

73RD STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Bill #: 28
Primary Sponsor: Randall
Co-Sponsor(s):
Date: March 23, 2021

Purpose & Description: Clarify statutes regarding minutes and what is to be included in them.

Statute Number(s): 203.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

203.6. The minutes of any meeting under this chapter shall be recorded at the time of the meeting and such records shall be open to the public and to Student Government Affiliates. The Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of this chapter upon application by any member of the Student Body.

- A. Minutes shall be written to reflect all business conducted within a meeting. This includes any discussions, deliberations, and decisions made.
 - 1. Deliberations shall, at the very least, include a summary of the reasoning behind all decisions.



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Purpose & Description: To reformat the Senate financial certification statute and expand the duties of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore related to financial certification of Senators.

Statute Number(s): 400.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

400.6. Financial Certification

- All Senators must be financially certified by the SGA Accounting Office within fifteen 15 school days following a Senator taking the Oath of Office.
- B. If a Senator is not financially certified within fifteen (15) school days of taking office, the Senator shall be considered suspended until they are financially certified.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore to inform Senators of their current financial certification status at the beginning of the first three (3) Senate meetings following their Oath of Office.



Senate Bill #: 30.

Primary Sponsor(s): Linsky
Co-Sponsor(s):
Date:

Purpose & Description: To streamline the promulgation of constitutional amendments passed by the Senate.

Statute Number(s): § 402.1

Submission of Bills

- A. The Senate President or a designee shall transmit an enrolled copy of bills and resolutions passed by the Student Senate to the Student Body President by the end of the second day following the previous Senate meeting.
 - 1. Upon receipt by the office of the Student Body President the bill shall be considered the property of the Executive Branch. If the bill is vetoed by the Student Body President, the vetoed bill shall again be considered property of the Senate.
- B. An enrolled copy of a proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted directly to the Attorney General and the Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court.
- If the Office of the Attorney General is vacant, an enrolled copy of a proposed
 constitutional amendment shall be submitted directly to the Chief Justice of the Student
 Supreme Court.



73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 32
Primary Sponsors: Randall
Co-Sponsors:
Date: March 23, 2021

Whereas: There has been confusion regarding suspensions for failure to obtain financial certification.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State University that: the following changes be made to the 73rd Student Senate Rules of Procedure:

13. RULE THIRTEEN – Senate Attendance

13.6. Penalties:

- a. If a Senator is absent for three (3) committee meetings, they shall be required to meet with their Chair to determine whether or not they should be reassigned. If a decision is not reached in that meeting, the committee may, by a majority vote, expel a member who has received three (3) absences. The expelled member shall be reassigned to a different committee by the Senate President.
 - 1. If a senator knows that they will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of a committee, it is their responsibility to meet with the Senate President regarding a reassignment prior to absences being accrued.
- b. Any senator who accumulates seven (7) absences, both excused and unexcused, shall be automatically suspended and forwarded to the Rules & Calendar Committee for review over the senator's absences. Suspended senators shall not be considered in determining quorum, nor shall they be entitled to any rights or privileges of a Senator, except for those related to due process of potential impeachment proceedings.
 - Taking the number of both excused and unexcused absences into
 consideration, the Rules & Calendar Committee shall decide if the
 Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith. If
 the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is no longer
 capable on consistent attendance, they shall then forward the Senator to
 the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings, and the Judiciary
 Committee and shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws
 and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and
 the Constitution.

- a. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is capable of consistent attendance, they may either place the Senator on a leave of absence per Rule 13.9 or unsuspend the Senator.
- b. If the Rules & Calendar 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 and shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and the Constitution.

14. RULE FOURTEEN - Discipline

- 14.6. Suspended senators shall not be considered in determining quorum, nor shall they be entitled to any rights or privileges of a Senator, except for those related to due process of potential impeachment proceedings.
- 14.7. If a Senator fails to receive financial certification within 15 school days of taking the oath of office, they shall be forwarded to the Rules & Calendar Committee for review of their SGA financial literacy.
 - Taking into account the Senator's SGA financial literacy, the Rules & Calendar Committee shall decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith.
 - a. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is capable of obtaining SGA financial certification, they may place the Senator on a leave of absence pending their financial certification. The leave of absence may last for a maximum of 30 days and may be extended for only an additional 30 days by a majority vote of the Rules & Calendar Committee. Any Senator who fails to obtain financial certification within 90 days of taking office shall be immediately forwarded to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings by the Chair of the Rules & Calendar Committee.
 - b. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is not capable of obtaining SGA financial certification, they shall forward the Senator to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:

Alexander Harmon, Student Senate President Renee Wang, Student Senate President Pro Tempore Jonathan Levin, Student Body President Dr. Brandon Bowden, Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director