

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET April 12, 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 #: 40

Primary Sponsor: White

Co-Sponsor(s): Patel

Date: March 26, 2023

Purpose & Description: To update statutes to streamline the Finance Committee meetings

Statute Number(s): 807.6 I

Statute/Amendment Text The information obtained at the committee meeting will be compiled into a resolution by the committee Chair. This resolution will be presented at the next possible Senate Finance Committee meeting, and shall be discussed, debated, and voted on in compliance with the committee's rules of procedure. ~~In order for an amendment to pass there must be a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee. An amendment to the resolution may not be found friendly or unfriendly and must be debated if objected too or found unfriendly~~ with a period of questions and pro/con debate subject to the committee's rule of procedures. If found unfriendly an amendment would require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee to pass. Thereafter, the resolution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate, and placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional
Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 43

Primary Sponsor: Dale

Co-Sponsor(s):

Date: March 28, 2023

Purpose & Description: Wording change to clarify the role of the executive branch

Statute Number(s): 300.2

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

300.2 Composition of the Executive Branch

A. The Executive Branch shall be composed of:

1. ~~The Executive Cabinet (Chapters 301)~~
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3. ~~Class Councils (Chapter 303)~~
4. ~~Executive Institutes (Chapter 304)~~
5. ~~Executive Responsibilities (Chapter 305)~~

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2. The Class Councils (Chapter 302)
3. The Institutes (Chapter 303)
4. The Presidential Appointments and Dismissal Powers (Chapter 304)
5. The State of the Student Body Address (Chapter 306)
6. The Student Government Association Open Positions and Application Act (Chapter 307)
7. The Leaves of Absences During the Summer Session for Members of the Executive Branch (Chapter 308)
8. The Executive Projects Account (Chapter 309)

- B. The Student Body President, assisted by the Student Body Vice-President, shall serve as the head of the Executive Branch

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Senate Bill #: 47

Primary Sponsor: St. Hilaire

Co-Sponsor(s): Dale

Date: March 29, 2023

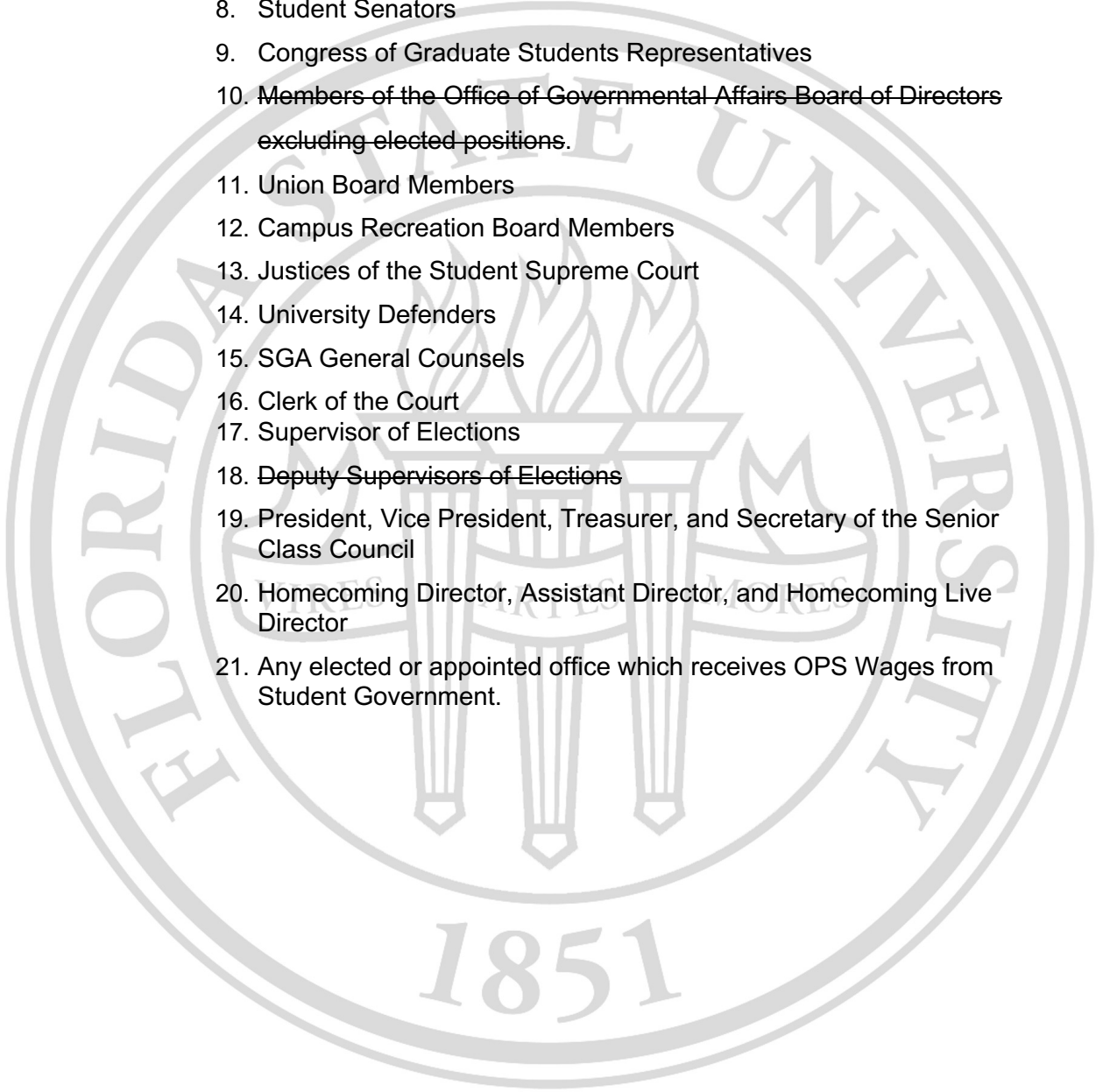
Purpose & Description: To remove the OGA Board of Directors and Deputy Supervisors of Elections from being a major position to allow for increased involvement on campus by interested students.

