



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 57

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Whereas: Changing the format of debate for candidates for confirmation could be beneficial to ensure fairness and a spirit of positivity within the Chambers, and

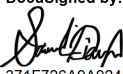
Whereas: The proposed changes in this resolution change the format of debate from pro/con to roundtable-style discussion, delineate the procedures for debate in a list style, and change the language of “forwarding candidates individually” to “calling the question on the candidates,” as is standard with legislation, and

Whereas: SBS §401.1 states, “Changes to the Rules of Procedure must be done through resolution and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate,” therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 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. The structure of debate for Senate confirmations shall be as follows: 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. Nominees shall be allowed to give an opening statement lasting no longer than five (5) minutes, with their remaining time being allocated to their closing.
 - b. Nominees may be questioned by any Senator on matters of their experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 - c. Upon passage of a motion to enter debate by majority vote, Senators may speak freely as to the qualifications of any candidate. Nominees shall be permitted to remain in the Senate Chamber during debate if they so choose.

- 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. d. Upon the passage of a motion to ~~confirm the nominees individually or to~~ call the question on a candidate for confirmation, each nominee shall have the time remaining from their opening statement to give a closing statement as to why they should be confirmed.

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 47-0-0
PASSED: October 4, 2023