

# 74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET July 21, 2022

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In Unconquered Pride,



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**Constitutional Amendment #: 3**

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Drackley, Folwell, Tucker  
**Date:** July 16, 2022

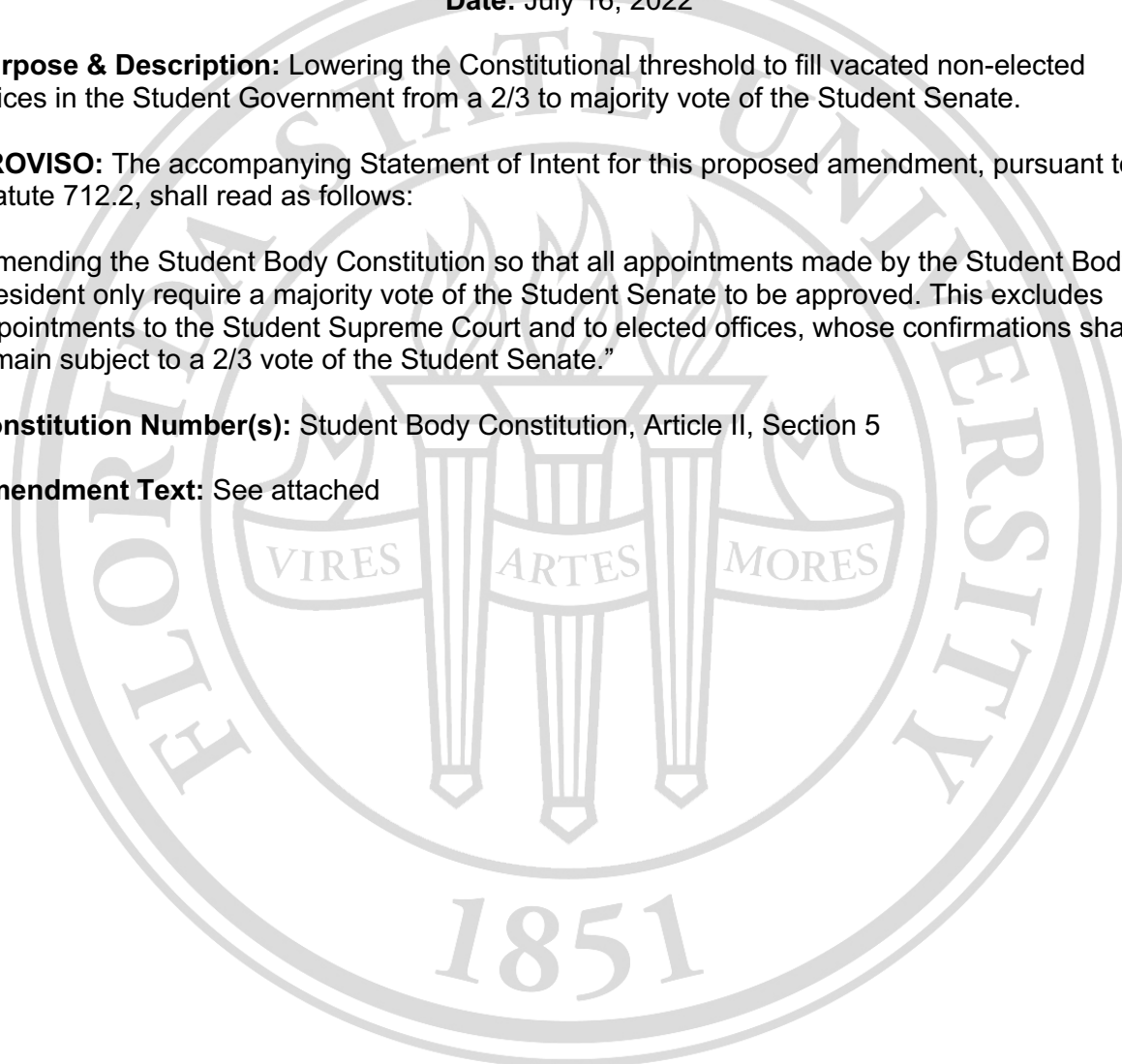
**Purpose & Description:** Lowering the Constitutional threshold to fill vacated non-elected offices in the Student Government from a 2/3 to majority vote of the Student Senate.

**PROVISO:** The accompanying Statement of Intent for this proposed amendment, pursuant to Statute 712.2, shall read as follows:

“Amending the Student Body Constitution so that all appointments made by the Student Body President only require a majority vote of the Student Senate to be approved. This excludes appointments to the Student Supreme Court and to elected offices, whose confirmations shall remain subject to a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate.”

