



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 13

Primary Sponsor(s): Goldstein

Co-Sponsor(s): Barresi, Brown, Meier, Salazar, Staveski, Valderrama

Date: 1/19/2024

Whereas: During the annual Budget Week proceedings, the composition of the Student Senate Budget Committee is limited exclusively to Student Senators, despite the active participation and inclusion of representatives from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board, along with the Student Body Treasurer or designee, in discussions and decision-making processes during the Sweeping Committee Process, thereby limiting the breadth of perspectives and expertise available directly within the committee, and

Whereas: The inclusion of the Student Body Treasurer or their designee as an Ex-Officio member of the Student Senate Budget Committee is essential for ensuring a seamless integration of comprehensive financial expertise and historical budgetary knowledge into the committee's deliberations, thereby facilitating more informed, transparent, and effective management of the Senate's fiscal responsibilities and decisions during the annual Budget Week proceedings, and

Whereas: In the previous fiscal year 2023, a substantial portion of the Student Government budget, amounting to 72.23% or \$10,557,223 of the total \$14,615,441, was allocated to Campus Recreation and the Student Union, highlighting the significant impact and resource utilization of these entities within the student community, thus underscoring the necessity for their adequate representation and informed advocacy in the Budget Committee to facilitate balanced and effective allocation of funds during the annual Budget Week, and


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

RULE FIVE – Committees

- 5.1 **Committee Appointments:** The Student Senate President shall appoint all committees of the Student Senate. The Senate body may order the Student Senate President to redo committee assignments by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 5.2 Standing Committees shall consist of no less than five voting members.
- 5.3 **Ex Officio Members:** The Student Senate President and the Student Senate Pro Tempore shall serve as ex-officio voting members of all Senate committees. An ex-officio ex-officio voting member shall count towards quorum but not against it.
 - a. The Student Body Treasurer or designee shall be considered an ex-officio non-voting member of the Student Senate Budget Committee for the purposes of participating in annual Budget Week proceedings.

- b. In consultation with the respective leadership, the Student Senate President shall appoint one (1) member of the Student Union Board and one (1) member of the Campus Recreation Board to serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Student Senate Budget Committee for the purposes of participating in the annual Budget Week proceedings.

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Joseph Cofer, Student Senate President
Marshall Widmann, Student Senate Parliamentarian
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: January 31, 2024