

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET October 4, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku
75th Student Senate Clerk
Florida State University

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75th STUDENT SENATE
Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional
Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 84

Primary Sponsor(s): E. Brown, Staveski
Co-Sponsor(s): Lento

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: 300.5 (See attached).

This bill adds working with the Executive Branch social media team to create a PAC and RTAC post when funding requests open to the list of the Deputy Treasurer's responsibilities.

Read 1st Time: Do not fill.

Referred to Committee: Do not fill.

Read 2nd Time: Do not fill.

Committee Report: Passed In: Do not fill.

Senate Vote Do not fill.

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

PASSED: Do not fill.

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

President of the Student Body

Date

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

Date

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date

Statute/Amendment Text:

300.5 The Deputy Student Body Treasurer shall be considered an appointed member of Cabinet and subject to dismissal as articulated in Section 301.4. This person shall advise and assist the Student Body Treasurer. In the absence of the Student Body Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer shall assume all responsibilities outlined for the Treasurer.

- A. The Deputy Treasurer shall work with the Executive Branch and Student Senate Press Secretary to post on the FSU SGA Instagram account when PAC and RTAC funding requests open at the beginning of fall and spring semesters. This post should include a brief description of the funding boards, a link to the PAC and RTAC pages on the SGA website, and links to both applications.



75th STUDENT SENATE
Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional
Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 86

Primary Sponsor(s): Diaz, Cofer
Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: Chapter 413 (See attached).

Restructuring the chapter in Statutes pertaining to Senate Awards; amending the definitions of some awards and creating a new award for the Senate Leadership team.

Read 1st Time: Do not fill.

Referred to Committee: Do not fill.

Read 2nd Time: Do not fill.

Committee Report: Passed In: Do not fill.

Senate Vote Do not fill.

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

PASSED: Do not fill.

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

President of the Student Body

Date

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

Date

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date

Statute/Amendment Text:

413.4 Special Fall Awards

Every fall semester, the Student Senate shall vote on the following four awards. These awards shall be presented during the Fall Inauguration ceremony to the Senator receiving the most votes for each award. Only Senators may be permitted to nominate individuals for these awards:

A. Robert A. Brandewie Student Life Award
Senate neither established nor funds this award. However, as long as the Brandewie Foundation continues to allow the Student Senate to determine the winner, it shall be granted to that Senator who has made the most impact on the student life of Florida State University. receives the most votes from Senators of those nominated for the award. Senators (only) shall be permitted to nominate individuals for this award. All Senators except the Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore, and Senators who receive OPS Wages for being Senators, are eligible for this award. ~~The criteria for the award shall be determined by the Brandewie Foundation.~~

413.5 B. New Underclassman Senator of the Year

Senate neither established nor funds this award. However, as long as the Brandewie Foundation continues to allow the Student Senate to determine the winner, it shall be granted to that Senator who has made the most impact in Senate during in their brief time as a student at Florida State University. receives the most votes of those nominated for the award. ~~Only Senators shall be permitted to nominate individuals for this award.~~ Only Senators who possess less than sixty (60) hours and are currently serving their first Senate term are eligible.

413.6 C. Russell Hellein Award for Exemplary Dedication and Service to Student Government

~~This award shall be granted to that Senator receiving the highest vote count of Senators nominated for the award. Only Senators may nominate individuals for the award. The criteria for this award shall be defined as exemplary dedication and service to the Student Government Association. This award shall be given to a Senator who has served more than one term in the Senate. This award shall be presented during the annual inauguration of the new Senators every fall semester.~~

D. Student Senate Officer of the Year

Notwithstanding the stipulations in Section 413.4, this award shall be chosen jointly by the Student Senate President and Pro Tempore. It shall be granted to the member of the Office of the Senate President, as defined in Section 400.2 (excluding the Senate President and Pro-Tempore), who has been of best service to the Student Senate during their term in office.