**Constitution Number(s):** Student Body Constitution, Article II, Section 5

**Amendment Text:** See attached



Section 5 POWERS AND DUTIES

History: Revised by Constitutional Amendment 8, the 56th Student Senate.

A. Senate shall:

1. Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
2. Propose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, Constitutional amendments.
3. Provide for the compilation and publication of legislation.
4. ~~Confirm~~ Consider appointments of the Student Body President, which shall require a majority vote to confirm, unless otherwise specified by statute. ~~by a two-thirds (2/3) vote for appointments to fill vacated offices, and by a majority vote for other appointments.~~ Confirmation of a Supreme Court Justice or elected position shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote under any circumstances.
5. Impeach Student Body officers, both elected and appointed.
6. Take final action of the proposed Activity Fee Budget.
7. Appropriate funds to print notices as it may deem necessary, but shall have no power to restrict freedom of expression in any student publication.
8. Establish its own meeting times and rules of procedure.
9. Issue subpoenas upon majority vote of a standing committee.
10. Require the registration of student organizations with the Senate as provided by Statute.
11. Any veto by the Student Body President may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of not less than a quorum of the Senate.
12. Present to the Student Body President all bills passed by Senate, within three schools days.
13. Have the power to write legislation.
14. Have the power to submit referenda to the Student Body upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

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**Senate Bill #:** 60

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz

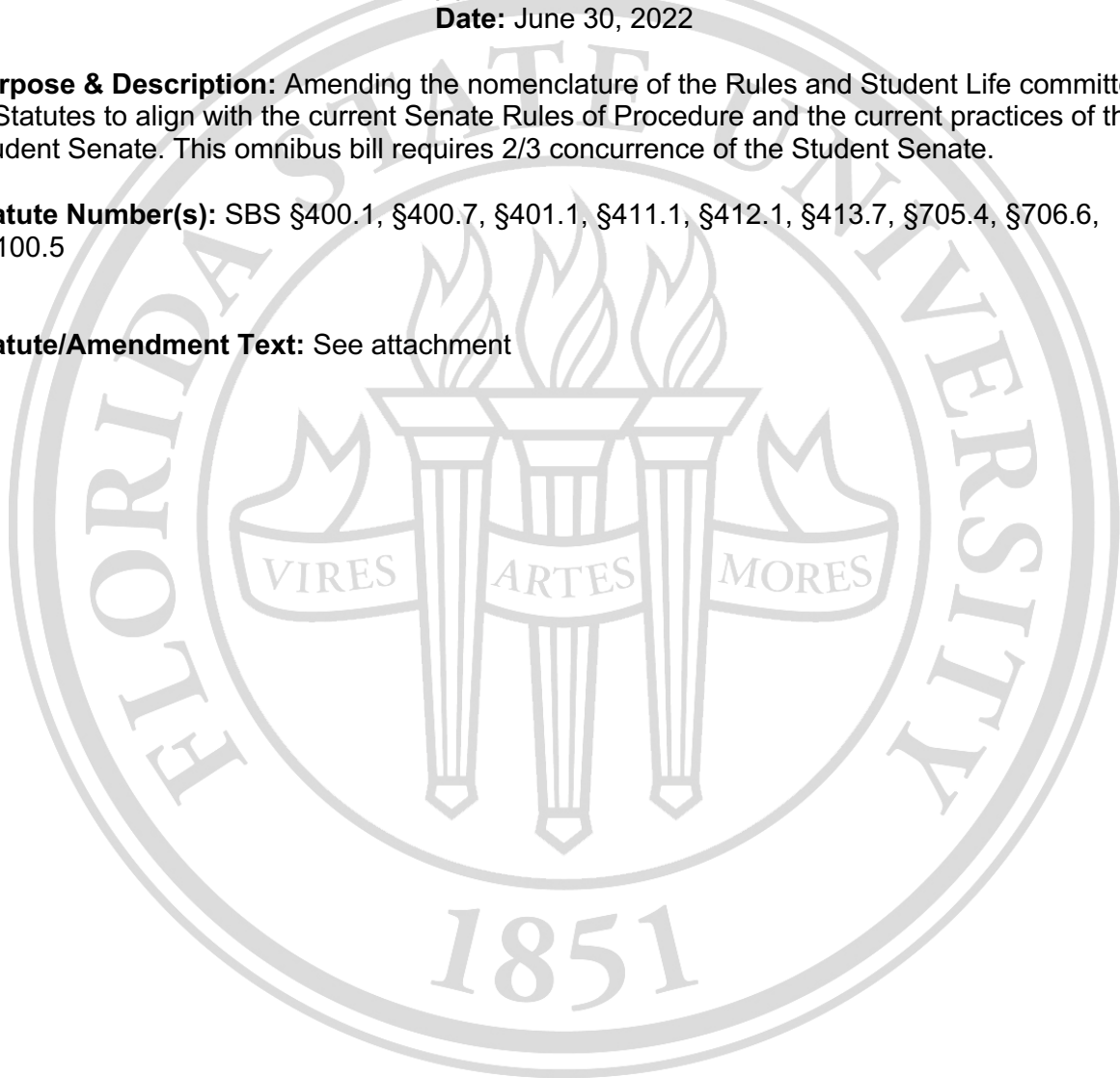
**Co-Sponsor(s):** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Date:** June 30, 2022

