

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET September 13, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

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- **Bill 80, Sponsored by Senator Lento (P):** This legislation essentially allows the Student Body President to address the Student Body more informally to allow for further transparency within SGA. It removes the term "State of the Student Body Address" to simply be "Presidential Addresses."
- **Bill 81, Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P):** This bill overhauls Title VII of the Student Body Statutes.
- **Bill 82, Sponsored by Senators Hellman and White (P):** This bill shall create the Freshman Class Council.
- **Resolution 57, Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P):** Amending Senate Rules to change procedures for the consideration of candidates coming for Senate confirmation.
- **Resolution 59, Sponsored by Velazquez (P):** This resolution addresses the urgent fentanyl crisis at Florida State University, recognizing the severe threat to student health and safety. It endorses the legalization of fentanyl test strips as a life-saving measure, calls for collaboration to make them readily available, and sends copies to key university officials for immediate action.
- **Resolution 61, Sponsored by Senators Mendez and Salazar (P):** Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month and the Hispanic community on campus in honor of the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month which begins September 15th.
- **Resolution 62, Sponsored by Senator Lento (P):** This resolution honors children who are fighting childhood cancer as well as their families and healthcare workers that care for them. It encourages the Florida State community to raise awareness surrounding childhood cancer and support them.
- **Resolution 63, Sponsored by Senators Brown and Staveski (P):** A resolution to recognize September as National Suicide Awareness Month and promote mental health resources both on and off campus.
- **Resolution 64, Sponsored by Senator Lento (P):** This resolution sets the 2023 Apportionments.
- **Resolution 65, Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P):** Supporting the recommendations of the 2023 Local Fees Committee.

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Senate Bill #: 80

Primary Sponsor: Lento

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 306 (See attached).

This bill alters the section that previously only referred to the State of the Student Body Address, turning the section into a broader authority for the Student Body President to hold Presidential Addresses.

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Student Senate President

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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:

Chapter 306 ~~The State of the Student Body Address~~ Presidential Addresses

- 306.1 ~~— The Student Body President shall be required to deliver a State of the Student Body address to the Student Body by the fourth week of the fall semester.~~
- 306.2 ~~— The Student Body President shall report to Student Senate an outline of the administration's agenda for the year on the first Senate after taking office.~~
- 306.3 ~~— The following people shall be required to attend the State of the Student Body Address:~~
- ~~1. — The Supreme Court Justices~~
 - ~~2. — The Executive Chief of Staff~~
 - ~~3. — The Student Body Attorney General~~
 - ~~4. — The Executive Cabinet~~
 - ~~5. — The Directors of all Executive Agencies, Bureaus and Affiliated Projects~~
 - ~~6. — The Chair of the Union Board~~
 - ~~7. — The Chair of the Campus Recreation Board~~
 - ~~8. — The Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students~~
 - ~~9. — Student Body Vice President~~
 - ~~10. — Student Senate President~~
 - ~~11. — Student Senate President Pro Tempore~~
 - ~~12. — All Student Senators~~
- 306.4 ~~— An invitation shall also be extended to the President of the Florida State University and the Vice President for Student Affairs and all elected or appointed members of Student Government Association.~~
- 306.5
- A. ~~— The opening ceremonies of the State of the Student Body Address shall be as similar as possible to the State of the~~

~~Union Address. The Student Senate President and the Vice President of the Student Body shall sit behind the rostrum. They shall be the only two (2) seated on the rostrum level. The Student Senate President shall be responsible for seeing this through.~~

~~B. The Student Senate President shall appoint a Doorkeeper to assist in the Opening Ceremonies. This person may or may not be a Student Senator.~~

~~306.6 It shall be the responsibility of the Senate President to remind the Student Body President in writing of this obligation at least two (2) weeks in advance.~~

~~306.7 Appropriate business attire shall be required of all in attendance.~~

306.1 The Student Body President shall have the authority to address the Student Body on any matter, given public notice no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the address.

306.2 Opening Address

A. At the Spring Inauguration, the incoming Student Body President shall deliver an opening address.

B. The incoming Student Body President shall collaborate with the organizers of Inauguration to ensure that the opening address follows the applicable parameters of the event and venue.

C. If a Student Body President vacates office, their successor shall schedule the first opportunity possible to deliver an opening address.

D. The Student Body Vice President and Treasurer may also be given time to give an opening address if the Student Body President deems it appropriate.

306.3 Closing Address

A. At the Spring Inauguration, the outgoing Student Body President shall deliver a closing address.

B. The outgoing Student Body President shall collaborate with the organizers of Inauguration to ensure that the closing

address follows the applicable parameters of the event and venue.

- C. If a Student Body President resigns, is impeached, or otherwise vacates office, they shall have the opportunity to give a closing address.
- D. If a Student Body President is elected for a second term, at the Spring Inauguration which would mark the beginning of their second term, the opening and closing addresses may be combined for the sake of time.
- E. The Student Body Vice President and Treasurer may also be given time to give a closing address if the Student Body President deems it appropriate.

306.4 State of the Student Body Address

- A. The Student Body President shall address the Student Body in an address known as the "State of the Student Body Address" no later than five (5) weeks into the Fall Semester. The State of the Student Body Address shall be designed to inform the Student Body of goals, comments on the student experience, and any other appropriate topics.
 - 1. In the event of severe extenuating circumstances, the State of the Student Body Address may be postponed past the five (5) week mark in the Fall Semester. This should only be done when there is a genuine concern which would make it unfeasible to hold the address in the timeframe as laid out here.
- B. The State of the Student Body Address must be open and advertised to the entire Student Body. However, the following individuals must be in attendance, unless there is a genuine conflict as confirmed by the SGA Program Director:
 - 1. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
 - 2. The Executive Chief of Staff
 - 3. The Student Body Attorney General
 - 4. The Executive Cabinet and Executive Office of the President
 - 5. The Directors of all Agencies, Bureaus, and Affiliated Projects
 - 6. The Chair of the Union Board
 - 7. The Chair of the Campus Recreation Board
 - 8. The Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
 - 9. The Student Body Vice President

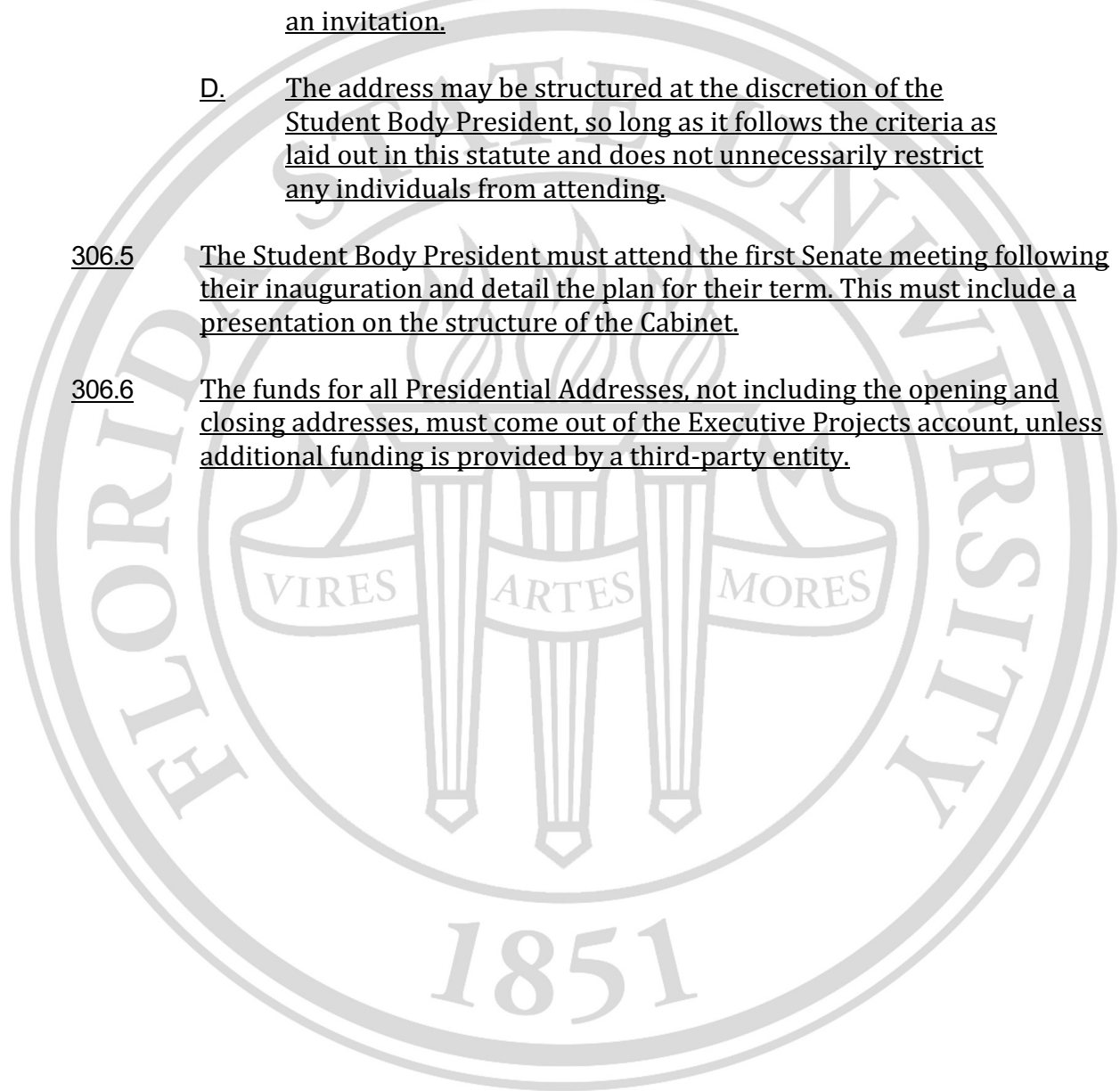
10. The Student Body Treasurer
11. Senior Class Council Officers
12. All Student Senators

C. The Student Body President may invite any other individuals they deem appropriate for this address, and the University President and Vice President for Student Affairs must receive an invitation.

D. The address may be structured at the discretion of the Student Body President, so long as it follows the criteria as laid out in this statute and does not unnecessarily restrict any individuals from attending.

306.5 The Student Body President must attend the first Senate meeting following their inauguration and detail the plan for their term. This must include a presentation on the structure of the Cabinet.

306.6 The funds for all Presidential Addresses, not including the opening and closing addresses, must come out of the Executive Projects account, unless additional funding is provided by a third-party entity.



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Velazquez, Walerio, White

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: Title VII (See attached).

This bill overhauls the Election Code.

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Student Senate President

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President of the Student Body

Date

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

Date

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date

Title VII is struck in its entirety.

Statute/Amendment Text:

TITLE VII The Student Body Election Code

Chapter 700 Restrictions on Altering and Enforcing the Election Code

Once the date of elections has been announced, any further amendments to the election code shall not go into effect until after the announced election cycle.

Chapter 701 Definitions

701.1 The following words and phrases, when used in this title shall be defined as follows:

- A. Campaigning – The distribution of campaign materials, use of campaign materials, or the solicitation of support for or against a ballot item, political party, or candidate for an elected office of the Student Body. Campaigning shall begin the Wednesday at 12 a.m., one week prior to the day of the Election.
1. Solicitation of support shall be defined as publishing the name, image, or likeness of any candidate or political party to expressly advocate in favor of the election or defeat of a candidate that cannot be interpreted as something other than campaigning.
 2. Nothing in this Election Code shall be construed as to prohibit a candidate who has been formally approved for candidacy from stating what office the candidate is running for.
- B. Electronic Communication – The transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, digital, radio, computer, cellular or wireless device.
- C. Campaign Contribution – The gifting of money, materials, supplies, professional services, or any in-kind contribution to any campaign in any form.
- D. Campaign Expenses – The fair market value of any goods or services paid for or received by the campaign for the purpose of advertising candidates, advertising political parties during campaigning, and/or calling for the action to vote. This shall include secondary costs for goods and services including, but not limited to setup or production fees, sales tax, or any other.

