections held for Student Senate President and Student Senate Pro Tempore shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule of Procedure 1.2.

- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Nominations for Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall be taken from the floor and shall require a second. The Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall be elected from among the membership of the Senate.
- 1.5. Each candidate shall be allowed, in alphabetical order, to give a presentation to the Senate for no more than five (5) minutes. Immediately following each candidate's presentation, no more than two (2) Senators will be allowed to address a question to the candidate who just presented. The Chair shall allow two minutes of pro-debate per candidate. No con-debate shall be permitted during the election process. All nominees not addressing the Senate shall be requested to exit the chambers when not speaking, including during all debate on the candidates. Upon the completion of the final vote all nominees may enter the Chambers.
- 1.6. Upon election, the Student Senate President shall immediately take the oath prescribed for Student Body Officers in §202.7, Student Body Statutes, assume the chair, and proceed with the election of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore. The Student Senate President shall have the right to cast a vote for the election of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore in such cases where their vote would be decisive. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall be administered the same oath and assume office immediately upon election. The oath shall be administered by the presiding officer at the time of the election. The Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore are to continue in office until their successors are chosen and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever occurs first.
- 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.

- 1.8. Any member may, at any time, make a motion of no-confidence in the Student Senate President or the Student Senate President Pro Tempore. This action must be seconded and include a reason for the motion being made. The officer shall temporarily vacate their position which shall be filled pursuant to the order of succession listed in Rule 1.7. The Senator who made the motion shall present their motion pursuant to the structure of debate described in Rule Eleven. For the motion to pass, a two-thirds majority with no less than two-thirds of the members of the Senate being present shall be required. Following the passage of a motion of no confidence, the officer in question shall permanently vacate their position and the presiding officer shall immediately call for the election of the recently vacated position following the same procedure above.

**Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:**

Alexander Harmon, Student Senate President  
Renee Wang, Student Senate President Pro Tempore  
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

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*Alexander Harmon*

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**Student Senate President**

**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent  
PASSED: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**