Statute Number(s): 100.5

Statute/Amendment Text

100.5 Major Offices

- A. Definitions
1. Director - The chief executive of an entity.
 2. Assistant Director - The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
 3. Treasurer - The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
 4. Secretary - The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.
- B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.
- C. Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices
1. Student Body President
 2. Student Body Vice President
 3. Student Body Treasurer

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4. Student Body Attorney General
 5. Members of the Executive Office of the President
 6. Cabinet Officers
 7. Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
 8. Student Senators
 9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
 10. ~~Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors excluding elected positions.~~
 11. Union Board Members
 12. Campus Recreation Board Members
 13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
 14. University Defenders
 15. SGA General Counsels
 16. Clerk of the Court
 17. Supervisor of Elections
 18. ~~Deputy Supervisors of Elections~~
 19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
 20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director
 21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

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Bill #: 48

Primary Sponsor: Dale

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

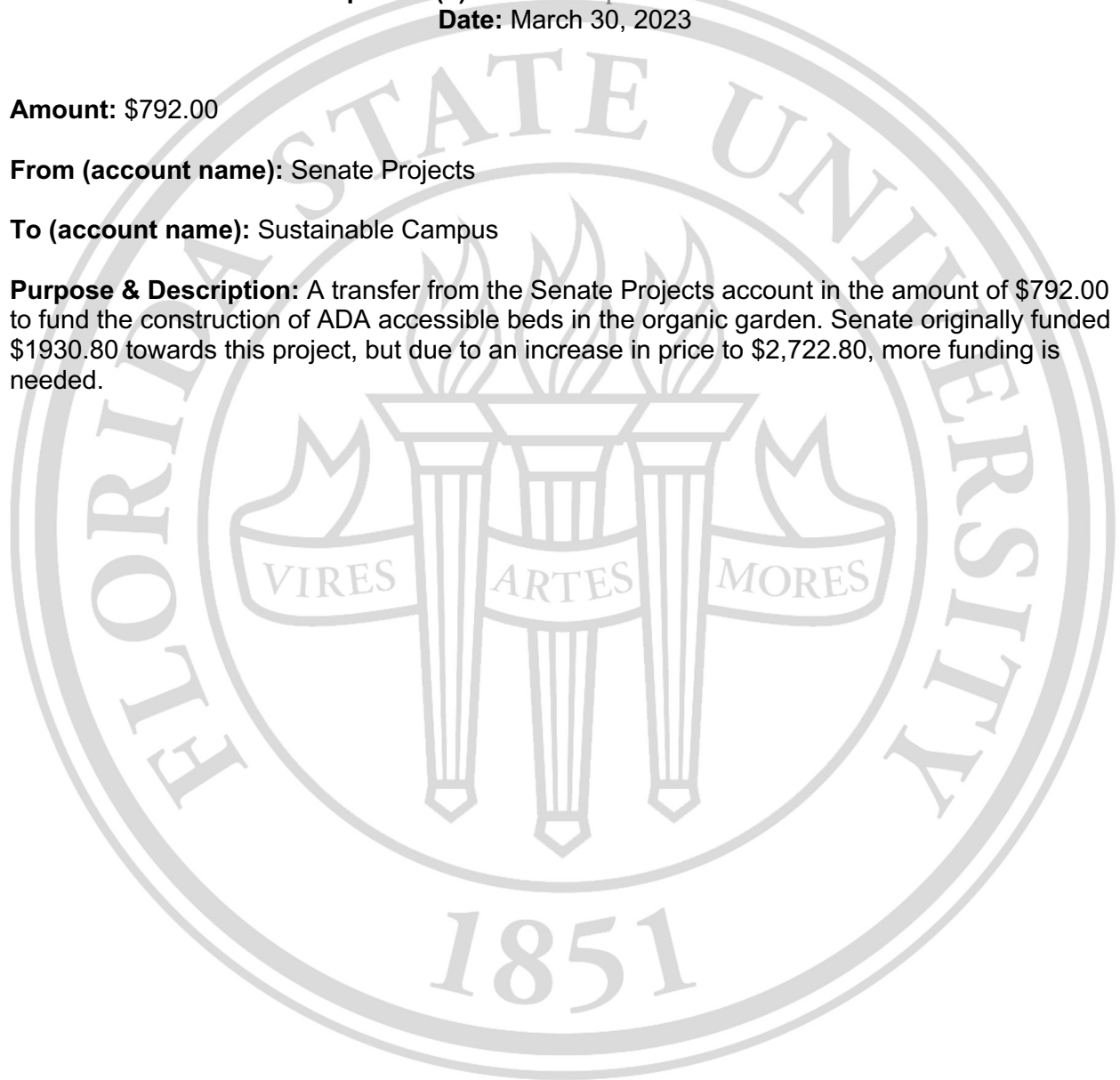
Date: March 30, 2023

Amount: \$792.00

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Sustainable Campus

Purpose & Description: A transfer from the Senate Projects account in the amount of \$792.00 to fund the construction of ADA accessible beds in the organic garden. Senate originally funded \$1930.80 towards this project, but due to an increase in price to \$2,722.80, more funding is needed.



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 49

Primary Sponsor: Kariher
Co-Sponsors: Gummerman, Meier
Date: April 4, 2023

Amount: \$1,773.18

From: Senate Projects

To: Horn Studio

Purpose & Description: To cover the registration cost for the Horn Studio to go to the International Horn Symposium Conference in Montreal, Quebec, July 23 – July 30.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
6	Registration Fee	295.53

Total: 1,773.18

Proviso Language:

Per Statute 807.6 (B)(2) RSOs requesting funds to be used after July 1 shall go directly to the Student Senate to ask for money out of Senate Projects. At the conclusion of the summer semester, the funds distributed to the RSOs out of Senate Projects shall be reimbursed from the respective fund distribution committee via a transfer bill up to \$2,000 per Committee. In this case these funds would be transferred from Senate Projects to Horn Studio on July 1, 2023. A separate transfer bill will be needed to transfer the money from RTAC to Senate Projects after the summer semester ends.