413.7 413.5 Spring Awards

~~At the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting following the spring election, every~~ Every spring semester, the Student Senate shall vote on the following four awards. These awards shall be presented during the Presidential Inauguration ceremony to the Senator receiving the most votes for each award. Only Senators may be permitted to nominate individuals for these awards:

- A. Mattie Durham Senator of the Year - The Senator that best served students, Student Senate, and the larger university community during their term.
- ~~B. The Mores Award (Senate Ethics Award) - The Senator who carried out their duties with the highest sense of personal ethics and honor, exemplifying the greatest level of character on which our university prides itself, or "Mores."~~
- ~~C. B.~~ The Vires Award (New Senator of the Year) - The best Senator who is serving their first term in Senate (not necessarily a Freshman). The Senator who exhibits strength ("Vires") through their first term by continuing to persevere in their learning and striving to make a difference.
- ~~D. C.~~ The Artes Award (Chair of the Year) - The best Chair of the Resource for Travel Allocation Committee (RTAC) Programming Allocation Committee (PAC) and Standing Committee Chairs (other than Rules and Sweepings). The Senator awarded the Artes Award demonstrates exception working their communities and has excelled in skill while chairing the committee.
- D. The Mores Award (Senate Ethics Award) - The Senator who carried out their duties with the highest sense of personal ethics and honor, exemplifying the greatest level of character on which our university prides itself, or "Mores."

~~413.8~~ 413.6 The Senate Hall of Fame

Membership in the Senate Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student Senator can achieve. This honor shall be bestowed upon any Senator who has performed their duty as a member of the Senate with the highest standard of excellence, beyond that normally expected of a Senator at the Florida State University

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 57

Primary Sponsor(s): Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: August 10, 2023

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. Multiple nominees may be considered as a bloc at the discretion of the Student Senate President. 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.

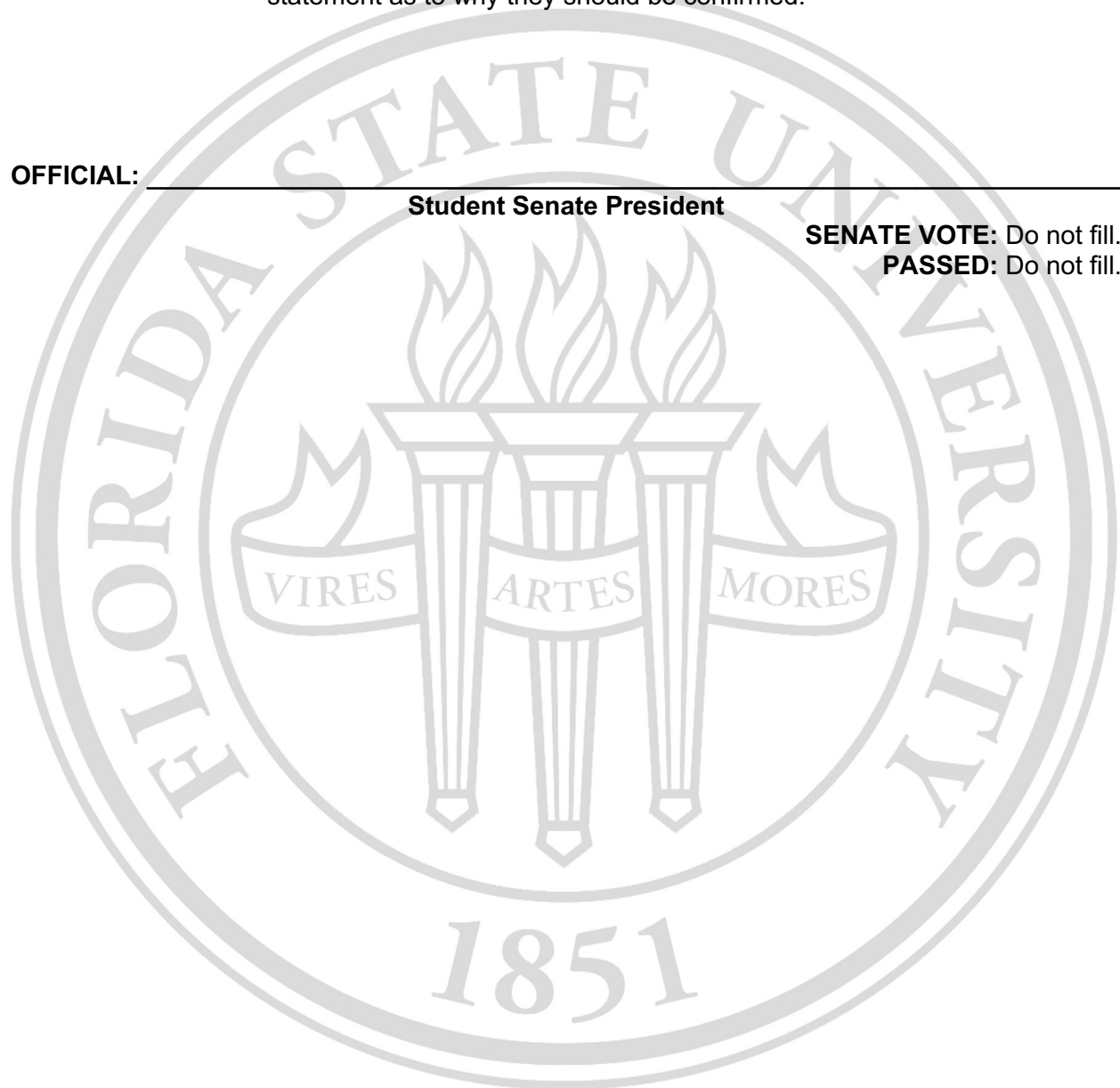
- a. ~~A motion to enter pro/con debate shall state which nominees are to be debated, and they shall be permitted to remain in the Senate Chamber during debate if they so choose.~~
- b. d. Upon the passage of a motion to ~~confirm the nominees individually or to call the question on the candidate(s) 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.