**Purpose & Description:** Amending the nomenclature of the Rules and Student Life committees in Statutes to align with the current Senate Rules of Procedure and the current practices of the Student Senate. This omnibus bill requires 2/3 concurrence of the Student Senate.

**Statute Number(s):** SBS §400.1, §400.7, §401.1, §411.1, §412.1, §413.7, §705.4, §706.6, §1100.5

**Statute/Amendment Text:** See attachment



#### 400.1 Senate Session

##### A. Fall, Spring, and Summer Meetings

The fall, spring, and summer meetings of the Student Senate shall begin on the second Wednesday in the respective semester and shall terminate on the Wednesday prior to finals week of the three semesters.

##### B. Each Student Senate shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure in accordance with the Student Body Constitution and Statutes.

##### C. Except for summer leave of absences, no leave of absence may exceed one week. No Senator may take more than three (3) leaves of absences in one semester. Further, absences accrued during any further leaves shall be considered unexcused absences. Special exceptions may be granted by the Rules and Calendar Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

#### 400.7 Senate Committee

##### A. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur the first meeting after the allocation of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment, or departure of a sitting Chair and/or Vice Chair.

##### 1. A Chair or Vice Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on; only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote.

##### B. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.7 A.

##### C. No Senator may serve on more than one standing committee, at the same time, except that they may serve on Rules and Calendar in addition to being a Chair of their committee.

##### D. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.

### Chapter 401 Forms of Legislation

#### 401.1 Resolutions

Resolutions shall be formal expressions of the opinion or will of the Senate. Resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote of the Senate. Changes to the Rules of Procedure must be done through resolution and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

- A. Resolutions shall not be written for the purpose of commending or condemning an individual(s) or organization(s) unless approved by majority of the Rules and Calendar Committee and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

### Chapter 411 Senator's Committee Rights

- A. At the first meeting following the taking of the oath of office, Senators shall submit their committee preferences. The Student Senate President shall assign committees and at no time shall any committee fall below five (5) voting members.
  - B. Once committee membership has been initially decided upon committee members may only be switched to another committee by the Senate President with permission of the Senator to be moved.
  - C. Neither Section 411 A nor B applies to the Rules and Calendar, Sweepings, Supplemental Funding, or Central Reserves Committee.
  - D. Committee members will be allowed three (3) unexcused absences, after which point, the chair must call for a motion to remove the Senator from the committee. Such a motion will require a majority-vote of the committee that they served on. Only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote. If the motion passes the Student Senate President must be immediately notified at the conclusion of the meeting where the motion takes place.
    - 1. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must email the vice chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting or, in the event of an unforeseen circumstance on the day of the meeting, twenty-four (24) hours after the meeting, providing information as to why they were not present. The request shall be approved by a majority vote of the committee at the next meeting. All excused absences must comply with the Florida State University policy.
    - 2. Two (2) tardies shall count as an unexcused absence.
    - 3. Once a Senator has been notified of removal from an assigned committee the Senator will have two (2) business days to submit their availability and request for a new committee assignment to the Student Senate President.
- 411.1 The Standing Committees of the Senate shall be: Budget, Finance, Judiciary, Student Life and Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, and Rules and Calendar.
- 411.2 The Central Reserves and Sweepings Committees are special standing committees that shall exist for a particular session until their respective duties have been completed.
- 411.3 All members of the Finance and Budget Committees shall be required to attend a workshop held by the Student Government Association Accounting Office.



