



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE
Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 60

Primary Sponsors: Linksy and Randall
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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 ELEVEN - Debate and Voting

- 11.1. No person who is not a Student Senator, Senate officer, or SGA Staff member shall be recognized to speak before the Senate unless a motion is made and seconded to allow such a speaker. Senators may **make a debatable objection** to the motion in which case a majority vote will be necessary to allow such a speaker.
- 11.2. Only Student Senators, Senate officers, and SGA Staff members shall be allowed on the floor of the Student Senate while the Senate is meeting
- 11.3. Rules 11.01 and 11.02 shall not apply to individuals invited to address the Student Senate whose name or purpose of address appears on the Senate Calendar.
- 11.4. A Senator who wishes to gain the floor shall raise their hand and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer.
- 11.5. Any Senator recognized by the presiding officer, shall rise to address the Senate.
- 11.6. When a measure or motion comes before the Senate for consideration, the structure of debate shall be as follows:
 - a. Opening statement by the sponsor(s) of no more than five (5) minutes. No motions may be made during this round.
 - b. Technical, non-debatable questions, which shall consist of factual inquiries directed toward the sponsor(s). The amount of questions asked shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer. No motions or points of information shall be made during this time.
 - c. Rounds of pro debate and rounds of con debate, in alternation. Each round shall be no more than three minutes long.
 - d. Closing statement by the original sponsor. The length of this statement shall be whatever remaining time the sponsor yielded after ~~his or her~~ their opening. No motions may be made during this round.
- 11.7. No Senator shall speak in debate more than once during any one round of debate. No Senator shall speak in debate more than twice across all rounds of debate, **unless recognized by the Presiding Officer at their discretion.**
 - a. These speaking limitations shall not be applied to raising motions or points.

- 11.8. Points and motions do not count against time during any timed round. The remaining time on any side of debate shall be returned to that side of debate upon completion of any motion or matter that arises, including amendments deemed unfriendly.
- 11.9. Any Senator may yield their remaining time to any other Senator except on closing debate. If no other Senator wishes to speak when called on by the presiding officer, the current round shall be extinguished.
- 11.10. A motion to call the question shall be entertained when:
- a. Following the expiration of time for a round of con debate, but before it is announced by the presiding officer that there has been a transition into a round of pro debate.
 - 1. If an objection is made to this motion, the motion to call the question shall immediately be voted on.
 - b. At the beginning of a round of pro debate, if no time has been used and no Senators are attempting to be recognized to debate.
 - 1. If an objection is made to this motion, the motion to call the question shall automatically fail and the round of pro debate shall resume.
 - c. If there is time remaining in a round of con debate but no Senators are attempting to be recognized to debate.
 - 1. If an objection is made to this motion, the motion to call the question shall automatically fail and the round of con debate shall resume.
- 11.11. The presiding officer shall declare all votes. If not prescribed in statutes or these rules, the presiding officer shall determine the manner in which the vote is taken, however a senator may move for a vote by electronic device, hand count, or roll call.
- a. In cases of roll call votes, the Student Senate President Pro-Tempore shall call the roll of the Senate, in alphabetical order, recording the vote of each Senator.
 - b. Before the result of a roll call vote has been announced, the presiding officer shall ask if any Senator wishes to cast or change their vote.
- 11.12. In no case shall a Senator cast a vote in place of another Senator-No person who is not a Senator shall vote.-Violations of this provision shall be punished as the Senate deems proper.

11.13. Any Senator may raise a point at any time unless denoted otherwise in these Rules.

a. Types of points used within Senate include but are not limited to:

1. Point of Personal Privilege

a. To register a complaint about the environment of the meeting or make a personal request.

2. Point of Information

a. To request information of the presiding officer who may direct the point to any person who is present at the meeting.

3. Point of Clarification

a. To make a germane factual statement.

4. Point of Order

a. To enforce the rule(s).

5. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

a. To ask a question regarding the rule(s)

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

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Renee Wang, Student Senate President Pro Tempore

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Alexander Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: September 16th, 2021**