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Bill #: 51

Primary Sponsor: Widmann

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

Date: April 6, 2023

Amount: \$3,420

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Facilities

Purpose & Description: A transfer of \$3,420 from Senate Projects to Facilities to purchase and install one water station with bottle filler in the Bellamy Building on FSU's Campus.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Elkay Model EZS8WSLK Unit Installation and Purchase	\$3,420

Total: \$3,420

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Senate Bill #: 52

Primary Sponsor: Dale, Faletti

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

Date: April 10, 2023

Purpose & Description: To remove from the position of Secretaries of Agencies and Bureaus from the list of Major Offices.

Statute Number(s): 100.5

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

100.1

Major Offices

A.

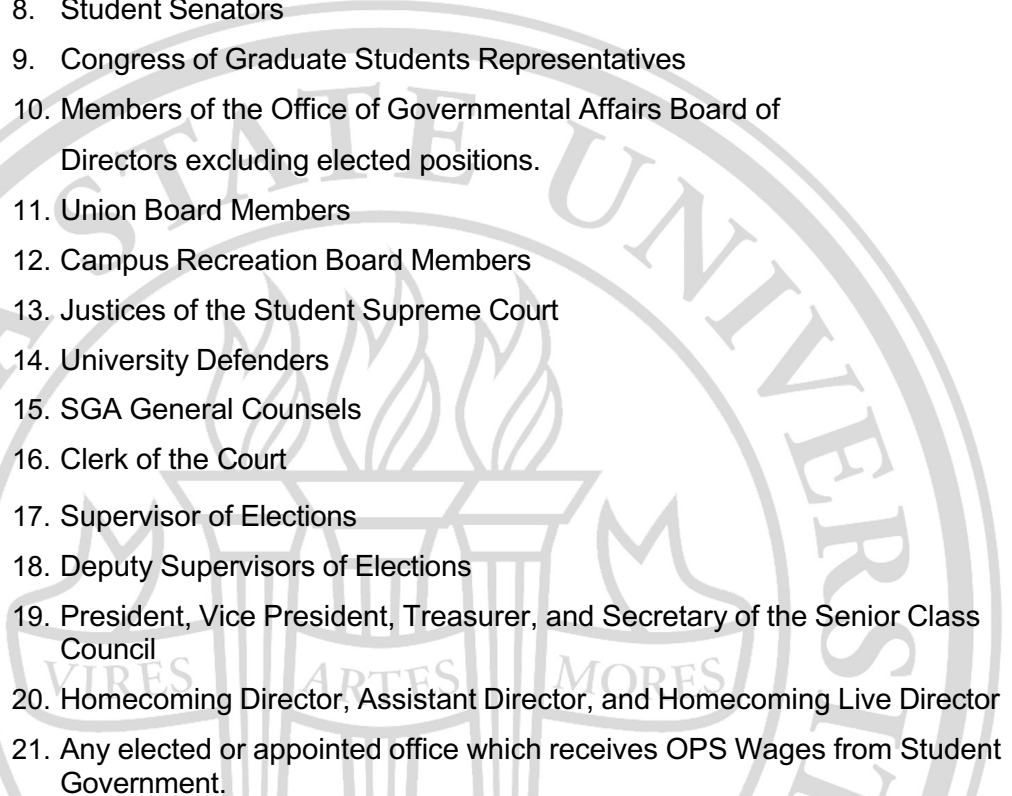
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 21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 32