## Chapter 412 Sweepings Regulations Act of 1995

### 412.1 Sweepings Allocation Process

- A. Monies from sweepings may not be allocated by Student Senate, except through one sweepings bill per year. It must be completed and passed by Student Senate no later than the end of the fall term.
  - 1. In the event that a veto results in unallocated sweepings monies an additional sweepings bills may be done.
  - 2. In the event that the Vice President for Student Affairs holds sweepings funds in an A&S Fee Reserve and later returns that money to the Student Senate, the monies shall be allocated in a sweepings bill. This may result in an additional sweepings bill.
- B. Sweepings monies may not be attached as a rider to other bills.
- C. Committee Members
  - 1. The Sweepings Committee shall be a special standing committee, and members shall enjoy all rights of committee members under Chapter 411, unless otherwise stated in this statute.
  - 2. Senators may serve on this committee as voting members while serving on other committees. The Committee shall consist of two (2) members from each standing committee (except Rules and Calendar) elected by their committee. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Sweepings Committee shall be elected by the Sweepings Committee upon its creation in the Fall.

### 413.7 Spring Awards

At the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting following the spring election, 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.

- A. Mattie Durham Senator of the Year - The Senator that best served students, Student Senate and the larger university community.
- 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. 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. 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 Calendar, Central Reserves and Sweepings). The Senator awarded the Artes Award demonstrates exception working their communities and has excelled in skill while chairing the committee.

705.4

The elections shall take place on the eighth Wednesday of the fall semester. In the case of a date conflict the Student Senate shall determine the date of the elections between the sixth and eighth week of school by a resolution passed no later than the last Senate meeting of the spring semester. If no such resolution is passed the Supervisor of Elections shall select the date of elections no later than the Friday following the third Wednesday of the semester.

- A. The Student Body President and the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students shall be notified by the Senate Program Assistant within 24 hours of the enrollment of any resolution to set the date of the fall elections in accordance with the above provision.
- B. If the Supervisor of Elections shall set the date of the election in accordance with the above provision they shall notify the Student Body President and Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students within 24 (twenty-four) hours of determining the date of the election.
- C. Once the date of the elections is determined an announcement shall be sent by Senate to the SGA webmaster to be published on the Student Government Association website.
- D. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the fall election by majority vote. The acting chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the election in accordance with statute 705.4 of the Student Body Statutes.

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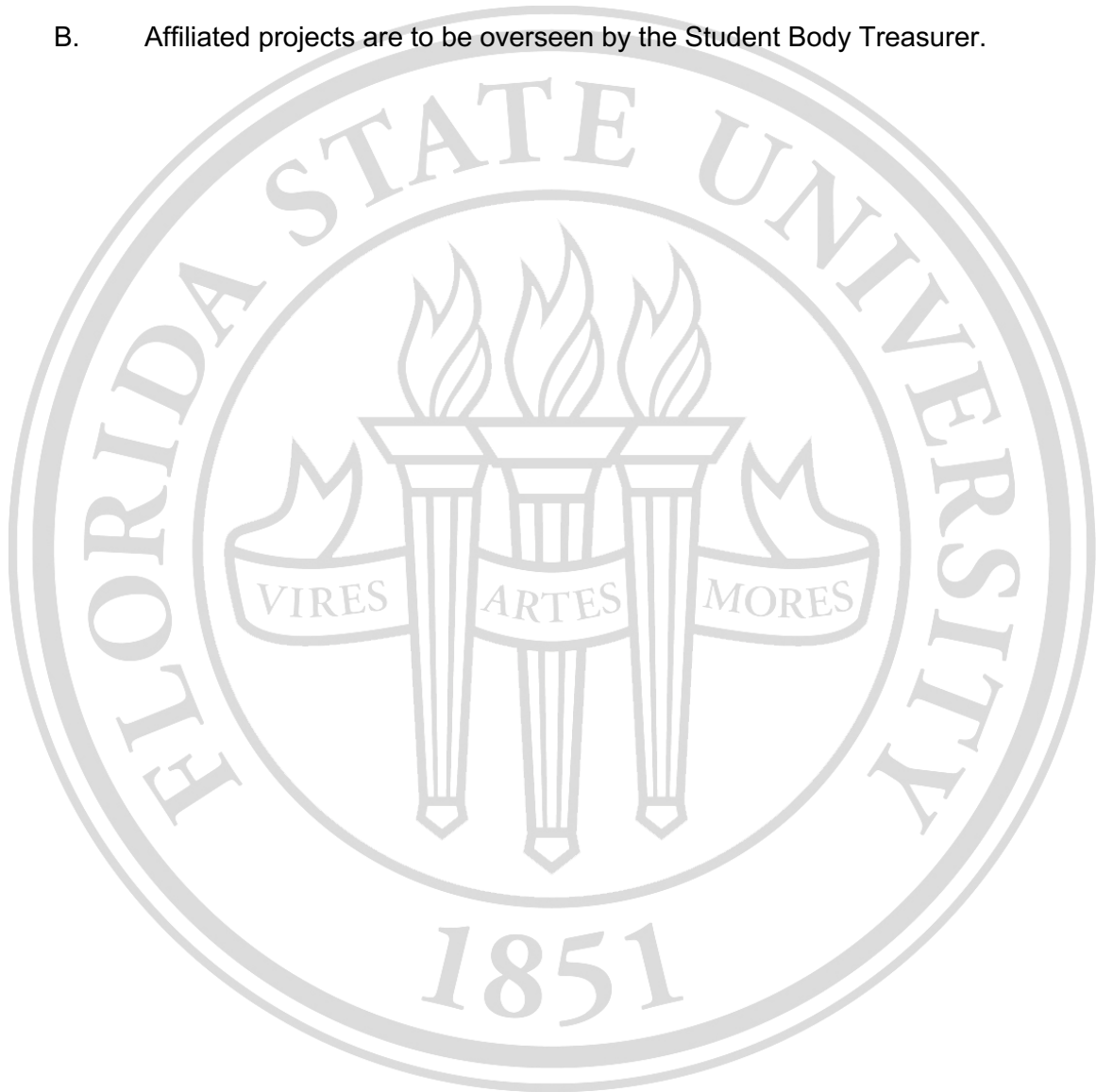
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- A. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the spring elections by majority vote. The acting chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the elections in accordance with 706.5.