1. Discounted items that are available to all persons and political parties at the time of purchase shall be exempted from the fair market value criterion.
 2. This section shall not be construed to apply to volunteers and other campaign workers of a purely voluntary, unpaid nature.
 3. To question the “fair market value” of a good or service declared by a candidate or party, the questioning entity must obtain and submit an affidavit from the merchant in question disputing the candidate or party’s claim of fair market value, when such claim understates fair market value.
- E. Campaign Materials – any material including but not limited to paid social media content, electronic communication, videos, posters, placards, signs, signboards, stickers, leaflets, folders, handbills, fliers, campaign cards, QR codes, banners, clothing, buttons, paint, chalk, University owned walls that may be painted on, handwritten announcements or circulars of any size and consistency that publicize a political party or candidate for an elected office of the student body, and calling the action to vote.
- F. Candidate – Any student seeking to be elected as an officer of the Student Government Association who has legally filed a Declaration of Candidacy.
- G. Declaration of Candidacy – Legally filed intent to run for elected office with the Supervisor of Elections. Submission of a candidacy declaration form shall count as filing to run as a candidate in an election.
- H. Independent Candidate – Any candidate who is not running with a political party.
- I. Official Ballot – The ballot released by the Supervisor of Elections on which an individual casts their vote.
- J. Political Party – Any number of persons affiliated with an entity properly registered with the Supervisor of Elections, working together to establish, promote, or gain acceptance for some kind of government cause, opinion, etc., which they hold in common.
1. To be affiliated with a political party a student must be a leader of the political party, a member expected to pay dues of the political party, or a candidate running with a political party.
- K. Electorate – 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 represent that division. Students who are academic Juniors or Seniors shall be the only students eligible to vote for candidates seeking the offices in the Senior Class Council. All students registered for classes during the election may vote for candidates for campus-wide elected offices, as well as for Constitutional Amendments and Referenda.

- L. General Election – Elections held for the purpose of determining the candidate who shall assume office. There shall be two General Elections per year, one in the fall semester and the other in the spring semester.
- M. Special Election – Any election held at any time other than a General Election for any purpose.
- N. Division – Academic colleges and schools as reported by the Office of Institutional Research.
- O. Certificate of Election – A document certifying that a candidate has been duly elected.
- P. Final Expense Statement – A document listing all financial expenditures or contributions in regard to fees and/or donations during the election cycle. All receipts of expenditures, all bank statements and their proper relatives, deposit slips, and other documentation recording expenses and donations received are part of the Final Expense Statement. The following shall also be considered part of the Final Expense Statement:
1. A statement of the cumulative campaign expenditures based on the fair market value, signed by the candidates and/or party chairman.
 2. An itemized list of all expenses.
 3. An itemized report containing the full name of each person who has made one or more contributions in any form to the campaign.
 4. Campaign Contribution Statement, a copy of all account statements, check stubs, deposit slips, and any other financial documents shall be submitted on the first Wednesday of campaigning by 12:00 p.m. as well as in the candidate or party's final expense statement.
- Q. Complete Final Expense Statement – A Final Expense Statement if it is free of any false statements, a complete and accurate campaign contribution list, and all receipts are legible and can be understood by the Office of Elections.

- R. Incomplete Final Expense Statement – A statement that is missing receipts for expenses, having an incomplete campaign contribution statement, or containing receipts that are illegible or unintelligible.
- S. Fraudulent Final Expense Statement is defined as a statement that is intentionally misleading which includes false payment forms and receipts, as well as intentionally lying about the usage of donations, party dues, and/or other party or individual funds. Fraudulent Final Expense Statements also include the mislabeling of where donations originate.
- T. Unofficial Election Results – Election results that have not officially been verified by the Supervisor of Elections as outlined by Chapter 713 and 714 of the Student Body Election Code.
- U. Official Election Results – All votes of an election that have been verified by the Supervisor of Elections as outlined by Chapter 713 and 714 of the Student Body Election Code.
- V. Final Election Results – The election results after all final expense statements have been approved and there are not outstanding appeals and/or alleged violations.
- W. Campaign Contribution Statement – A copy of bank account statements, check stubs, deposit slips, receipts of both campaign expenses and campaign materials, up to the date of submission and any other financial documents which shall be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of campaigning and in the candidate or party's final expense statement. This shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the Supervisor of Elections.
- X. Election Cycle – When Title VII goes into effect for an election. The Election Cycle begins when Candidacy Declaration opens and ends the first Friday following an election.
- Y. Advertisement – Notice or announcement in a public medium promoting a candidate of a political party in which a monetary transaction is made or considered a campaign material.
1. Organic social media content shall not be considered as a form of advertisement.
 2. Non-candidate or non-dues paying political party members' posts shall not be considered advertisements.
- Z. Organic Social Media – Social media content that has been circulated without cost that is shared amongst users.
- AA. False or Malicious Charges – Allegations that knowingly,

deliberately or recklessly mislead, or attempt to mislead a student regarding alleged violations of the Student Body Election Code.

AB. Fair Market Value – The retail (non-discounted) value of a single item, including applicable taxes.

1. All items posted prior to the beginning of campaigning that do not call for the action to vote shall not constitute a campaign expense.
2. Discounted items that are available to all persons and parties at the time of purchase shall be exempted from fair market value criterion.

AC. Cash expenditures – All monies spent for the purpose of campaigning

Chapter 702 The Office of the Supervisor of Elections

702.1 Selection Process

A. Supervisor of Elections

The Supervisor of Elections shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

1. A Supervisor of Elections must be appointed no later than the last week of the Spring semester and confirmed no later than the first Student Senate meeting of the fall semester.
 - a. If the Supervisor of Elections leaves office within three (3) weeks of an election, a Deputy Supervisor of Elections must be appointed by the Student Body President immediately be subject to Senate confirmation.
2. The Senate Judiciary Committee shall create an exam on the elections code. This exam shall be taken by candidates for Supervisor of Elections and Deputy Supervisors of Elections. The Student Senate shall administer the exam.
 - a. The candidates above must pass the exam within two (2) attempts per semester, with at least eighty (80) percent or more of the questions answered correctly.
3. No Supervisor of Elections shall be a candidate for any Student Government Association office or be affiliated with any SGA political party.

B. Deputy Supervisor of Elections

1. Deputy Supervisors of Elections shall be appointed by the Student Body in consultation with the Supervisor of Elections and are subject to confirmation pursuant to Chapter 304.
2. No Deputy Supervisor of Elections shall be a candidate for any Student Government Association office or be affiliated with any SGA political party.

702.2 Duties and Powers of the Supervisor of Elections

The Supervisor of Elections shall perform the following duties:

- A. Ensure that SGA political parties follow the Student Body election code.
- B. Ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications of the office they are running for within three academic days following the filing deadline.
- C. Employ no more than three (3) impartial Deputy Supervisors to serve an election and assist the Office of Elections.
 1. Hire, train, assign duties to, and supervise any Deputy Supervisors of Elections.
 2. Dismiss any Deputy Supervisors due to malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.
- D. Create and implement marketing strategies to improve voter turnout for all SGA elections.
 1. At least two (2) weeks prior to the Elections, the Supervisor of Elections shall advertise the available seats, deadlines, and election date.
- E. Enforce the Election Code subject to the approval of the Elections Commission, when appropriate.
- F. Verify the fair market value of each campaign expense, discount, or donation through various means including but not limited to job quotes and receipts.
- G. Verify the Final Expense Statements for all candidates and political parties.
- H. Refer questions of interpretation of the Election Code to the Student Supreme Court. The Student Supreme Court must render a written advisory opinion within forty-eight (48) hours of any submission of a request for an interpretation of the Election Code.
- I. Supervise the approval of campaign materials. The Supervisor of Elections shall keep records of all election results, financial information, and campaign materials. All records shall be kept for a minimum of

three (3) years.

J. Notify all candidates via e-mail within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision to hold a Special Election. At this time, the Supervisor of Elections will inform the candidates of the date, time, and circumstances of the election.

K. Publish all notices up for election at least one (1) week prior to the filing deadline on the SGA website.

1. Ensure the publication of the election date, time, and appropriate procedures for voting on the SGA website.

2. Ensure the publication of the official ballot, referenda, and constitutional amendments one (1) week following the candidacy filing deadline, on the SGA Website.

3. Ensure the publication of the unofficial elections results no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the close of polls on the SGA website.

4. Ensure the publication of the dates and times of the deadlines for the declaration of candidacy for an elected office one (1) week prior to the opening of candidacy declaration on the SGA Website.

L. Enforce all campaign rules.

M. Host one SGA sponsored debate every Fall and Spring semester. The Fall debate will include candidates for the Campus Recreation Board and Student Senate, who shall be invited by the Supervisor of Elections. The Spring debate shall be between all Student Body President, Vice President, and Treasurer candidates. The debates must take place during the 7-day campaign period.

1. The Supervisor shall include questions specifically for each candidate and their respective position.

2. The Supervisor shall notify all candidates for office of the event details including the time, date, venue, and questions that will be asked, no less than five (5) school days prior to the event, as well as request their attendance and participation at the event.

3. The Supervisor shall advertise the event to the student body no less than five (5) school days prior to the event. The debate advertisement must include the date, time, and place of the debate.

4. The Supervisor shall allot a portion of the debate for questions from students in attendance to the candidates. The questions presented to each candidate shall be screened on-site by a

committee comprised of the Supervisor, and one representative for each candidate participating in the debate. Questions shall only be asked once they have received unanimous support from said committee. The Supervisor shall ensure that decorum is upheld during questioning.

5. An Executive Question and Answer Event occurs when the candidates are given the opportunity to address a set of questions. The set of questions shall be done by the Supervisor and shall be no more than six questions. These questions shall be specific to the positions the candidates are running for. Each candidate running for a particular office shall answer the question directed towards that office. Two days prior to the debate, the Supervisor shall open up a form for students to submit questions; The Supervisor and Deputies will review the submitted questions and choose no more than six (6) questions to be asked at the question-and-answer event. Candidates will receive questioning in order of positions. Candidates shall receive questioning in alternating order in each round of debate.

6. The Supervisor shall maintain decorum among candidates and the public at events hosted by the Elections office. Anyone who fails to maintain decorum may be asked to leave by the Supervisor.

N. Declare candidates or voting blocks of any election to be elected by acclamation if an election is uncontested upon the deadline of declaration of candidacy filing, pending the resolution of any candidacy controversies to be resolved by the Elections Commission, Supervisor of Elections, or other pertinent authority.

O. Invalidate illegally cast ballots.

1. The Supervisor of Elections shall not hold the capability to change legally cast votes.

P. Maintain, as public record, the final result and ballots of all elections.

Q. Declare results valid and certify elections.

R. Approve or deny campaign materials within twenty-four (24) hours of submission, excluding non-business days.

1. The Supervisor shall inform all candidates of this process upon filing their candidacy.

S. Change the Declared Seat Number for Candidates to the Student Senate, Congress of Graduate Students, Union Board, and Campus Recreation Board no earlier than three (3) days following filing deadline and no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the opening of polls if all of the following criteria is met:

1. The number of candidates who filed for that division is equal to or less than the number of seats allocated for that semester's election.
2. All filed candidates for that division have been properly contacted about the change by the Supervisor.
3. No candidates show disapproval to themselves of being moved to a different seat number than they originally filed for.
4. There remain no outstanding appeals for qualifications of candidates in that division as outlined in 704.2.