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 66

Primary Sponsor(s): Chatellier

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: September 19, 2023

Whereas: Trigger warnings are a stated warning of disturbing content immediately to follow. They are used to make trauma survivors or those sensitive to upsetting content aware of certain triggering content or uncomfortable subjects that could lead to mental and/or physical discomfort and suffering. The FSU senate frequently talks about sensitive content such as abortion rights, racism, ableism, student safety in the face of campus gun violence, sexual assault, and more. Due to our richly diverse student body, our students all carry with them varied and colorful experiences and histories, some of which may be painful or unpleasant to recall. We should always strive to complete our legislative obligations with compassion and empathy for the students we represent. Thus, using trigger warnings to be cognizant of lived experiences of our constituents to avoid re-traumatizing or further suffering should be our goal. Doing so is a practical and small step we can take to show our constituents we care about them and see what they each have been through.

Whereas: Examples of triggers that warrant content warnings can be: sexual assault, abuse, Child abuse/pedophilia/incest, animal cruelty or animal death, self-harm, suicide, eating disorders, body hatred, and fat phobia, violence, pornographic content, kidnapping and abduction, guns, drugs, death or dying, pregnancy/childbirth, miscarriages/abortion, blood, mental illness and ableism, racism and racial slurs, sexism and misogyny, classism, torture, islamophobia and anti-semitism, hateful language directed at religious groups, transphobia and transmisogyny, homophobia and heterosexism, and traumatic events such as school shootings etc.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: recognizes the importance of approaching uncomfortable subjects with sensitivity and care. While some triggers can seem obvious, other triggers can be less obvious in the negative memories/feelings the evoke for some our constituents. The Florida State Student Senate recognizes the need to not make assumptions about what people have been through and what might be triggering for others.

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State Student Senate suggests that a trigger warning be issued on all future bills and resolutions. This suggestion aims to allow people to be informed about the content and be able to make a choice to view and/or hear the content.

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs, Florida State University
Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer, Florida State University
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy
Jack Hitchcock, Florida State University Student Body President
Luis Daniel Muniz, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, Florida State University

Christine Hunschofsky, Member of the Florida House of Representatives
Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate
Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.
PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 68

Primary Sponsor(s): Randall, Waldie
Co-Sponsor(s): Gorelick, Lento, 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