## 1100.5 Evaluations

- A. The Student Life Affairs Committee, each year, shall consider whether each affiliated project should continue in existence and receive funding, and make such recommendations in writing to the Student Senate President. This shall occur no later than the seventh week of the Spring semester.
- B. Affiliated projects are to be overseen by the Student Body Treasurer.



# 74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 69

**Primary Sponsor:** Rivers

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Purpose & Description:** To make it so, the incoming Senior Class is the voting body for the incoming Senior Class Council.

**Statute Number(s):** 701.1 Definitions

### Statute/Amendment Text

- L. Electorate - The electorate shall be the entire registered student body at FSU. The electorate shall be divided into divisions and special seats. Only those enrolled in a specific division may vote for Senate or COGS candidates seeking to may vote for Senate or COGS candidates seeking to represent that division. Only those ~~enrolled as academic Juniors and Seniors~~ who will be enrolled in the Senior Class the following academic year after the Spring Election shall be eligible to vote for candidates seeking office for the incoming Senior Class Council. All students may vote for candidates for campus-wide elected offices, as well as for Constitutional Amendments and Referenda.

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## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 46

Primary Sponsor: Rivers

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

Date: July 7, 2022

**Whereas:** The Student Senate has a Constitutional Right to enact its own Rules of Procedure

**Whereas:** The Student Senate shall stand adjourned at 11:00 PM unless an extension of a Senate meeting is made at the discretion of the presiding officer, or by a non-debatable motion to extend the meeting which shall require a simple majority vote of the Senate

**Whereas:** If a Senate meeting is extended, any outstanding business shall be tabled at 1:00 a.m.

**Whereas:** Senate meetings are usually not able to finish their scheduled work before “Bedtime”

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The following changes be made to the 74th Student Senate Rules of Procedure.

### RULE EIGHT - Senate Business

- 8.1** When in session, the Senate shall meet weekly on Wednesdays. The meeting shall be called to order at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 p.m. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Senate shall be publicly posted or advertised on the Student Government website. Any such advertisement shall include the time and place of the Senate meeting.
- a. The Senate shall stand adjourned at 11:00 pm. Any remaining business will be tabled and the Senate shall move to Statements of Dissent.
    1. The extension of a Senate meeting shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer, or by a non-debatable motion to extend the meeting which shall require a simple majority vote of the Senate.
    2. If a Senate meeting is extended, any outstanding business shall be tabled at 1:00 a.m. and heard during “Unfinished Business” in the following Senate meeting. The Senate shall then immediately move into statements of dissent, advisor announcements, and final roll call, without deviating from this order.