702.3 Hours of Operation

- A. The Office of Elections shall be open for a minimum of fifteen (15) hours during the five (5) week election period. During the operation weeks prior to and after this five (5) week period, the office shall be open a minimum of ten (10) hours and a maximum of fifteen (15) hours.
 1. Two weeks prior to election day the Office of Elections shall be open for at least two (2) hours per business day.
 2. Two weeks prior to the filing deadlines, the Supervisor of Elections shall inform all candidates and political parties of their office hours.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections shall work no more than twenty (20) hours a week during the five (5) week election period. During the operational weeks prior to and after this five (5) week period, the Supervisor of Elections shall work no more than ten (10) hours a week.

702.4 Role in the Election Commission

The Supervisor of Elections shall have the following responsibilities and duties in the Election Commission:

- A. Serve as chair of the Elections Commission.
- B. Convene the Elections Commission and assist in setting the agenda for its meetings.
- C. Publish meeting times at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of Elections Commission meetings. The Elections Commission shall notify candidates or political parties who are charged with alleged violations at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting by phone, email, or in person.
- D. Receive and review complaints which allege violations of the Elections Code per Chapter 710 of the Student Body Statutes.

- E. Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of the Elections Code, notify the accused of the alleged violation within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the violation. The Supervisor of Elections shall have the authority to dismiss alleged violations which have insufficient evidence, lack clarity, or do not cite the proper statute. If the Supervisor of Elections dismisses a violation, the Supervisor of Elections shall notify the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) of the complaint's dismissal within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the initial complaint and provide the reasoning of dismissal. If the petitioner(s) resubmit the same violation within twenty-four (24) hours of the dismissal or there is no dismissal, the Supervisor of Elections shall forward the complaint to the Elections Commission.

Chapter 703 The Elections Commission

703.1 Composition of the Elections Commission.

- A. The Elections Commission shall be composed of the Supervisor of Elections and six (6) FSU students selected by the Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court. Alternate(s) shall be selected by the Supreme Court Chief Justice to fill absences. The SGA Advisor and one Deputy Supervisor of Elections, as chosen by the Supervisor of Elections, shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. Quorum for meetings shall be constituted as a majority of voting members.
1. The Supervisor of Elections shall serve as the chair of the Elections Commission. The Commission shall elect a vice-chair by a majority vote of no less than quorum. The Supervisor of Elections shall be responsible for convening this meeting.
 2. The Elections Commission must convene for the first time no later than three (3) weeks prior to any election.
- B. No member of the Elections Commission shall be a candidate for an elected office within SGA, nor shall they be affiliated with an SGA political party.
- C. In a written and signed request to the SGA Attorney General, any student running for an elected office or associated with a political party shall have the right to request a recusal of any member of the Elections Commission. The SGA Attorney General shall investigate the complaint and upon finding merit, that member must recuse themselves.
- D. The Elections Commission shall serve as an administrative review board of original jurisdiction and will hear only those cases which are forwarded by the Supervisor of Elections pursuant to Chapter 702.4(E) of the Student Body Statutes. The burden of proof to be met by an entity alleging a violation in order to prove that violation shall be by "clear and convincing evidence."

- E. All voting members of the Election Commission shall take the Election Code Exam upon their appointment, and shall retake the Exam prior to the beginning of the Fall Election Cycle every year.
1. The candidates above must pass the exam within two (2) attempts per semester, with at least eighty (80) percent or more of the questions answered correctly.
 2. The Election Code Exam will be administered and graded by the Supervisor of Elections.
 - a. Only the questions answered incorrectly may be revealed, but not the answer choices.
 - b. The test questions and scores may be made available upon demand to the Student Body President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Supervisor of Elections, Senate President, Senate Pro Tempore, Senators, COGS Speaker of the House and the SGA Advisor.

703.2 Powers and Duties of the Elections Commission

The Elections Commission shall have the following Powers and Duties:

- A. All actions of the Elections Commission shall require the approval by a majority present of voting members.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections shall preside over Elections Commission hearings as chair and must abstain from voting unless to break a tie. In the event that the Supervisor of Elections recuses themselves or is otherwise unavailable, the Vice Chair of the Elections Commission will chair the hearing, in which case the Vice Chair must abstain from voting unless to break a tie.
- C. Submit recommendations regarding the Elections Code to the Student Senate.
- D. Appoint a Secretary selected by majority vote of the Elections Commission, who shall record the minutes of the Elections Commission.
- E. Decide and validate the agenda of the Elections Commission.
- F. Upon the receipt of a complaint from the Supervisor of Elections pursuant to Chapter 702(E)(2), the Elections Commission will schedule a hearing to take place within five (5) business days. The Rules of Procedure for Elections Commission hearings for appeals or alleged violations shall be the following:
 1. The Elections Commission shall notify all concerned entities involved at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled hearing.

2. The meeting time shall not conflict with Student Senate, therefore not allowing a candidate running for re-election to attend. If a conflict of schedule exists, the affected candidate has until five (5) hours prior to the Elections Commission meeting to notify the Supervisor of Elections. Candidates shall provide the Supervisor of Elections with documentation regarding the scheduling conflict and any excuse granted shall be in accordance with University Policy. If no such excuse is provided to the Supervisor of Elections, the alleged violation shall be dismissed and cannot be resubmitted.
3. Once convened the presiding officer of the Elections Commission shall then read aloud each appeal or alleged violation that the Commission will hear during the meeting.
4. The Elections Commission shall hear each appeal or alleged violation in the order that it was received.
5. Beginning with the entity who alleged an Elections Code violation, the Elections Commission shall hear each entity's opening oral arguments for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
6. Once opening oral arguments are concluded, the Elections Commission shall direct each concerned entity, beginning with the entity who alleged a violation of the Elections Code, to present their cases in chief by way of oral arguments not exceeding ten (10) minutes.
7. After the first three (3) minutes of an entity's case in chief have expired, any currently empaneled member of the Elections Commission is entitled to ask questions of the entity making oral arguments. Questioning shall not penalize any entity's respective time limit.
8. Following the presentation of each entity's case in chief, each shall be entitled to a five (5) minute closing, beginning with the entity who alleged an Elections Code violation.
9. After closing arguments have commenced, the Elections Commission shall adjourn to deliberate for no more than one (1) hour per violation, at which time a final majority vote must be taken to determine if the alleged violation shall be sustained, and the respondent found responsible for violating the Elections Code.
10. The Elections Commission shall immediately notify all relevant entities of the case's disposition and shall submit to the SGA Webmaster for posting to the SGA website, including any concurring or dissenting opinions, within five (5) business days of the final vote in any given case.

- G. Investigate, note, and make findings of fact of violations of the Election Code.
- H. Decisions of the Elections Commission may be appealed to the Student Supreme Court. The Elections Commission must rule on a matter before it can be appealed to the Supreme Court. Under no circumstances may the Elections Commission defer ruling on a matter to a higher body without rendering a decision.
- I. Any decision made by the Elections Commission may be appealed by a concerned entity to the hearing to the Student Supreme Court no later than thirty-six (36) hours after said decision and all accompanying opinions have posted to the SGA website pursuant to Chapter 703.2(F)(10) of the Student Body Statutes. No appeals of decisions made by the Elections Commission shall be accepted after this thirty-six (36) hour period.
- J. Any appeal of a decision by the Elections Commission to the Supreme Court cannot be remanded or sent back to the Elections Commission by the Supreme Court to rule on a case.

Chapter 704 Qualifying for Office

704.1 Qualifications

- A. All candidates must qualify for the office as defined by the Student Body Constitution and Statutes.
- B. All candidates for Student Senate must be enrolled, by filing deadline, in the College that they seek to represent. Senators who file in divisions in which they are not registered shall be removed from the ballot.
- C. If a candidate has been admitted into one or more Colleges, that individual may represent any College that they are admitted to.
 - 1. After submission of candidacy, students cannot change the division in which they run under in that given election, unless a special election is called in which candidates must resubmit declarations of candidacy.
- D. Candidates for the Senior Class Council must be enrolled such that they will at least have seventy-two (72) academic credits at the end of the semester that they run.

704.2 Declaration of Candidacy

- A. All candidates for election to Student Body Office must submit a declaration of candidacy form. No student may declare candidacy for more than one office at a time. Submission of a declaration of candidacy form shall indicate an understanding and acceptance of all filing procedures, campaign restrictions, and the elections code and ethics

code.

- B. A political party may remove affiliation with any candidate for any reason prior to the starting time of any scheduled election.
- C. A candidate may withdraw their candidacy until twenty-four hours before the starting time of any scheduled election.
- D. There shall be Mandatory Candidate Seminars on the Monday and Tuesday after the deadline of the declaration of candidacy organized by the Supervisor of Elections that will inform candidates about rules and procedures. Candidates, Campaign Managers, and Campaign Treasurers are only required to attend one of the mandatory candidate seminars. Political Parties must send their candidates along with their Campaign Manager or Treasurer who falls under Chapter 709.3(A) of the Student Body Statues. The Supervisor of Elections shall have the sole discretion to hold additional seminars. Candidates or parties who fail to attend one of the seminars held by the Supervisor of Elections shall lose their eligibility for office unless they show proof of class conflict or illness. This shall not apply to candidates seeking seats in the Congress of Graduate Students.
 - 1. Candidates for Union board must also attend an Orientation Session to be held immediately after the Mandatory Candidate Seminars. Current members of the Union Board shall organize the meeting. Failure to attend one of these sessions without proof of class conflict or illness will result in losing eligibility for office.
- E. If the Supervisor of Elections, in collaboration with the SGA Advisor or University Administrator, finds that any candidate does not qualify for office, the Supervisor of Elections shall remove the candidate from the ballot and notify the candidate within twenty-four (24) hours.

704.3 Political Parties

- A. Any group of students may organize as a student political party and nominate candidates.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections shall officially recognize a political party no later than one (1) day prior to the filing deadline of an election when the party does all of the following:
 - 1. Files with the Supervisor of Elections an accurate copy of its Constitution and an up-to-date list of Officers.
 - 2. Nominates at least one candidate for office per year.
 - 3. Files a party name, acronym, or logo that does not duplicate or blatantly resemble the name, acronym, or logo of any other existing FSU campus political party, nor utilizes the copyrighted

image or symbol not authorized for use by the individual using the image or symbol, or any individual without their consent. Party names may not be vulgar or offensive and the acceptance of names shall be at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections, who shall inform the individual(s) who filed for the political party with the discarded name. If a political party would like to appeal the decision of the Supervisor of Elections, they may file an appeal to the Elections Commission within three (3) business days of being informed of the decision.

4. Is a Registered Student Organization with Student Organizations and Involvement.
5. Has not been disqualified in a past election within the previous four (4) years due to violations of the Election Code.

704.4 Ballot Provisions

All questions of opinions, compulsory referenda, constitutional amendments, and other ballot provisions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections from the Student Senate President stating the Senate's approval, or with all petitions signed from the sponsor of the proposed ballot provision by the filing deadline for an election. Should the ballot provision achieve all requirements, it shall go on the ballot for the next election. The Senate may withdraw its approval by the same margin needed to propose to ballot. The sponsor of a petition may withdraw a petition for a ballot provision, or individual petitioners may withdraw their signature for a ballot provision. The Supervisor of Elections shall post online all provisions (both wording and statements of intent/understanding), their source (Senate or petition), and the number of remaining signatures needed, if applicable. The Supervisor of Elections shall have the discretion to choose whether or not a petition follows the following guidelines. If the Supervisor ascertains that a petition is not valid, they must inform the sponsor of the petition within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the petition, excluding business days, with an explanation why. The following rules on petitions shall be enforced:

A. All ballot provision petition forms must include identification information for the student in the form of: Full Name, FSU ID, date signed, and signature.