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

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

Date: March 27, 2023

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.~~

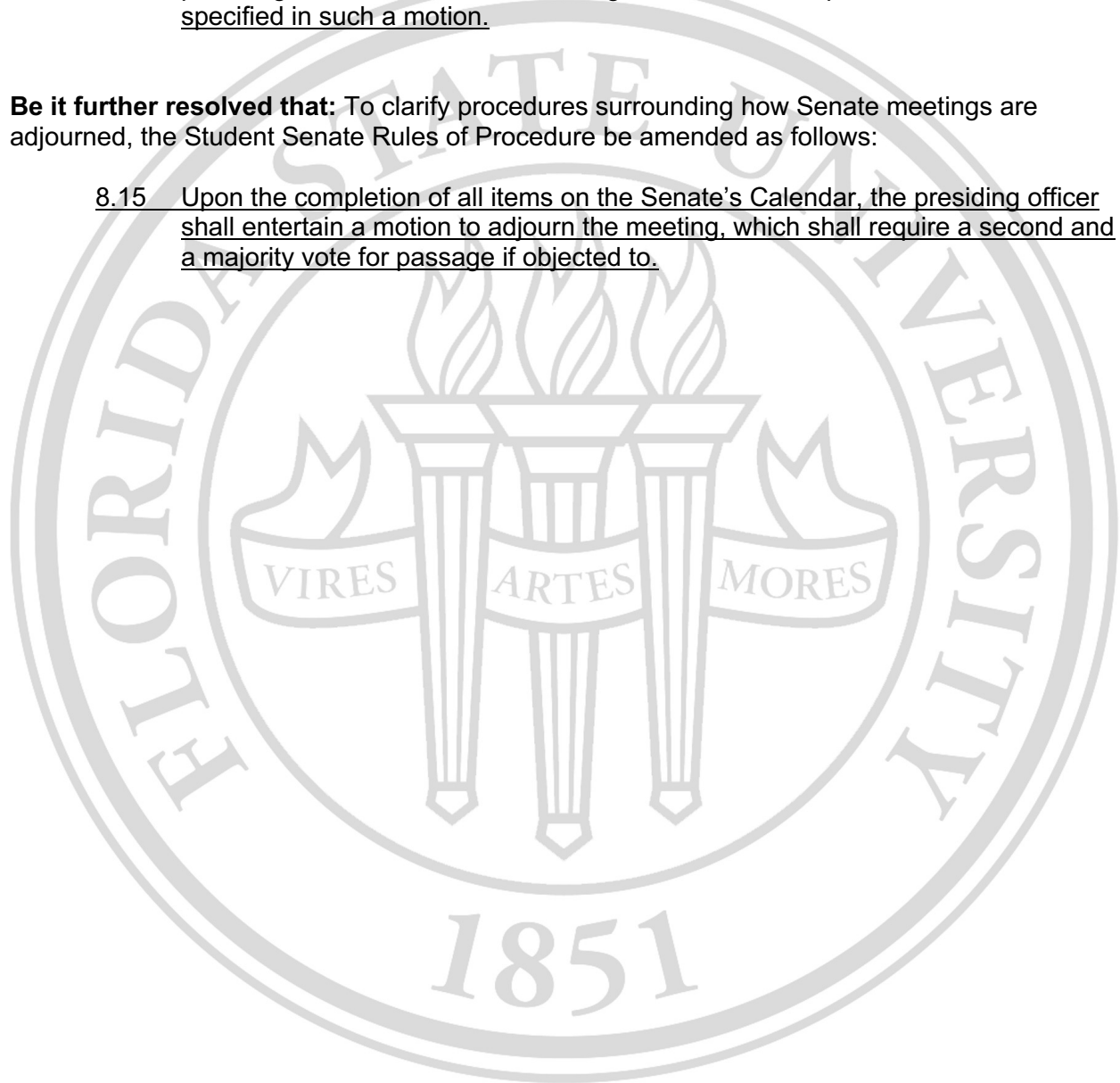
2.14 **2.10** The Student Senate President and Press Secretary shall be the administrators of any official social media account(s) of the Legislative Branch and can appoint this power to any designee. All social media pages must be kept on the lowest privacy levels and must be open for all to view read.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



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 38

Primary Sponsor: Dale, Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Barrett, Bettley, St. Hilaire

Date: April 4, 2023

Whereas: Since 1965, global production of sugar cane has quadrupled in scale, with two billion metric tons of the crop being produced in recent years; and

Whereas: Harvesting sugar cane can be difficult due to the buildup of dried leaves at the base of the sugar cane crop, which accumulates over the course of the season; and

Whereas: Sugar cane producers across the state of Florida resort to the burning of this leafy material to simplify the farming process, leading to several issues in Floridian communities; and

Whereas: This “sugar cane burning” releases harmful particulate matter into the air, which pollutes the Florida environment, rivalling even the amount of pollution created by automobiles, with research done by Florida State University finding that sugarcane fires resulted in 5,100 metric tons of this particulate matter every year, whereas on-road motor vehicles in Florida emitted about 6,100 metric tons every year; and

