



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 80
Primary Sponsor: Wang

Whereas: Senators are often overwhelmed with balancing schoolwork and extracurriculars, and

Whereas: The establishment of Mental Health Days should alleviate some of the pressure and stress senators are experiencing, therefore

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

RULE THIRTEEN – Senate Attendance

- 13.8** Senators shall notify the appropriate presiding officer of a planned absence or tardy in writing prior to any missed Committee Meeting or Senate Meeting.
- a. If prior notice is not possible, any Senator who receives an absence or tardy shall be required to provide a written excuse to the presiding officer of the missed meeting within six (6) school days of the meeting. Failure to submit a written excuse within this period will result in the absence or tardy being declared unexcused.
 - b. With proper documentation, the following shall be considered excused in addition to excuses listed in the university policy on attendance:
 1. Documented illness.
 2. Documented attendance of a class or class-related activity.
 3. Study session(s) or studying for a documented exam on the day following the absence.
 4. Religious holy days
 5. Calls to active military duty or jury duty.
 6. Deaths in the family.
 7. Official University activities
 - c. In any other circumstance, the presiding officer shall have the discretion to determine if an absence or tardy is excused or unexcused, subject to appeal by the absent senator before the Rules Committee.
 1. The decision of the presiding officer shall be presented to the absent senator in writing and a copy shall be furnished to the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.
 - d. The presiding officer shall be required to report all absences and tardies to the Student Senate President Pro Tempore within twenty-four (24) hours after the

meeting and shall state whether or not the absence or tardy is excused or unexcused.

- e. Senators shall be allowed to be absent for two full meetings during each term. These shall be deemed "Mental Health Days" and shall not count towards the total number of absences accumulated by each senator. Senators must notify the Senate President Pro-Tempore.

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
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

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PASSED: November 15th, 2021