1. An E-Signature shall suffice, and may be constituted by an additional text-box for a name on an online form.

B. Petitions must follow the below provisions:

1. For opinions questions, the following wording must appear: "This is a petition to add an Opinion Question to the FSU Student Body Election ballot. It has no legal force or action other than to ascertain the opinion of the Student Body on a particular issue. It needs two hundred (200) signatures to reach the ballot and a majority to become the unofficial opinion of the FSU Student

Body.”

2. For referendum elections, the following wording must appear: “This is a petition to add a referendum election to the FSU Student Body Election ballot. It has legal force to require SGA to take the actions required therein assuming the majority of the electorate voting on the referendum vote yes, it needs five hundred (500) signatures to reach the ballot.”
 3. For constitutional amendments, the following wording must appear: “This is a petition to add an amendment to the Student Body Constitution to the FSU Student Body Election ballot. It shall become a legally binding part of the Constitution upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Body. It needs fifteen hundred (1,500) signatures to reach the ballot.”
- C. All petition forms must have the full text of the proposed provision and must begin their official ballot text with the statement “I, the undersigned, as a legally registered FSU student, aware that submitting false and/or duplicate information is a punishable offense, do hereby petition the Student Body Supervisor of Elections to add the following ballot provision to the Student Body election ballot.”

Chapter 705 Election Procedures

705.1 General Elections

- A. All candidates in a general election shall declare their candidacy with the Supervisor of Elections no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, three (3) weeks before election day.
- B. General Elections shall take place on the eighth Wednesday of the semester in which they take place. In the case of a conflict or a religious holiday, the Supervisor of Elections shall determine the date of election day to be on a Wednesday between the sixth and eighth week of the semester. The Supervisor of Elections shall announce the date of election day no later than the third Wednesday of the semester.
 1. The Supervisor of Elections shall notify the relevant SGA governing bodies for each General Election.
 - a. For the Fall General Election, the Supervisor of Elections shall notify the Student Body President, Student Senate President, COGS Speaker, the Chair of the Campus Recreation Board, and the SGA Advising Office of the date and seats up for election no later than twenty-four (24) hours after deciding the date of the Fall General Election.
 - b. For the Spring General Election, the Supervisor of Elections shall notify the Student Body President, the

Student Senate President, the Senior Class President, the Chair of the Union Board, and the SGA Advising Office of the date and seats up for election no later than twenty-four (24) hours after deciding the date of the Spring General Election.

2. Once the date of the election is determined, the Supervisor of Elections shall send the elections calendar to the SGA Webmaster to be published on the SGA website.

C. Campaigning is prohibited prior to 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the Wednesday one week prior to the date of the elections.

705.2 Special Elections

Any Special Election shall follow the same procedure for the General Election of the semester in which the Special Election falls in. The Senate shall provide the funds for conducting a special election by a majority vote. The date and timeline of any Special election shall be determined at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections within a three (3) week period.

A. The Supervisor of Elections shall call a Special Election for any race or seat in which one or multiple of the following have occurred:

1. The winning candidate is disqualified in an election.
2. A campus political party is disqualified in an election where they have won seats.
3. The results for an individual and/or an entire election are declared invalid by the Supervisor of Elections.

705.3 Referendum Elections

The Supervisor of Elections shall conduct Constitutional Amendment and referenda elections during the fall or spring General Elections. The admission of referenda shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with Article VI of the Student Body Constitution, unless a special election is called for in accordance with Chapter of the Student Body Statutes.

A. The official ballot for a referendum or proposed Constitutional amendment shall give a brief statement regarding the proposed changes prepared by the author. Voters shall be given the opportunity to vote "YES" or "NO" for the proposed changes.

705.4 Compulsory Opinion Polls

In addition to those Opinion Questions proposed pursuant to Section 4, Article VI, Student Body Constitution, and Student Body Statute 704.5B1, the following Opinion Questions shall automatically be submitted to the electors of the Student Body during the fall and spring general election as follows:

A. Please Answer "Yes" or "No" to the following questions

1. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Government Association?
2. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Senate?
3. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Executive Branch (President, Vice President, etc.)?
4. Do you approve of the work by the SGA identity-based Agencies (Black Student Union, Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, etc.)?
5. Do you approve of the work by the SGA Bureaus (Office of Governmental Affairs, Inter-Residence Hall Council, etc.)?

705.5 Recall Elections

The Supervisor of Elections shall conduct recall elections in accordance with Article VII of the Student Body Constitution.

- A. The official ballot shall state the name of the office of the official in question, and two hundred (200) words or less, the reasons for demanding recall of the officer(s) as set forth in the recall petition(s), and in no more than two hundred (200) words of the officer's defense. The ballot must include the statement: "Shall the following officers retain their seats." Voters shall vote "YES" or "NO" on the recall. A sample ballot shall be available at each polling site in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution.
- B. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the students voting elect to recall the official, the official's term of office shall cease upon certification of the election results by the Elections Commission. The vacancy created shall be filled as provided by the Student Body Constitution and the Student Body Statutes and may not be filled by the recalled officer.
- C. The Supervisor of Elections shall publish the election date and time of the recall election on the SGA website one (1) week prior to the recall election.

705.6 Senate Apportionments Process

- A. Each Division shall be entitled to at least one (1) representative in the Student Senate.
- B. The number of seats allocated to the Student Senate shall be eighty (80). Each elected member shall serve until their resignation or the same-semester inauguration one year following their installation.
- C. Using the Student Database, the seats shall be apportioned each fall

based on the percentages of students classified by their division and will be eligible to vote and run for seats in their respective divisions. All Special and Graduate Studies Students shall be eligible to be candidates for, as well as vote for, all seats in the Special Students division which shall be apportioned seats based on the number of students enrolled in the Graduate Studies and Special Student divisions.

1. For the purposes of Senate apportionment, graduate and professional students will be considered members of the collegiate division that offers their course of study and not the Graduate School. Seats apportioned to any division aside from undergraduate studies shall be apportioned to reflect the percentage of the student body engaged in an upper-division undergraduate, graduate, or professional course of study in that college.

a. Colleges that do not have students enrolled in undergraduate courses of study shall be apportioned seats in the same way as any other normal division.

b. Undergraduate Senators serving in an upper division seat when they graduate shall be allowed to retain their seat so long as they are enrolled in graduate courses in the same college that their seat represents the first semester following their graduation.

D. Undergraduate Senators who graduate in the Spring shall be allowed to take a leave of absence through the summer semester as defined in section 100.6.

E. The Supervisor of Elections shall, after consultation with the SGA Advising Office, establish which seats shall be designated as Fall and Spring Seats by the third Wednesday of the Fall Academic Semester. New seat apportionments shall be released in the form of an official memorandum signed and published by the Supervisor of Elections on the SGA Website.

1. Apportionments shall be released by the Supervisor of Elections at least one (1) week prior to the opening of the Candidacy Declaration form.

2. No division shall have a difference in allocated seats greater than one (1) from one semester to the next.

3. In the event that a division contains an odd number of seats, the greater number of seats shall be up for election in the Fall Elections.

4. Fall Seats shall be designated with odd numbers, Spring seats shall be designated with even numbers.

F. Loss of Senate Office due to Reapportionment

1. Once a Senate Seat has been eliminated from a specific division because of yearly apportionment, it shall dissolve upon the inauguration in the semester (fall or spring) that the seat was originally apportioned to.
2. If a Spring seat has been eliminated due to the yearly apportionment, and that seat is held by the Senate President or Senate President Pro-Tempore, that individual may stay in their seat until the individual's term as President or President Pro-Tempore expires.
3. If at any time during this period the Senator in question should resign or otherwise be removed from their seat, then the seat shall dissolve immediately.

Chapter 706 Fall Elections

706.1 The Fall Election cycle shall include the races for odd-numbered Senate seats, the Campus Recreation Board, the Congress of Graduate Students, and shall include any applicable constitutional amendments, referenda items, and opinion questions.

706.2 Campus Recreation Board

- A. There shall be eight (8) elected Campus Recreation Board Seats. Each seat on the Board shall be elected individually.
- B. The electorate of the Campus Recreation Board shall be limited to students enrolled at the Tallahassee campus.
- C. Beyond the provisions listed here, elections shall proceed pursuant to 609.4

706.3 The Congress of Graduate Students

- A. The electorate shall be limited to graduate, post-baccalaureate special and professional students.
- B. Elections shall be held pursuant to Chapter 607 of the Student Body Statutes and COGS Code Chapter 111.

Chapter 707 Spring Elections

707.1 The Spring Election cycle shall include the races for even-numbered Senate seats, the Student Union Board, Student Body President and Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Senior Class Council President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and shall include any applicable constitutional amendments, referenda items, and opinion questions.

- A. If the current Senate President or Senate President Pro Tempore is holding a Spring seat, that seat shall not be up for election during the Spring elections. Instead, it shall be advertised as a vacant seat in the fall at the end of the officer's term, or upon resignation of the official from either President or Pro Tempore.

707.2 Senior Class Council

- A. There shall be four elected positions in the Senior Class Council, which shall be elected individually as the Senior Class Council President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- B. The electorate of the Senior Class Council shall be defined in Chapter 701.1 L

707.3 Union Board

- A. There shall be twelve (12) elected Union Board Seats. Each Union Board seat shall be elected individually.
- B. The electorate of the Union Board is limited to those students enrolled at the main campus including the College of Engineering.
- C. Elections shall be carried out subject to the provisions of Chapter 605.
- D. Students employed by the Student Union shall be allowed to run for a seat on the Board.

Chapter 708 Campaigning Rules and Campaign Materials

708.1 Regulation of Campaign Material and Other Activities

- A. Campaign materials may be placed in university owned academic buildings in places provided for general information such as billboards or community posting boards. Any marking of university property must be approved by the proper university authority or authorities.
- B. Active campaigning by soliciting support from students is forbidden inside university academic buildings and residence halls.
1. Campaign materials shall not exceed 11x17 inches in/on an academic building or residence hall.
 2. No adhesive-backed materials may be used in academic buildings or residential halls, excluding tape or sticky tack.
- C. All material and activity located on FSU campuses shall be in accordance with rules and regulation of Campus Event Services, Union Posting Guidelines, University Housing Guidelines, the Student Conduct Code and any other relevant entities.

- D. There shall be no campaigning through the campus email system.
 - 1. A student may not use FSU email servers to campaign for political office. This includes sending emails from their own FSU email or to another student's FSU email.
- E. Campaigning inside of university owned libraries, dining halls, and the Student Union is prohibited.

Chapter 709 Campaign Finances

709.1 Campaign Expenses

- A. The Supervisor shall rule on all questions of value regarding campaign expense.
- B. Total campaign expenses shall not exceed \$12,000 for all candidates of a party in any one general or special election. Party expenses shall be attributed to each candidate of the party.
- C. Campaign expense limits of independent candidates shall be as follows
 - 1. Student Body President and Vice President Candidates: \$7,000
 - 2. Student Body Treasurer Candidates: \$3,000
 - 3. Senate Candidates: \$500
 - 4. Union Board or Recreation Board Candidates: \$500
 - 5. Senior Class President: \$3,500
 - 6. Senior Class Vice-President: \$3,000
 - 7. Senior Class Treasurer: \$2,000
 - 8. Senior Class Secretary: \$2,000
- D. All expenditures of any candidate shall be paid by the campaign (party or independent) manager and/or treasurer
- E. Candidates shall not receive contributions of any kind from Student Government Association organizations.

709.2 Final Expense Statements

- A. In all elections, sample(s) of all campaign materials must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than twenty-four (24) hours after distribution. Said sample campaign material shall become public information upon submission. Any time someone purchases campaign

materials it must be accompanied by the purchase receipt, and, if applicable, a written statement listing any gifts received – including discounts in procurement of materials.

