



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 68

Primary Sponsor(s): Randall, Waldie

Co-Sponsor(s): Gorelick, Staveski

Date: September 21, 2023

Whereas: Several pieces of legislation have recently bypassed committee and been placed on second reading, some of which have had errors contained in them, and

Whereas: The purpose of Committee is to ensure that legislation is thoroughly examined, questioned, debated, and potentially amended to keep Senate meetings running efficiently, and


Whereas: Committees sometimes lack business, some of which is taken away from legislation being expedited to the Senate Floor,

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:

- 5.9** Committee Referral: The Student Senate President shall refer all bills and constitutional amendments to the appropriate standing committee for consideration and action, and the Student Senate President may refer any resolution to committee or directly to the calendar for second reading. In the case of a bill being referred to multiple committees, the committee assignments shall not be bound by a specific sequential order. The bill must receive approval from all relevant committees, regardless of the order, to be placed on Second Reading. Each committee shall hear the most recently passed version of the bill. A bill passing an individual committee shall proceed with any amendments to the next committee for consideration. Failure of a bill by any assigned committee shall result in the defeat of the bill and it shall be removed from the Calendar.
- a.** Any senator can move to appeal a referral by the President and motion for a different or additional committee to hear the bill or that, in the case of multiple committee assignments, a bill not be referred to a specific committee. Such motions require a majority vote to pass. This provision shall not be interpreted as limiting the Student Senate President's discretion to refer any measure to any other committees.
 - b.** A senator may also move that a bill on first reading be read in its entirety by the presiding officer and moved to second reading the same session it is introduced. This motion requires approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present. ~~If objected to, it shall go to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senators present is required for the motion to pass.~~

- c. The Student Senate President may refer any resolution to committee(s) or directly to the calendar for second reading, except for changes to the Rules of Procedure or resolutions commending or condemning a specific person or group, which must go to the Rules and Calendar Committee

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 38-5-3
PASSED: October 4, 2023