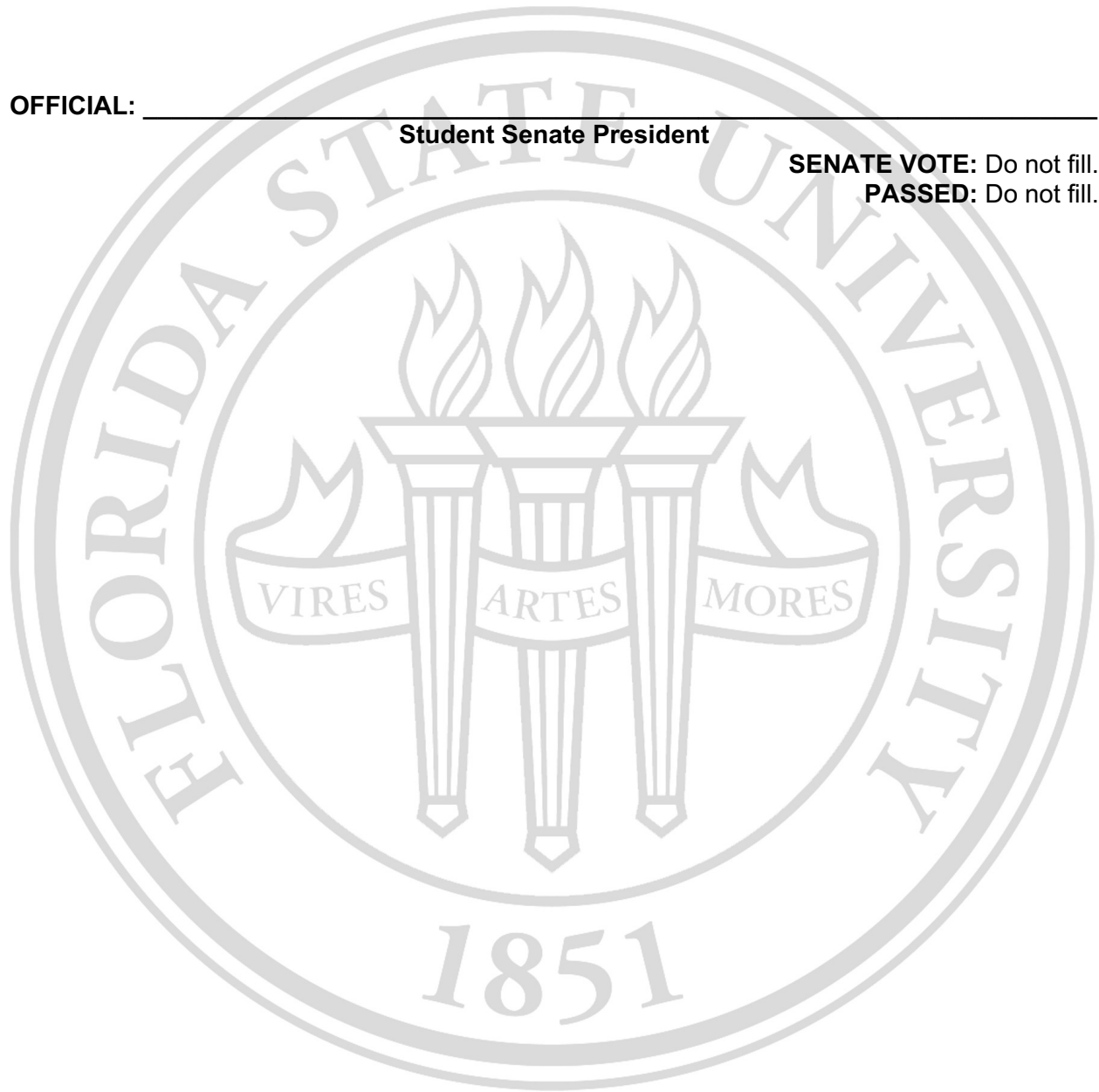
Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 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

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.
PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 69

Primary Sponsor: Velazquez

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: September 28th, 2023

Whereas: It is currently unclear what happens when a Senator fails to receive a 2/3 threshold for impeachment on the Senate floor for excessive absences, 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:

- c. Taking the number of both excused and unexcused absences into consideration, the Rules Committee shall decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith.
 1. If the Rules Committee finds that the Senator is no longer capable of consistent attendance, they shall then forward the Senator to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings and the Judiciary Committee shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and the Constitution.
 2. If the Rules Committee finds that the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith, they shall unsuspend the Senator, then propose and vote on any number of additional absences that the Senator may accumulate before being suspended and subject to review by the Rules Committee again.
 3. If through the impeachment process, the Judiciary Committee or the Senate as a whole finds that the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith, the Senator shall be unsuspended. After the Judiciary Committee meeting proceedings in which the Senator is unsuspended, the Rules Committee shall propose and vote on any number of additional absences the Senator may accumulate before being re-suspended.