B. Final Expense Statements shall be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Friday following any election.

1. Final Expense Statements shall be matched to financial records kept by the Supervisor of Elections to verify accuracy.

C. Expense statements shall be submitted only on the official forms as prescribed by the Supervisor of Elections.

D. Social media, radio, or television advertisements shall only be considered a campaign expense if each candidate for a particular office who has requested advertisement is not given equal opportunity and time for their advertisement.

E. If a candidate or political party spends no money on campaigning, a sworn statement to that effect, made available by the Supervisor of Elections, shall be accepted as an official final expense statement. This documentation must be submitted in the same manner as a traditional final expense statement.

F. Failure to submit a complete Final Expense Statement by 12 p.m. the Friday following the elections, will be considered incomplete. Failure to submit a verifiably complete final expense statement by 12 p.m. the Friday following the election will constitute a Schedule I Violation. The Supervisor of Elections must notify by email and publicly post online whether the final expense statement is complete or incomplete by 5 p.m. Friday.

1. Upon notice of a final expense statement being incomplete, the political party or independent candidate has until 4 p.m. the following Monday. Failure to rectify a verifiably incomplete financial statement by 4 p.m. the following Monday will constitute a Schedule 4 Violation, consistent with 710.6E.

2. If the individual or political party has not rectified a verifiably Incomplete Final Expense Statement by 4 p.m. the following Monday, the individual or political party will be immediately disqualified.

G. If the Supervisor of Elections fails to notify an individual political party or candidate of an incomplete Final Expense Statement, and the notice of Incompleteness is not posted online, this offense is grounds for impeachment as decided by the Student Senate.

H. The Supervisor of Elections shall post the Approved Final Expense Statements of the political parties and individuals prior to the certification of elections.

709.3 Campaign Treasuries

- A. All political parties shall have a designated campaign treasurer if money is spent on their campaign. Candidates running independently, without the aid of a political party, are exempt from this rule.

- B. Campaign treasuries shall be placed in a non-personal bank account; this bank account must be used only for party and campaign treasuries. Independent candidates are exempt from this nonpersonal bank account provision.

- C. The Campaign Contribution Statement and any other financial documents shall be submitted on the first Wednesday of campaigning and in the independent candidate or political party's final expense statement. This shall be submitted on a form produced by the Supervisor of Elections.

709.4 Campaign Contributions

- A. Political parties and candidates must be able to account for all contributions. The contribution shall be a part of the campaign contribution statement and final expense statement and must detail which individual or organization donated the campaign contribution. Registered Student Organizations (RSO), excluding SGA political parties, and SGA entities are prohibited from donating to SGA political parties or candidates in any SGA election.

- B. In cases where campaign materials are sold (i.e. shirts, cups, etc.) to raise funds for a political party or candidate, individual records in accordance with 709.4 A. Regardless of profit or involvement of campaign goods, anytime "Membership" is extended in return for dues or fees, the donating individual or organization must be recorded.

- C. No money may be accepted by a campus political party or candidate from a 501(c)(4) organization as defined by Title 26 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

- D. The campaign contribution limit of individual or organizational donors to a candidate or party shall be established as \$200 per election cycle.
 - 1. Party-candidate membership dues submitted by an individual shall not exceed a total of \$200.

 - 2. The maximum amount of money that can be donated to a candidate or political party is \$200 in a donation and a maximum of \$200 in party membership dues.

- E. If an individual is donating as a proxy for someone who donated via a money transfer service such as Venmo, Zelle, CashApp, etc., receipts must be provided of the entire exchange

- F. If an individual is donating as a proxy for an organization, the entirety of the exchange should be documented.

Chapter 710 Violations and Penalties

710.1 Scope and Prosecution of Alleged Violations

- A. All students are bound by and may be prosecuted under this Code.
- B. Conviction of any person for a violation under this Code shall not preclude subsequent prosecution or violation of the Ethics Codes or the Student Conduct Code.
- C. The Attorney General shall represent the Supervisor of Elections in all proceedings of the Elections Commission and Supreme Court.

710.2 Enforcement

- A. The Supervisor of Elections, Deputy Supervisors, and all members of the Elections Commission shall enforce the Election Code. Failure to enforce the Election Code shall be an impeachable offense.

710.3 Standing

- A. Students or political parties who show actual injury shall have standing to contest the results of any election on grounds within or outside the scope of the Election Code until forty-eight (48) hours following the close of the polls.

710.4 Reporting Procedures

- A. All alleged violations shall be brought to the Supervisor of Elections in accordance with Chapter 703.2 of the Student Body Election Code, and must include:
1. The name of the party or individual alleging the violation;
 2. The name of the party or individual who allegedly violated the Elections Code;
 3. The specific statute(s) in the Elections Code which was allegedly violated;
 4. Any and all evidence to support the claim of an alleged violation; and
 5. A short and plain statement describing the occurrence of the alleged violation.
- B. When an alleged violation is filed against an individual candidate,

independent candidate, political party, or a member of a political party, the Supervisor of Elections shall notify the recipient(s) of the alleged violation within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving the alleged violation.

- C. All students will have the option to present their case directly to the elections commission, choose a third-party to represent them, or be appointed a law student by the Supreme Court to represent their case before the Elections Commission.
- D. The Supervisor of Elections and Deputy Supervisor(s) shall have the power to receive and review alleged violations. The time, place, and manner of such violations shall be recorded and submitted to the Elections Commission.
- E. All alleged violations and appeals must be presented to the Supervisor of Elections electronically by the end of two (2) business days from their discovery.
1. Any complaint that lists an alleged violation after two (2) business days from its original discovery shall be dismissed by the Supervisor of Elections.
- F. The final deadline for all alleged violations and appeals to be filed by an individual or political party for a particular election is forty-eight (48) hours following the close of polls from an election.
1. If an alleged violation is submitted less than twenty-four (24) hours before the deadline to submit alleged violations, the Supervisor of Elections shall be allowed to notify individuals of an alleged violation after the close of the filing deadline.
- G. The burden that a party alleging a violation of the Student Body Election Code must meet in order to prove a violation shall be by "clear and convincing evidence".
- H. Students shall not be prohibited from wearing clothing related to political parties, candidates or ballot items in SGA offices, academic buildings and classrooms, campus-owned residence halls, university-owned libraries, dining halls, or on- campus dining establishments.
1. Wearing clothing related to political parties, candidates, or ballot items is strictly prohibited in the Student Senate Chambers. The only exception to this rule is when the results of an election are read aloud to the Senate by the Supervisor of Elections on the day of an election.
 2. Clothing related to political parties, candidates, or ballot items must be submitted to, and approved, by the Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor of Elections must render a decision within one (1) business day of submission.

710.5 Implementation of Violations

A. Each occurrence, event, or time that violates the Election Code shall constitute an alleged Election violation that must be heard by the Elections Commission. Violations do not count against a candidate or political party until ruled upon by the Elections Commission.

1. In the event that a party found to be responsible by the Elections Commission appeals to the Student Supreme Court, the violation will not be counted until the Supreme Court issues their ruling.

B. Disqualification shall occur according to the following provisions:

1. Party Disqualification:

a. A political party, candidate, or individual that has either been found guilty of a schedule 4 violation or has accumulated fifty (50) or more penalty points during a single election cycle shall be disqualified.

b. In the case that a political party is disqualified, all candidates running in that election with that party shall become disqualified. Any candidate disqualified shall be barred from running for an elected office or being a member of a political party for one (1) election cycle following their disqualification.

c. The disqualified political party is barred from participating in future elections for a period of four (4) years.

d. All party officers and members of the party leadership board shall be barred from participating in student government elections as members of political parties or running for office for one (1) election cycle following their disqualification.

2. Winning Candidate Disqualification:

a. If a candidate who won an election is then disqualified, the Supervisor of Elections shall call a Special Election pursuant to Student Body Statute 705.2 for the office won by the disqualified candidate.

3. Individual Disqualification:

a. In the event the candidate or individual is barred from running in an election, participating in any political party, or advocating/campaigning for individual candidates, political parties, or ballot items for one (1) election cycle

following their disqualification.

4. Special Election after Disqualification:

a. If there is a special election following disqualification of a candidate or political party, the following rules will be obeyed:

i. Inability to use the political party's name or logo on campaign materials and during campaigning.

ii. Inability to use the party funds.

iii. A disqualified political party cannot endorse a candidate or candidates.

710.6 Violations of the Code

A. No violations will contest or come into contradiction with Section 710.4.

B. If a candidate or political party is accused of any election violation and they do not challenge the validity of the allegation made, they will be allowed to take a reduced punishment in exchange for an admission of guilt to the Elections Commission.

1. This section shall not apply if a candidate or political party is accused of a Schedule 4 Violation.

2. Any admission of guilt by the political party will still carry the maximum number of penalty points, however, the fine associated with that penalty will be waived by the Supervisor of Elections.

3. After admitting guilt to the Elections Commission, a respondent or petitioner cannot appeal the alleged violation to the Supreme Court.

C. Schedule one (1) Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:

1. Removing, obscuring, or damaging another candidate's or political party's campaign materials within a given space such as a bulletin board or general flyer area.

2. Using instruments or audio amplification within fifty (50) feet of a university library, dining hall, or the student union.

3. Engaging in any action against Chapter 709 of the Student Body Election code, including but not limited to violations of university posting guidelines.

4. Using adhesive-backed material in an academic building,

excluding tape and sticky tack.

5. Using materials larger than 11" X 17" in academic classrooms or failing to comply with University or building regulations in any academic classrooms.

6. Having posted campaign flyers in an academic building or classroom.

7. Failing to remove campaign materials within forty-eight (48) hours of the closing of the polls.

8. Submitting an incomplete Final Expense Statement, consistent with 709.2(G).

a. If an allegation of an incomplete final expense statement is made, the recipient shall have until the following Monday by 5 p.m. Eastern Time to correct any issues with the document. If all issues are not corrected by the following Monday at 5.p.m. Eastern Time this violation will turn into a Schedule 4 Violation.

9. Posting, either electronically or physically, or utilizing campaign materials that have not been approved by the Supervisor of Elections.

D. Schedule two (2) Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:

1. Bringing false or malicious charges against another candidate, political party, or political member.

2. The issuing or utilization of any newspaper article, social media posting, video, posters, placards, signs, signboards, leaflets, folders, handbills, flyers, banners, t-shirts, buttons, pain, handwritten announcements, audio announcements, or circulars of any size and consistency that is publicly libelous against a candidate for an elected office of the student body.

a. This shall apply to political party's executive board members, candidates, and/or dues-paying members in the current semester.

3. Defacing or damaging official election materials created and distributed by the Supervisor or Elections.

4. Campaigning prior to one (1) week before the election.

5. Performing an activity that would intentionally place another party or candidate in violation of the election code.

6. Using the past and/or present SGA logo on campaign items.

7. Utilizing any Student Government owned equipment for express endorsement or support for or against any candidate, platform, political party, or ballot item.
8. Failing to appear at any elections commission hearing if listed as a petitioner without giving prior notice to the Supervisor of Elections, five (5) hours prior to the Elections Commission hearing, of inability to appear.
9. Utilizing campaign materials that were altered or changed after approved by the Supervisor of Elections without gaining re-approval since the most recent change.

E. Schedule three (3) Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:

1. Vandalism or any unauthorized marking of university or private property for campaign purposes.
2. Offering goods or services in exchange votes, not including campaign materials as specified in Chapter 701 of the Election Code.
3. Falsely representing oneself on behalf of the Supervisor of Elections or the SGA Office of Elections.
4. Engaging in any action against Chapter 709 of the Election Code.

