



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 32

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

**Whereas:** There are several amendments that could be made to the Senate Rules of Procedure to update the document with current practice and procedures that are more efficient, and

**Whereas:** Student Body Statute §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:** As a result of Bill 10 passed by the 75th Student Senate, which replaces the role of PAC and RTAC liaisons with newly created elected PAC and RTAC vice chair positions, and being that there is no procedure for when the Senate President Pro Tempore has to relinquish the chair, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 7.1 Composition: The Student Senate President, Student Senate Pro Tempore, the Chairs of each of the standing committees outlined in Rules Six, and the chairs of the Senate Funds Distribution Committees outlined in Rule 5. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall serve as the Chair of this committee. ~~The chairs of PAC and RTAC shall only appoint their liaisons in their absence.~~
  - a. In the event a Chair of ~~the standing~~ a committee is unable to attend a Rules committee meeting due to an excused reason, they may designate their vice chair to serve in their place for that meeting upon submitting a written declaration to the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.
  - b. In the event a Chair and vice chair of a **standing** committee **is** are unable to attend a Rules meeting due to excused reasons, the Chair may designate another member of that committee to serve in their place for that meeting upon submitting a written declaration to the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.
  - c. The Student Senate President may temporarily preside over the Rules committee in the absence or request of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.

**Be it further resolved that:** As a result of Bill 39 passed by the 75th Student Senate, which removes the Central Reserves committee from Student Body Statutes, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 5.15 The Sweepings and ~~Central Reserves~~ Committees shall be a special standing committees and defined in, and subject to, the limitations of Chapters 411 and 412 of the Student Body Statutes. ~~These~~ This committees shall not be

considered a standing committees for the purpose of comprising the Rules Committee.

**Be it further resolved that:** Because it has not been recent precedent that students wishing to provide public comment must fill out “request to address” cards, and being that there is currently not a Senate emailing list, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 8.11** ~~At their discretion, the Student Senate President may request that~~ Any students wishing to speak during the Student and RSO Comments section of the agenda ~~must~~ fill out a “Request to Address” card.
- 8.12** ~~Any senator wishing to announce upcoming Agency, Bureau, and RSO events during the Closing Announcement section of the agenda may fill out an “upcoming events” card to be put on the Senate emailing list.~~
- 8.13 8.12** The Special Introductions portion of Senate meetings shall be reserved time where guests invited at the discretion of the Student Senate President may address the Senate. Any Senator may move for other speakers to be permitted, subject to a majority vote. This motion shall be debatable.

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows to update the “committee reports” language to say “committee minutes”:

- 5.1 Committee Minutes Reports:** Each committee shall compile and publish Committee minutes following each meeting. ~~file written reports.~~ Committee reports minutes must be filed with the Senate Advisor and Webmaster no later than noon of the day of the next Senate meeting. ~~Reports of a committee meeting/activity~~ Such minutes shall include:
- a. Member attendance list
  - b. Amendments to measures before the committee and votes on those amendments including voting position by member.
  - c. Final votes on measures.
  - d. Pertinent discussion the committee feels should be brought to the attention of the Senate.
  - e. The date and time of the meeting and the date and time of the next meeting.

**Be it further resolved that:** To reduce redundancy surrounding the powers of the Senate President to appoint a temporary presiding officer to chair Senate meetings, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure is amended as follows:

- 2.2** The President shall be the presiding officer of the Student Senate, except when they choose to temporarily relinquish the chair. In such cases, the Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall assume the chair, unless the President

~~president shall have the authority to appoints another any senator to assume the chair temporarily, and preside over the Senate.~~

- a. The President shall not designate a senator as temporary chair if said senator has participated in the debate of a question or measure still before the body. The President, once they have relinquished the chair to debate, shall not resume the chair until the question before the body has been resolved.
- b. When not holding the chair or presiding over the Senate, the President shall retain all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of any other Senator.
- c. Other than the Student Senate Pro Tempore and cases arising out of Rule 1.7, any Senator who temporarily assumes the chair shall only have the authority to preside over meetings.

~~**2.10** The Student Senate President shall be the presiding officer of the Student Senate except when they choose to temporarily relinquish the chair. In such cases the Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall assume the chair, or appoint another senator, the Student Senate President shall have the authority to appoint any senator to temporarily assume the chair, and preside over the Senate.~~

- a. ~~When not holding the chair or presiding over the Senate, the Student Senate President shall retain all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of any other Senator.~~
- b. ~~Other than the Student Senate Pro Tempore and cases arising out of Rule 1.7, any Senator who temporarily assumes the chair shall only have the authority to preside over meetings.~~
- c. ~~The Student Senate President shall not designate a senator as temporary chair if said senator has participated in the debate of a question or measure still before the body. The Student Senate President, if they have relinquished the chair to debate, shall not resume the chair until the question before the body has been resolved. The Student Senate President shall retain the authority to reassume the chair at any other time.~~

~~**2.14**~~ **2.10** The Student Senate President and Press Secretary shall be the administrators of any official social media account(s) of the Legislative Branch and can appoint this power to any designee. All social media pages must be kept on the lowest privacy levels and must be open for all to view read. The Senate President or designee shall be responsible for creating a Monthly Newsletter including events funded by Student Senate.

**Be it further resolved that:** To clarify procedures surrounding the Senate President's power to recess Senate meetings, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

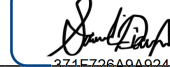
8.14 The presiding officer may call for the Senate to recess for a specified amount of time. This action shall require a majority vote if objected to by any senator. Any Senator may also make a non-debatable motion to recess, which shall require a second, and a majority vote for passage if objected to. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order at the expiration of the time specified in such a motion.

**Be it further resolved that:** To clarify procedures surrounding how Senate meetings are adjourned, the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

8.15 Upon the completion of all items on the Senate's Calendar, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting, which shall require a second and a majority vote for passage if objected to.

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**Student Senate President**

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