



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 83

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Date: October 31, 2023

Whereas: Consent calendars in legislative bodies at local, state, and federal levels, exist to quickly pass non-controversial or administrative items at the beginning of a meeting of a legislative body, and

Whereas: The Student Senate at FSU has a consent calendar in its calendar, although it is currently only used for consent resolutions from PAC and RTAC, and

Whereas: Non-controversial legislation (such [defined] as legislation that is unanimously passed in all of its committee stops), can easily be considered and approved at the beginning of a Senate meeting so that it can put out of the way early in a meeting, and

Whereas: The proposals in this resolution would allow the Senate President the power to place a bill or resolution (not a constitutional amendment) on the consent calendar if it has been approved unanimously in all of its standing committee assignments, and

Whereas: The proposals in this resolution would also establish and codify protocols for approval of items of the consent calendar, and allows senators to object to some items being placed on the consent calendar, and

Whereas: If a Senator objects to an item being placed on the consent calendar, the bill or resolution shall be heard as per regular order in Second Reading, and

Whereas: This resolution does not change any protocols pertaining to approval of PAC and RTAC consent resolutions, which are governed by Student Body Statute 807.6, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: Rule 5.9 of the Senate Rules of Procedure is 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. 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.
- d. If a bill or resolution is unanimously approved by all of its assigned committees, not including abstentions, the Student Senate President shall have the discretion to place the bill or resolution on the Consent Calendar. Constitutional amendments may not be placed on the Consent Calendar.
 - 1. Any Bill allocating or transferring funds cannot be considered on the Consent Calendar.

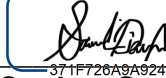
Be it further resolved that: Rule 8.15 of the Senate Rules of Procedure is amended as follows:

8.15 Consent Calendar: The presiding officer shall individually read the description of, and entertain individual motions to approve, each item placed on the Consent Calendar. Any Senator may object to any bill or resolution being considered on the Consent Calendar without the need the need for a vote, at which point the bill or resolution shall be considered pulled from the Consent Calendar.

- a. Any bills or resolutions pulled from the Consent Calendar shall be considered in normal order during Second Reading.
- b. If a bill or resolution requires a compulsory recorded vote, or is otherwise unable to be passed by consent, the Senate shall take a recorded vote after a motion to approve is made by any Senator, if it is not pulled.
- c. Consent Resolutions from the Programming and Resource for Travel Allocations committees shall not be pulled from the Consent Calendar, and must be heard pursuant to provisions in Student Body Statutes or these Rules of Procedure.

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 32-1-0
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