F. Schedule four (4) Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:

1. Submitting a fraudulent final expense statement. This includes parties or individuals failing to submit a complete final expense statement by the Monday following the election at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.
 - a. This is an allegation that can only be made by the Supervisor of Elections and/or the Deputy Supervisors of Elections.
2. Providing another individual or group with or receiving personal login information (FSU ID and password) in which they use to cast votes for another person. These votes shall be considered fraudulent.
3. Any attempt to perpetrate a fraudulent election. This shall include, but is not limited to, providing false information regarding filing or elections procedures, voting more than once, or attempting to vote with another person's student identification (FSU ID)

4. Offering money, gift cards, or other forms of payment in exchange for votes in any election.

710.7 Tabulation of Election Violations

- A. Violations shall be adjudicated by the appropriate body as they arise as much as reasonable efficiency will allow, but a decision to expel or disqualify a candidate from the ballot shall not be executed until after the final closing of the polls during a general election.
- B. Fines must be paid within three (3) business days of the appropriate body's decision. If the member or political party does not pay the fines within the allotted time, then the individual or the political party shall be disqualified pursuant to Student Body Statute 710.5(B).

710.8 Penalty Point System

- A. Penalty Points shall be assigned with each violation.
 1. If an individual or political party exceeds fifty (50) penalty points in a single election cycle, they will be disqualified by the Supervisor of Elections and the Elections Commission.

710.9 Schedule One (1) Violation Penalties

- A. The following penalties shall be levied against those who have been found responsible for committing a Schedule One (1) violation:
 1. For the first instance of finding a Schedule One (1) Violation pursuant to the Elections Code, a one (1) point penalty and a ten (\$10.00) dollar fee shall be levied against an individual. For a political party, a one (1) point penalty and a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar fee shall be levied.
 2. For the second and any additional findings of a Schedule One (1) Violation, a two (2) point penalty and a (\$25.00) dollar fee shall be levied against an individual. For a political party, a two (2) point penalty and a (\$50.00) dollar fee shall be levied.

710.10 Schedule Two (2) Violation Penalties

- A. The following penalties shall be levied against those who have been found responsible for committing a Schedule Two (2) violation:
 1. For the first instance of finding a Schedule Two (2) Violation, a three (3) point penalty and a forty (\$40.00) dollar fee shall be levied against an individual. For a political party, a three (3) point penalty and a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fee shall be levied.
 2. For the second and any additional findings of a Schedule Two (2) Violation, a four (4) point penalty and an eighty-four (\$84.00)

dollar fee levied against an individual. For a political party, a four (4) point penalty and a two hundred (\$200.00) dollar fee shall be levied.

710.11 Schedule Three (2) Violation Penalties

- A. For all instances of finding a Schedule Three (3) Violation, a ten (10) point penalty and a one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollar fee shall be levied against an individual. For a political party, a ten (10) point penalty and a three hundred (\$300.00) dollar fee shall be levied.

710.12 Schedule Four (4) Violation Penalties

- A. Any person or political party found responsible for a Schedule Four (4) Violation shall be disqualified pursuant to Student Body Statute 710.5(B).

710.13 Additional Prosecution

- A. Conviction of any person for violations under this Code shall not preclude subsequent persecution of that person for violation of the Ethics Code, the Student Honor Code, or the Student Conduct Code.

Chapter 711 The Official Ballot

711.1 Ballot Form

- A. An electronic ballot shall be defined as the official format chosen by the Supervisor of Elections that shall include the official rules, instructions, candidates and other information pertinent to elections.
- B. The official ballot contains the list of all offices to be elected, referendum questions, and constitutional amendments.
1. No colors shall be used to designate or accentuate any choices on the official ballot, including, but not limited to candidates for office, political party affiliation or lack thereof, referendum questions, and constitutional amendments.
- C. Candidates shall be listed by seat in alphabetical order of their last names and the name shall be printed in the same form as requested at the time of filing. Each candidate's last name shall appear on the ballot, and the name must be the same as it appears on the candidate's myFSU account.
1. Candidates can request to have a different preferred first name on the ballot and can request to change their name up until twenty-four (24) hours before the election.
2. For the election of the Student Body President and Vice President, the names of the candidates for President and Vice

President within the same party (if applicable) must appear on the ballot as one voting bloc.

- D. For elections to office, the ballot of a general or special election shall only contain the names of candidate who:
1. Properly filed a Declaration of Candidacy with the Supervisor or Elections in accordance with Chapter 704.2 of the Student Body Statutes.
 2. Are qualified to hold the office they seek as specified in Chapter 704.3 of the Student Body Statutes.
- E. Candidates omitted from the ballot may petition to be reinstated by the Elections Commission and may be reinstated following an Elections Commission hearing no later than (3) business days prior to any election.
- F. Party designation for candidates of recognized political parties who run in an election shall be placed on the official ballot.
- G. The ballot may not be changed or altered within the twenty-four (24) hours preceding any election.

711.2 Statement of Intent

- A. All ballot questions proposing constitutional amendments and referenda shall display a "Statement of Intent" to be placed above the amendment or referenda text.
1. The Statement of Intent shall be no longer than one hundred (100) words.
 2. The Statement of Intent shall be written by the primary sponsor of the produced constitutional amendment and/or the sponsor's designee.
 3. The Statement of Intent shall be presented to the Student Senate when the amendment is put up for Student Senate approval. The Statement of Intent shall be considered part of the piece of legislation being voted on for approval by the Senate and shall pass or fail jointly with its accompanying legislation.
- B. The provisions of 711.2 apply to both measures proposed by the Senate and by the petition process as enumerated in Article VI of the Student Body Constitution.
- C. The provisions of 711.2 shall not apply to any proposed constitutional amendment pending the ballot at the time of its enactment.

711.3 Counting of Ballots and Vote Tabulation

- A. The method of counting shall be done electronically.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections shall announce the complete “unofficial” results on the night of elections in the Senate Chamber during the New Business portion of the Senate Calendar if the election is held on a day during which there is a regularly scheduled Senate meeting. If there is no regularly scheduled Senate meeting, the results shall be announced in the Senate Chambers upon completion of tabulation.
 - 1. In the event of an extended election as a result of an electronic failure, the Student Senate President may call a special Senate meeting the day of the extended election.

Chapter 712 Polls

712.1 Voting Process

- A. Voting shall take place entirely on an electronic poll accessible to the student body through the Student Government Elections Website on election day. The link to the poll shall be sent in an email to the entire student body the day of the election when polls open at 8 a.m. Eastern Time.
- B. In the event of an electronic failure of longer than two (2) hours total, the Supervisor of Elections shall extend the election time from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the next day. The Student Senate shall appropriate the necessary funds on the election day in question.

712.2 Recall Elections

- A. An online electronic poll shall be open in the event of a recall election of the following officials:
 - 1. Student Body President
 - 2. Student Body Vice President
 - 3. Student Body Treasurer
 - 4. Student Union Board Members
 - 5. Campus Recreation Board Members
 - 6. Senior Class Council Officers
 - 7. Student Senators

712.3 Hours

- A. Online polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time to 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Time on the day of the election.

- B. The Supervisor of Elections may extend poll hours for a period not to exceed two (2) hours.

712.4 Polling Rules

- A. No candidate nor person affiliated with a political party shall serve as an election official.
- B. When voting on the online poll, the student shall login using their FSU ID and password.

Chapter 713 Conditions for Victory

713.1 Votes Required for Victory

- A. All elected offices will be won by whoever attains a plurality of the vote.
- B. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, all candidates involved will go before the Student Senate to determine a winner at the next scheduled regular session of the Senate prior to Inauguration.
 - 1. The Student Senate shall conduct the election through secret paper ballot, and the candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner. The Student Senate President shall ensure equal time for all candidates to speak, and equal time for Senators to speak in favor of each candidate. The process shall include both pro and con debate for each candidate.
 - 2. If in the event that a candidate has an excused absence, based on the University's Attendance Policy, the tie-breaking vote shall be rescheduled by the Senate President.
- C. The presiding officer of the Senate shall only vote to break a tie in the Senate.

713.2 Victory by Acclamation

- A. In the event of candidates or voting blocs running unopposed in any election at the deadline of declaration of candidacy filing, the candidates or voting blocs shall be declared the winner of the election.

Chapter 714 Winners – Assuming Office

714.1 Announcement

- A. After the results have been verified by the Supervisor of Elections, the Supervisor of Elections shall release the final election results.
- B. All results and announcements of the unofficial and/or final election

results may be challenged to the Elections Commission as specified in Chapter 703.2 of the Student Body Statutes.

714.2 Certification of Election

- A. No Certificate of Election shall be issued to a candidate whose election is being contested.
- B. No candidates shall be installed, given the oath of office or take elective office unless a Certificate of Election has been authorized for that candidate by the Supervisor of Elections. This shall not apply to those candidates appointed to fill vacancies in accordance with the Student Body Constitution and Student Body Statutes.
- C. Certificates of Election shall be given to a candidate when 701.1 R, S, and T, have been fulfilled in a form presented by the Supervisor of Elections.

714.3 Transition of Student Body Officers

- A. Following the election, all elected officials shall be expected to have at least one (1) transition meeting with their successor.
- B. The purpose of this meeting is to review details regarding how best to navigate the responsibilities associated with the position and any other pertinent information that the current official sees fit for their successor to know.
- C. This shall not be misconstrued as a requirement for election certification, but rather as an expectation of all elected student body officers.

714.4 Installation

- A. The Supervisor of Elections shall provide for appropriate installation ceremonies for duly elected candidates.
- B. Any duly elected officers that are not in attendance of the formal installation ceremony shall be installed separately by the Student Senate within three (3) Senate meetings after the formal installation ceremonies. No elected official shall be sworn in before the formal ceremony.
 - 1. If a duly elected officer misses the formal installation ceremony and is not sworn in by the Student Senate, the duly elected officer shall immediately vacate the office in question.
- C. Newly elected officers shall assume office immediately upon installation by the Supervisor of Elections.
- D. Installation ceremonies for those elected shall be held between two (2)

and five (5) weeks after the conclusion of an election.

- E. Unless there are enough election violations filed to disqualify a candidate or political party, the date and time of Inauguration for the Spring and Fall General Elections shall not be impacted by election violations or appeals.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 82

Primary Sponsor: Hellman, White
Co-Sponsor(s): Cofer, Patel, Sparling
Date: August 28, 2023

Purpose & Description: This bill creates the Freshman Class Council.

Statute Number(s): Chapter 302

PROVISO: Immediately upon this bill being enacted into statutes, applications for the Freshman Class Council shall open, and shall be open until five days into the Spring 2023 semester, after which time the Senior Class Council shall begin the interview and appointments process as detailed in this bill.

Statute/Amendment Text

302.1 This act shall be entitled "The Class Council Act of 2014." The Senior Class Council, Junior Class Council, ~~and Sophomore Class Council,~~ and Freshman Class Council shall hereinafter be referred to as the SrCC, JCC, ~~and SoCC,~~ and FCC, respectively.

302.2 The Class Councils shall work to instill unity in the Florida State University's Senior, Junior, ~~and Sophomore,~~ and Freshman classes to enhance their college experience and encourage active participation in the Florida State University community as both students and alumnus.

302.3 Membership

D. Freshman Class Council

1. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be officers of the FCC.

- a. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the FCC shall be students enrolled in undergraduate studies, who have not completed any collegiate level schooling between their graduation of high school and their enrollment at Florida State University.
- b. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the FCC shall be appointed through the application process as stated in

Chapter 302.4.

- c. All officers of the FCC are to be enrolled as undergraduate students at Florida State University for the entire designation of their term of service.

2. There shall be no more than ten (10) representatives of the Freshman Class Council.

302.4 Selection and Term of Office

D. Freshman Class Council

1. All applications for the FCC must be publicly released no later than five (5) business days before the start of Fall semester classes. Completed applications must be received by the SrCC no later than 5 p.m., ten (10) business days after the first day of Fall semester classes. The deadline may be postponed for up to one (1) week under extreme circumstances.

