



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

**Senate Bill #: 60**

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz, Tucker

**Co-Sponsor(s):** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### A revision to the Student Body Statutes

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FOURTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes SBS §400.1, §400.7, §401.1, §411.1, §412.1, §413.7, §705.4, §706.6, §1100.5 (See attached).

To amend the nomenclature of the Rules and Student Life committees in Statutes to align with the current Senate Rules of Procedure and the current practices of the Student Senate. This omnibus bill requires 2/3 concurrence of the Student Senate.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 08/31/2022

Referred to Committee: Judiciary and Rules & Calendar

Committee Report: Amended & Passed in Judiciary 9/06; Passed in Rules & Calendar 9/07

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Time: 09/14/2022

Senate Vote: Unanimous Consent

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Student Senate President

**PASSED: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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#### 400.1 Senate Session

##### A. Fall, Spring, and Summer Meetings

The fall, spring, and summer meetings of the Student Senate shall begin on the second Wednesday in the respective semester and shall terminate on the Wednesday prior to finals week of the three semesters.

##### B. Each Student Senate shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure in accordance with the Student Body Constitution and Statutes.

##### C. Except for summer leave of absences, no leave of absence may exceed one week. No Senator may take more than three (3) leaves of absences in one semester. Further, absences accrued during any further leaves shall be considered unexcused absences. Special exceptions may be granted by the Rules and Calendar Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

#### 400.7 Senate Committee

##### A. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur the first meeting after the allocation of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment, or departure of a sitting Chair and/or Vice Chair.

##### 1. A Chair or Vice Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on; only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote.

##### B. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.7 A.

##### C. No Senator may serve on more than one standing committee, at the same time, except that they may serve on Rules and Calendar in addition to being a Chair of their committee.

##### D. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.

### Chapter 401 Forms of Legislation

#### 401.1 Resolutions

Resolutions shall be formal expressions of the opinion or will of the Senate. Resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote of the Senate. Changes to the Rules of Procedure must be done through resolution and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

- A. Resolutions shall not be written for the purpose of commending or condemning an individual(s) or organization(s) unless approved by majority of the Rules and Calendar Committee and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

#### **Chapter 411 Senator's Committee Rights**

- A. At the first meeting following the taking of the oath of office, Senators shall submit their committee preferences. The Student Senate President shall assign committees and at no time shall any committee fall below five (5) voting members.
  - B. Once committee membership has been initially decided upon committee members may only be switched to another committee by the Senate President with permission of the Senator to be moved.
  - C. Neither Section 411 A nor B applies to the Rules and Calendar, Sweepings, Supplemental Funding, or Central Reserves Committee.
  - D. Committee members will be allowed three (3) unexcused absences, after which point, the chair must call for a motion to remove the Senator from the committee. Such a motion will require a majority-vote of the committee that they served on. Only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote. If the motion passes the Student Senate President must be immediately notified at the conclusion of the meeting where the motion takes place.
    - 1. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must email the vice chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting or, in the event of an unforeseen circumstance on the day of the meeting, twenty-four (24) hours after the meeting, providing information as to why they were not present. The request shall be approved by a majority vote of the committee at the next meeting. All excused absences must comply with the Florida State University policy.
    - 2. Two (2) tardies shall count as an unexcused absence.
    - 3. Once a Senator has been notified of removal from an assigned committee the Senator will have two (2) business days to submit their availability and request for a new committee assignment to the Student Senate President.
- 411.1 The Standing Committees of the Senate shall be: Budget, Finance, Judiciary, Student Life and Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, and Rules and Calendar.
- 411.2 The Central Reserves and Sweepings Committees are special standing committees that shall exist for a particular session until their respective duties have been completed.
- 411.3 All members of the Finance and Budget Committees shall be required to attend a workshop held by the Student Government Association Accounting Office.

## Chapter 412 Sweepings Regulations Act of 1995

### 412.1 Sweepings Allocation Process

- A. Monies from sweepings may not be allocated by Student Senate, except through one sweepings bill per year. It must be completed and passed by Student Senate no later than the end of the fall term.
  - 1. In the event that a veto results in unallocated sweepings monies an additional sweepings bills may be done.
  - 2. In the event that the Vice President for Student Affairs holds sweepings funds in an A&S Fee Reserve and later returns that money to the Student Senate, the monies shall be allocated in a sweepings bill. This may result in an additional sweepings bill.
- B. Sweepings monies may not be attached as a rider to other bills.
- C. Committee Members
  - 1. The Sweepings Committee shall be a special standing committee, and members shall enjoy all rights of committee members under Chapter 411, unless otherwise stated in this statute.
  - 2. Senators may serve on this committee as voting members while serving on other committees. The Committee shall consist of two (2) members from each standing committee (except Rules and Calendar) elected by their committee. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Sweepings Committee shall be elected by the Sweepings Committee upon its creation in the Fall.

### 413.7 Spring Awards

At the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting following the spring election, every spring semester the Student Senate shall vote on the following four awards. These awards shall be presented during the Presidential Inauguration ceremony to the Senator receiving the most votes for each award.

- A. Mattie Durham Senator of the Year - The Senator that best served students, Student Senate and the larger university community.
- B. The Mores Award (Senate Ethics Award) - The Senator who carried out their duties with the highest sense of personal ethics and honor, exemplifying the greatest level of character on which our university prides itself, or "Mores."
- C. The Vires Award (New Senator of the Year) - The best Senator who is serving their first term in Senate (not necessarily a Freshman). The

Senator who exhibits strength (“Vires”) through their first term by continuing to persevere in their learning and striving to make a difference.

- D. The Artes Award (Chair of the Year) - The best Chair of the Resource for Travel Allocation Committee (RTAC) Programming Allocation Committee (PAC) and Standing Committee Chairs (other than Rules and Calendar, Central Reserves and Sweepings). The Senator awarded the Artes Award demonstrates exception working their communities and has excelled in skill while chairing the committee.

705.4 The elections shall take place on the eighth Wednesday of the fall semester. In the case of a date conflict the Student Senate shall determine the date of the elections between the sixth and eighth week of school by a resolution passed no later than the last Senate meeting of the spring semester. If no such resolution is passed the Supervisor of Elections shall select the date of elections no later than the Friday following the third Wednesday of the semester.

- A. The Student Body President and the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students shall be notified by the Senate Program Assistant within 24 hours of the enrollment of any resolution to set the date of the fall elections in accordance with the above provision.
- B. If the Supervisor of Elections shall set the date of the election in accordance with the above provision they shall notify the Student Body President and Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students within 24 (twenty-four) hours of determining the date of the election.
- C. Once the date of the elections is determined an announcement shall be sent by Senate to the SGA webmaster to be published on the Student Government Association website.
- D. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the fall election by majority vote. The acting chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the election in accordance with statute 705.4 of the Student Body Statutes.

706.6 The elections shall take place on the eighth Wednesday of the Spring semester In the case of a date conflict the Student Senate shall determine the date of elections between the sixth and eight week of school by a resolution passed no later than the last Senate meeting of the fall semester. If no such resolution is passed the Supervisor of Elections shall select the date of elections no later than the Friday following the third Wednesday of the spring semester.

- A. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the spring elections by majority vote. The acting chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the elections in accordance with 706.5.

#### 1100.5 Evaluations

- A. The Student Life Affairs Committee, each year, shall consider whether each affiliated project should continue in existence and receive funding, and make such recommendations in writing to the Student Senate President. This shall occur no later than the seventh week of the Spring semester.
- B. Affiliated projects are to be overseen by the Student Body Treasurer.