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 70

Primary Sponsor(s): Seeger

Co-Sponsor(s): Diaz

Date: October 2, 2023

Whereas: Pursuant to Chapter 622 of Student Body Statutes, the College Leadership Council (CLC) Funding Committee met in the Spring 2023 semester to allocate its \$15,000 allocated budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

Whereas: The CLC Funding Committee tentatively approved funding recommendations for petitioning CLCs, but did not draft and pass a resolution approving the funding pursuant to Student Body Statute §622.3(B)(6), and

Whereas: The CLC Funding committee recommended its allocation as follows:

Leadership Council	Amount
College of Arts & Sciences	\$2,666
College of Business	\$3,666
College of Entrepreneurship	\$2,167
College of CCI	\$2,167
College of Criminology	\$2,167
College of Fine Arts	\$2,167
TOTAL:	\$15,000

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate approves the CLC funding recommendations for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as detailed above, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Adam Bowling, Student Body Treasurer
Laurel McKinney, SGA Accounting Manager

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 71

Primary Sponsor(s): E. Brown, Staveski

Co-Sponsor(s): Lento

Date: October 1, 2023

Whereas: PAC and RTAC funding requests both open at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, and currently these links are advertised on the SGA website.

Whereas: RSO leadership is only able to access these funding resources if they know where to look.

Whereas: This resolution amends Senate Rules of Procedure to add an Instagram post providing information on PAC and RTAC to the duties of the Senate Press Secretary.

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

4.3 b. The Senate Press Secretary shall post on the Student Senate Instagram account at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters when PAC and RTAC funding requests open. This post should include a brief description of the funding boards, links to the PAC and RTAC pages on the SGA website, and links to both applications. The Student Senate Press Secretary shall also contact the Executive Branch when the post is up, so a post can be made on the SGA Instagram account.

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.

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75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 72

Primary Sponsor(s): McEnery

Co-Sponsor(s): Gorelick, Chinn, Windlan, LoBianco, Humberg, Newsome, Hine, Meier, M. Brown, Baez, E. Brown, Sparling, Valdes-Herrera, Salazar, McAllister

Date: October 3, 2023

Whereas: The LGBTQIA+ community is a part of FSU's student body, with the Pride Student Union supporting FSU's LGBTQIA+ community, and being the university's largest and most prominent LGBTQ+ student-run organization, and

Whereas: According to lgbtqnation.com, a Missouri high school teacher named Rodney Wilson, along with a planning committee, established October as LGBTQ+ History Month, and

Whereas: LGBTQ+ History Month ensures that LGBTQ+ history is celebrated both nationally and internationally and that queer history is shared, taught, and celebrated, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union has convinced campus officials to include sexual orientation and gender identity in FSU's non-discrimination policies and got All Gender Restrooms added on campus, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union has continuously worked with Florida legislators to advance LGBTQ+ equality in Florida and nationally, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State Student Senate, in its pursuit of equality and inclusivity, honors and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community, acknowledging its contribution to the campus community and undertaking efforts to amplify the voices of its members who may otherwise remain unheard;

Be it further resolved that: The Pride Student Union is an agency on campus dedicated to empowering the voices of all LGBTQIA+ students on campus alongside being a space where all LGBTQIA+ students can feel welcome on campus, and

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.
PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 73

Primary Sponsor(s): Pruim
Co-Sponsor(s): Gandolfo, Garrison, Patel
Date: October 3, 2023

Whereas: Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed annually during the month of October to focus attention on the disease, educate the public about its risks and prevention, and raise funds for the research, support, and treatment, and

Whereas: Breast Cancer is the second most common cancer among women globally, impacting millions and causing significant morbidity and mortality, and

Whereas: Men, though at a lower risk than women, can also be diagnosed with breast cancer and require education, awareness, and resources for detection and treatment, and

Whereas: Recent advancements in medical research and technology have provided promising strategies for prevention, detection, and treatment, but continued funding and advocacy are paramount to ensure these innovations are accessible to all, and

Whereas: Survivors and families affected by breast cancer have demonstrated resilience, bravery, and unity, often serving as vocal advocates for early detection, research funding, and patient support, and

Whereas: Awareness campaigns have shown effectiveness in increasing the number of early detections, thereby increasing survival rates and improving patient's quality of life, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: In unwavering pursuit to spread awareness on the disease, we will encourage all to learn about the effects of breast cancer and the steps that can be taken for prevention in order to educate the public, and

Be it further resolved that: We pledge to advocate for all Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities and to gauge the impact of the campaign on the student body. This commitment ensures that every individual understands the importance of this campaign and how others are all affected by this disease, and

Be it further resolved that: Raising awareness and gaining support for those who are affected by breast cancer in order to increase funding and research toward medical technologies and medicine is of the utmost importance.

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Zduy Chu, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Jackson Hitchcock, Student Body President
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Amy Magnuson, Director of the University Health Services

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.
PASSED: Do not fill.