2. The members of the FCC shall hold office from the time of their appointment until the end of the Spring semester following their appointment.

3. Selection

- a. The SrCC may begin conducting interviews for the positions of President and Vice President of the FCC upon the completion of ten (10) business days into the Fall semester of classes.
- b. Ten (10) business days following the close of applications, the SrCC must submit nominations for the positions of President and Vice President to the Student Body President and Chief of Staff for appointment, with confirmation by the Student Senate.
- c. Interviews for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be held by the newly appointed President and Vice President of FCC at the discretion of the SrCC.
- d. Once the President and Vice President of the FCC have been confirmed, they shall appoint the Treasurer and Secretary.

302.5 Duties and Responsibilities of the Class Councils

D. Freshman Class Council

1. The FCC shall raise funds for their upcoming Senior Class gift.
2. The FCC shall provide programming to build community and pride for their graduation year and/or benefit of the members of the Freshman Class.
3. The FCC shall meet at least twice a month.
4. The FCC shall provide guidance and information to students of the university who are interested in being a part of the entity.
5. The FCC shall ensure a meaningful transition of the new Freshman class into FSU's student body.
6. The FCC shall not have discretionary spending of A&S monies, and all purchases must be approved by the SrCC Treasurer.

302.6 Duties and Responsibilities of the Members of the Class Councils

A. Senior Class

1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside over and call all meetings of the SrCC.
 - b. Supervise and coordinate the activities of all officers and members of the SrCC.
 - c. Act as a spokesperson of the Florida State University Senior Class.
 - d. Hold a meeting between all the Presidents at least once a month.
2. The Vice President shall:
 - a. Assist the President
 - b. Oversee the progress of the Junior Class Council and the Sophomore Class Council.
 - c. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the President upon the President's inability to discharge the duties of office.
3. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Oversee all fundraising for the SrCC.
 - b. Act as the chief financial officer of the SrCC.
 - c. Oversee all purchase requests from the FCC Treasurer.
4. The Secretary shall:

- a. Coordinate all correspondence of the SrCC.
- b. Ensure that accurate minutes are recorded for all meetings and publicized on the SGA Website. The Secretary shall also compile a record documenting the activities of the SrCC for the benefit of future administrations.

D. Freshman Class

1. The President shall:

- a. Preside over and call all meetings of the FCC.
- b. Supervise and coordinate the activities of all officers and representatives of the FCC.
- c. Act as a spokesperson of the Florida State University Freshman Class.
- d. Work closely and report to the SrCC Vice President with their progress.

2. The Vice President shall:

- a. Assist the President.
- b. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the President upon the President's inability to discharge the duties of the office.

3. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Oversee all fundraising for the FCC
- b. Act as the chief financial officer of the FCC
- c. Submit purchase requests to the Treasurer of the SrCC

4. The Secretary shall:

- a. Coordinate all correspondence of the FCC.
- b. Ensure that accurate minutes are recorded for all meetings publicized on the SGA Website. The Secretary shall also compile a record documenting the activities of the FCC for the benefit of future administrations.

302.7

Resignations

- A. In order for an officer or representatives of the Class Councils to resign, the resigning person must submit a resignation to the President of their respective council at least two (2) weeks in advance, along with any relevant information in the form of a letter. If the resigning member is the President of the JCC, or SoCC, or FCC, they shall submit their resignation to the President of the SrCC. If

the resigning member is the President of the SrCC, they shall submit their resignation to the Student Body President.

- B. One (1) week prior to the officer's final day, the officer shall submit all documents pertaining to the position and shall facilitate a proper transition for the new officer.

302.8 Vacancies and Leaves of Absence

A. Junior, and Sophomore, and Freshman Class Vacancies

In the event a seat on the JCC, SoCC, or FCC becomes vacant the replacement procedure will be done as follows:

1. President and Vice President

- a. Applications must open within five (5) school days of an officer renouncing the position.
- b. The application must be advertised for a minimum of ten (10) school days.
- c. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant position, the interviews will be conducted by the Senior Class Council President, and the remaining members of the respective Class Council, before being forwarded to the Chief of Staff.
- d. After being forwarded by the Chief of Staff, the applicant will be confirmed through Internal Affairs Committee of the Student Senate, with final confirmation on the Senate floor.

2. Treasurer and Secretary

- a. Applications must open within five (5) school days of an officer renouncing a position.
- b. The application must be advertised for a minimum of ten (10) school days.
- c. After the interviews for said positions have been concluded and a candidate has been chosen by the JCC respective Class Council that person will be appointed by the President of that Class Council ~~the JCC~~ at their earliest convenience.

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.~~

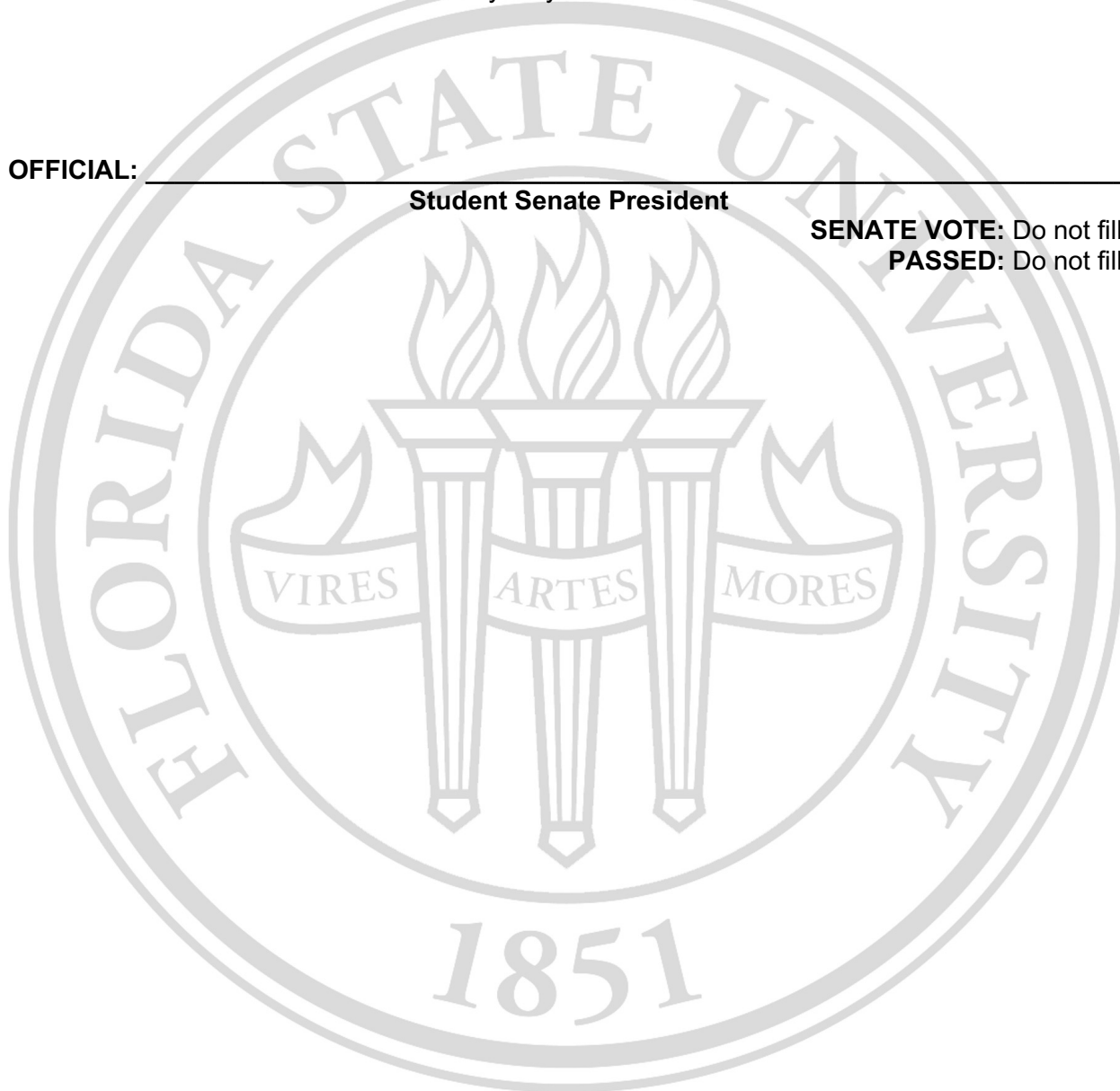
b. d. Upon the passage of a motion to ~~confirm the nominees individually or to call the question on the candidate(s) for confirmation~~, each nominee shall have the time remaining from their opening statement to give a closing statement as to why they should be confirmed.

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 58

Primary Sponsor(s): White

Co-Sponsor(s): Brewer

Date: September 6, 2023

Whereas: September 11th, 2023, marked the 22nd anniversary of the horrific 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93, and

Whereas: Every Florida State student in this chamber and on our campus have been affected by or has witnessed the effects that 9/11 have had on our lives and the course of both domestic and foreign policy over the past two decades, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate commemorates the 2,977 lives lost and the countless brave acts taken that day by First Responders, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy- Fifth Student Senate stands with the 410,000 first responders and survivors who were exposed to harmful and life- threatening conditions from the attack, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate appreciates and acclaims the Veterans Student Union's and the Air Force and Army ROTC detachments' work on our campus to honor events and create student spaces to respectfully remember events like September 11th, and

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
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 59

Primary Sponsor(s): Velazquez
Co-Sponsor(s): Anandjiwala, Widmann
Date: September 4, 2023

Whereas: Fentanyl-related problems have surged on college campuses, posing a grave threat to the health and safety of the student population at Florida State University, and

Whereas: The presence of fentanyl in various forms, including pills, powders, and adulterated substances, has led to an alarming increase in overdoses and fatalities among college students, and

Whereas: It is well-documented that a lethal dose of fentanyl can be as little as 2 milligrams, underscoring the extreme potency and deadly nature of this substance, and

Whereas: Limited knowledge and education about fentanyl risks contribute to students' susceptibility to its dangers, necessitating immediate action, and

Whereas: Peer pressure and experimentation with drugs in college environments have made students vulnerable to unknowingly consuming fentanyl, further exacerbating the crisis, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate recognizes the urgent need to address the fentanyl crisis on our campus and commit to safeguarding the welfare of our student body, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate endorses CS/SB 164, which recently legalized fentanyl test strips, as a proactive and life-saving measure to combat the fentanyl crisis on our campus and supports the work of the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate encourages university administration and health services to collaborate in making fentanyl test strips readily available through campus health centers and other relevant channels, ensuring accessibility to all students, and

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 #: 60

Primary Sponsor(s): Gorelick, Staveski

Co-Sponsor(s): Anandjiwala, Burton, Diaz, Gummerman, Hine, Lento, McEnery, McKinney, Meier, Lobianco, Randall, Widmann

Date: September 4, 2023

Whereas: As it pertains to scheduling SGA General Elections, Student Body Statute §705.4 states, “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,” and

Whereas: The eighth Wednesday of the Fall 2023 semester is October 18, 2023, and

Whereas: This date conflicts with the annual Homecoming celebrations and programming that are currently scheduled to take place from October 16 – October 21, 2023, and

Whereas: The Student Senate, and other SGA entities, have expressed an interest in rescheduling the date of the Fall 2023 elections so as to not have candidates for Student Body offices campaigning for office at the same time that Homecoming events are occurring, bombarding the electorate at a time that should be reserved for festive celebrations, and

Whereas: SBS §705.4 says that in order for the Senate to change the date of an election, a resolution must have been passed by the last Senate meeting of the Spring 2023 semester, which has not occurred as of the introduction of this resolution, and

