



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Resolution #: 59**

**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 TEN - Submission and Consideration of Measures**

- 10.1. Definitions:
  - a. A "Constitutional Amendment" shall be any measure proposing a change, deletion or addition to the Student Body Constitution.
  - b. A "Bill" shall be any measure proposing an amendment to the Student Body Statutes or any measure appropriating money.
  - c. A "Resolution" shall be any measure which is not a bill, constitutional amendment, confirmation, or statement of dissent.
  - d. A "Nomination" shall be the name of any person who has been forwarded to fill a vacant position in Student Government that requires confirmation by the Senate.
  - e. "Confirmation" shall be defined as the approval of a nomination by the Senate, in which case the nominee shall then immediately assume office.
  - f. "Statement of Dissent" shall be defined as a written explanation expressing disagreement with any motion, action, or measure made by the Senate.
- 10.2. Any bill or resolution filed on time shall be drawn up by the Senate Staff and distributed to members of the Senate via email and/or packets
- 10.3. Any bills affecting Student Government funds which are restrictive shall state all restrictions, earmarks, stipulations and provisions as part of the proviso of the bill.
- 10.4. All appropriations bills must be accompanied by an information form detailing the need for the money, the specific uses for the money, and alternative methods of funding which have been investigated.
- 10.5. All bills, constitutional amendments, and resolutions shall include a purpose and description section detailing a statement of legislative intent. No bill shall be placed on second reading without a statement of legislative intent
- 10.6. All constitutional amendments, bills, and resolutions shall be submitted on the appropriate forms as designated by the Student Senate President.
- 10.7. Any measure being brought before the Senate for the first time shall be placed on first reading, unless otherwise moved.
- 10.8. Any measure reported out of committee(s) shall be placed on second reading to be heard by the full Senate at the next meeting.

- 10.9. All nominees to Student Government offices requiring Senate confirmation shall have their completed applications forwarded to the appropriate Senate committee for consideration. The committee shall interview and question the nominee and then vote on whether to forward or deny them. Following the vote of the committee, all nominees forwarded by the committee shall be called to the floor of the Senate at its next meeting and shall be allowed to give an opening statement, lasting no longer than five (5) minutes, with their remaining time being allocated to their closing. Upon conclusion of all opening statements, candidates may be questioned by any Senator. During questioning, any Senator may move to enter debate via a majority vote or confirm the nominees individually via a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote.
- a. A-motion to enter pro/con debate shall state which nominees are to be debated, and they shall be permitted to remain in the Senate Chamber during debate if they so choose.
  - b. Upon the passage of a motion to confirm the nominees individually or to call the question, each nominee shall have the time remaining from their opening statement to give a closing statement as to why they should be confirmed.
- 10.10. 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 without the need for a formal motion.
- 10.11. Any amendment to a measure must be submitted in written form and must contain the exact language of the proposed amendment including that which shall be inserted and/or, deleted;
- a. Motions to amend may be made during any round of debate and shall require a second. If the proposed amendment is germane and receives no objections, the presiding officer shall ask the primary sponsor if the amendment is favorable. If the sponsor finds the amendment favorable, the original measure shall be amended and debate shall proceed on the measure as amended.
  - b. If the motion to amend is objected to 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. Unless otherwise specified by the Student Body Constitution or Student Body Statutes, a motion to amend shall require a majority vote to pass.
  - d. 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.
- 10.12. The Senate may, at any time following the proper motion, move to committee caucus for the purpose of expediting the consideration of any measure. A motion to move to committee caucus shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate. The Student Senate President, or other presiding officer, shall reconvene the Senate at the end of the caucus.
- 10.13. Any Senator may, at any time, move to meet as a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing any Senate business. A motion to convene as a committee of the whole may pass by consent or, if objected to, shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate. A motion to adjourn such a committee meeting and return to a regular Senate meeting shall require a majority vote.

- a. The Student Senate President shall preside over a committee of the whole, unless they choose to relinquish the Chair.
  - b. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall act as the Vice Chair of a committee of the whole, unless they choose to relinquish their position.
  - c. When the Senate reconvenes, any senator may move to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the whole.
  - d. Should the Senate enter a committee of the whole, only members of the original committee who were on the prevailing side of a motion may move for a reconsideration of the vote on the said motion.
- 10.14. Any senator may, during New Business, move to add a Statement of Dissent into the record.
- a. The statement must solely address a singular action, motion, or measure made during that meeting.
  - b. There may only be one statement submitted per any action, motion, or measure per Senator.
  - c. Senators who did not make the action, motion, or measure on the floor may cosign the Statement with the consent of the Senator who made the action, motion, or measure.
  - d. The statement must be submitted to Senate Staff within two (2) school days following the meeting of the senate when the action, motion, or measure was made.
- 10.15. A resolution recognizing all Florida State University students that have deceased shall be heard on the floor of the Senate during the meeting prior to the last Senate meeting of the session, or "Sine Die."
- a. The list of students will be provided by the SGA Director.
  - b. This resolution shall be proposed and advertised one (1) week prior to it being heard.
  - c. This resolution shall be referred to the Student Life Committee after its first reading and shall be reported out of the committee in one (1) week.
  - d. No other resolutions recognizing students that have passed shall be considered unless this rule is waived by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

**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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**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent  
PASSED: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**