Whereas: Sugar cane burning has also been linked to environmental racism, with marginalized communities being disproportionately affected by the burns, due to the proximity of many of these communities to the burn sites and there being many more active burn permits in these historically marginalized communities than in other parts of the state and area; and

Whereas: The particles produced by sugar cane burning negatively affects the life of all residents in Florida, with the matter being linked to respiratory issues and exacerbating conditions such as asthma and bronchitis, and directly leading to an estimated three deaths per year; and

Whereas: There are many tried and tested alternatives to sugar cane burning, such as “green harvesting”, which involves cutting sugar cane while it is still green for immediate processing, in order to preserve the soil and air quality of our great state, among other methods; and

Whereas: Even though Florida’s cane sugar industry is the largest in the nation, producing a two billion dollar economic impact to the state, the burning process leading to pollution and long-term environmental damage, and disadvantaging already-marginalized communities, despite there being safer and more environmentally-friendly alternatives, is a willful neglect of the corporate responsibility to public wellbeing; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-fifth Student Senate opposes the practice of sugar cane burning, and urges sugar cane producers in Florida and the Florida government to explore other options to replace this outdated practice.

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 42

Primary Sponsor: Dale

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

Date: April 11, 2023

Whereas: Florida State University has recently climbed 24 spots to be No.19 among U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges ranking of public universities, and has more than 30 graduate programs in the top 25 U.S. News and World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Graduate Schools", and,

Whereas: Florida State is known for its great value for students, striving to offer an affordable education for all, and was named the No. 11 Best Value College among public colleges and universities by the Princeton Review, and,

Whereas: Florida State University had a record 99 percent freshman retention rate between the fall and sophomore semester, and holds a 95 percent overall freshman retention rate, placing among the top 15 in the country, and,

Whereas: the university's acceptance rate recently dropped to 24 percent for the incoming class of 2026, marking the most academically accomplished incoming class in Florida State's history, and,

Whereas: Florida State University offers more than 300 programs of study across 16 colleges and schools, including prestigious and widely respected colleges such as Florida State University's College of Business, FSU's Department of Psychology, The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, FSU's Department of Biological Science, and The Department of Computer Science at FSU, and,

Whereas: The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineering, representing one of the strongest and proudest partnerships of the university that will only continue to deepen, and,

Whereas: Florida State University is respected nationwide for being a leading research university. Florida State University offers students the chance to participate in research with the

Center for Research and Engagement, and offers undergraduates the ability to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of only a dozen such facilities in the world, and consistently provides unmatched research opportunities for students, and,

Whereas: Florida State University has over 750 Recognized Student Organizations, over 40 Fraternity and Sorority chapters, 7 identity-based agencies, a thriving Student Government Association, and a consistently ranked top 20 best athletics program, on campus for students to explore, participate in and find a community in, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's football program has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles, has sent 293 players to the NFL, including 46 first-round picks, has had three Heisman trophy winning players, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's soccer program has a history of consistent excellence. With the program winning two NCAA championships, appearing in the College Cup 12 times, winning 19 ACC championships, and sending many players on to the US Women's National Team and other professional leagues, and,

Whereas: FSU baseball has a long history of success, with a winning tradition that spans over 70 years, including 57 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, the longest active streak in the nation, in addition to 18 conference championships, 23 College World Series appearances, and the development of several Major League Baseball Hall of Famers, and,

Whereas: Florida State University perfectly represents the idea of work hard, play hard creating a fun and scholarly environment for its students that will serve to build lifelong connections and skills for all its students, and,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the hard work by students, faculty, and alumni alike to move our university forward is recognized, appreciated, and commended. Additionally, the Student Senate recognizes the work that is still needed to elevate our university, provide opportunities to all students, create a community of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, and,

Be it further resolved that: the Student Government Association is committed to provide the resources and support needed to make Florida State University the best academic institution in the state of Florida, become recognized as the best public university in the nation, raise our national rankings, and,

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes and commends the Student Body President's commitments to the objectives stated above, and looks forward to the work their office intends to complete towards these goals, and

Be it further 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
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President
Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President