Whereas: Art. V, Sec. 2 of the Student Body Constitution stipulates that “in the case of a holiday or school function conflict with any of the above dates in the regular session the Senate shall designate another date [for an election],” therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate determines that the annual Homecoming celebrations reasonably fall into the category of a “school function,” and are therefore under the purview of Art. V, SBC §2, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate therefore also determines that it is within its Constitutional right to reschedule the date of the Fall 2023 election so as to not conflict with the scheduled Homecoming 2023 celebrations and programming, and

Be it further resolved that: In consultation with the SGA Supervisor of Elections, the Student Senate invokes its power under Art. V, SBC §2, to designate October 25, 2023, as the date for the Fall 2023 Student Body General Election, and

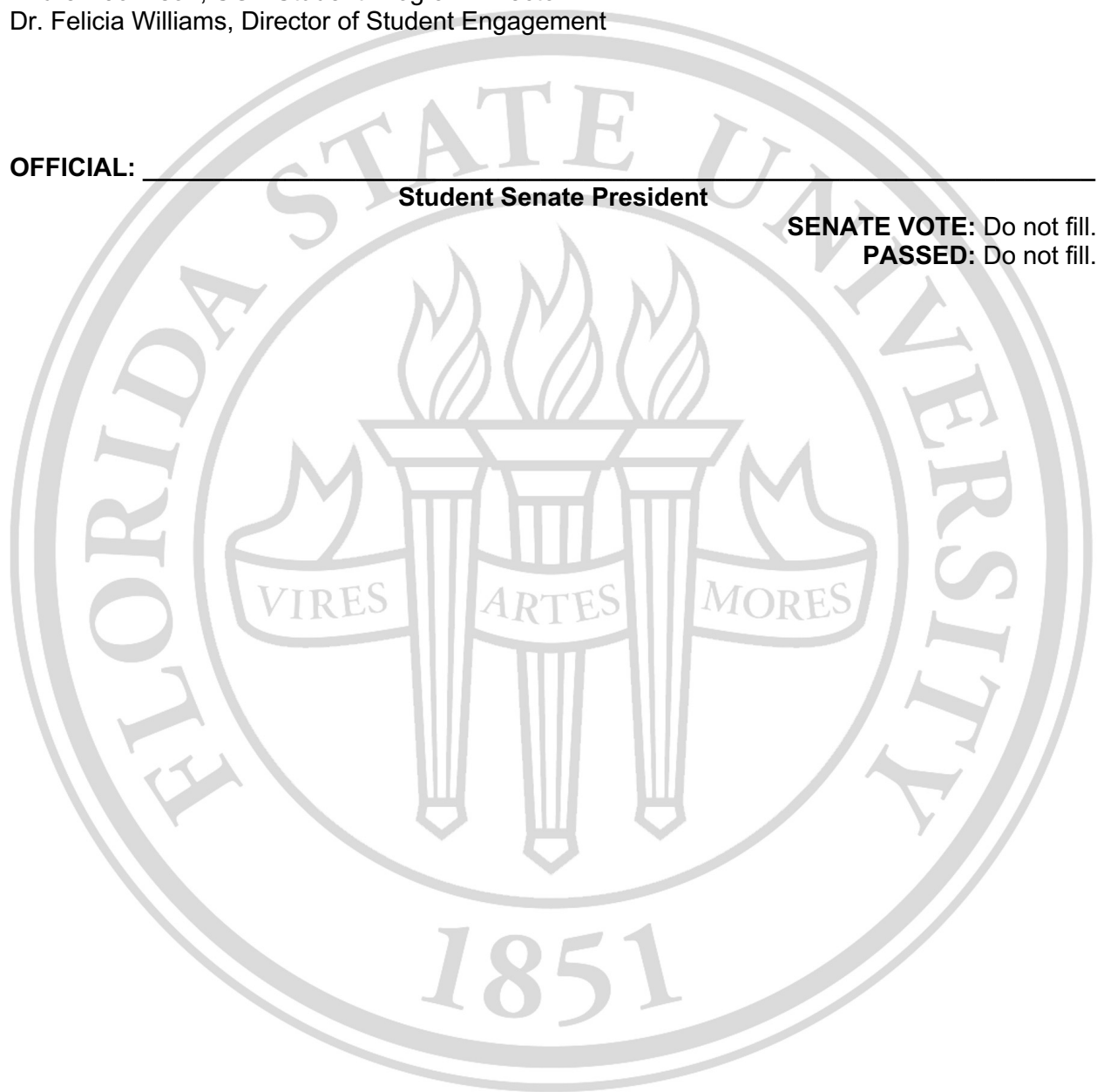
Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President

Samuel Diaz, Student Senate President
Susan Rogowski, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
Jackson Boisvert, Student Body Attorney General
Spencer Greenwood, SGA Supervisor of Elections
Ana Grande, Chair of the Campus Recreation Board
Anna Gutfreund, Overall Director of FSU Homecoming
Andrew Johnson, SGA Student Program Director
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

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



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 61

Primary Sponsors: Mendez, Salazar

Co-Sponsor(s): Behar, Burton, Diaz, Garcia, Gorelick, Humberg, Jones, Khosh, Lento, LoBianco, Mcenery, Newsome, Nguyen, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, Widmann, Windlan

Date: August 31, 2023

Whereas: The Hispanic Community has been an ever-growing part of FSU's student body, with the Hispanic Latinx Student Union being one of the largest agencies on campus, and

Whereas: According to hispanicheritagemonth.gov, Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was further expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988 to cover the 30-day period between September 15th to October 15th of every year in which many Latin American countries celebrate their independence days, and

Whereas: Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of all American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and

Whereas: According to the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, it is duly recognized that FSU is an emerging Hispanic-serving institution. This commendable achievement is underscored by FSU's notable enhancement of Hispanic/Latinx undergraduate enrollment, which has risen significantly from 13% to an impressive 20% and beyond, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State Student Senate, in its pursuit of justice and inclusivity, honors and celebrates the Hispanic community, acknowledging its profound contributions 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 Hispanic Latinx Student Union is an agency on campus dedicated to empowering the voices of all Latinx students on campus alongside being a space where all Latinx students can feel welcome on campus, and

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 of Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Jackson Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice-President
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Nicole Alvarado, Director of Hispanic Latinx Student Union
Maximo Valdes, Assistant Director of Hispanic Latinx Student Union
Kindrea Hill, Advisor of Hispanic Latinx Student Union
Brittany Stover, Advisor of Hispanic Latinx Student Union



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 62

Primary Sponsor: Lento
Co-Sponsor(s): Staveski, Windlan
Date: September 5, 2023

Whereas: Childhood cancer remains one of the leading causes of death among children in the United States and around the world, with approximately 15,000 children under the age of 19 being diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States;

Whereas: Childhood cancer not only affects the lives of the young patients but also has a profound impact on their families, friends, and communities;

Whereas: Florida State University seeks to promote the welfare and well-being of its community and recognizes its role in advocating for important causes that affect its students and society at large;

Whereas: Research into childhood cancer is crucial to improving outcomes, reducing the long-term effects of treatment, and finding more effective, less toxic treatments;

Whereas: The dedication and commitment of healthcare professionals, researchers, organizations, and individuals who work tirelessly to combat childhood cancer and support affected families deserve recognition and appreciation;

Whereas: Raising awareness about childhood cancer can lead to increased funding for research, earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and ultimately, higher survival rates for children with cancer, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate recognizes and honors those battling childhood cancer, their families, and the healthcare professionals that care for them, and

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State University community is encouraged to actively participate in initiatives and activities aimed at raising awareness and providing support to children with cancer and their families.

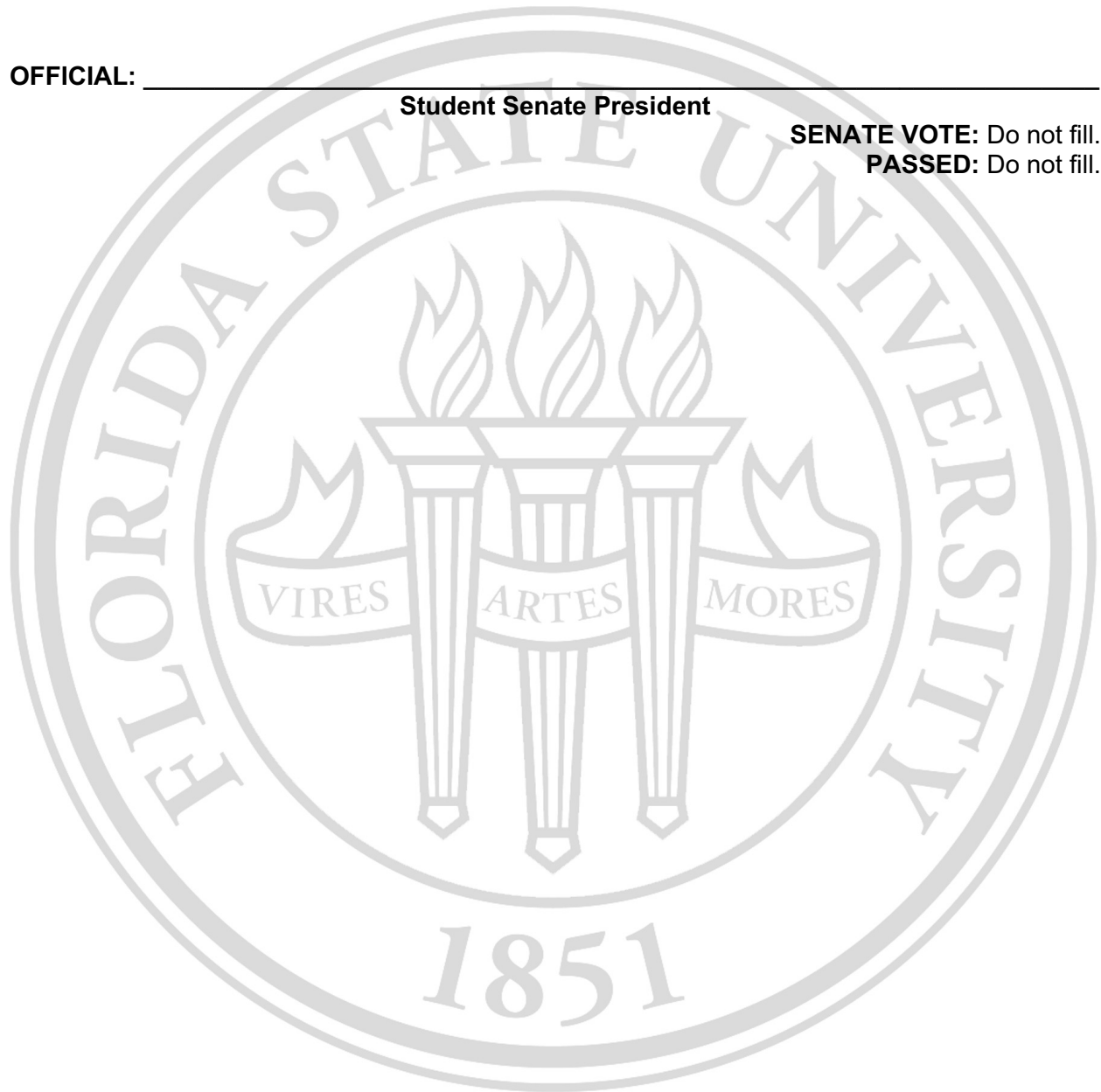
Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Andy Johnson, Program Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 63

Primary Sponsor(s): Brown, Staveski
Co-Sponsor(s): Behar, Lento, Mendez, Randall
Date: September 6, 2023

Whereas: This resolution contains potentially sensitive or triggering content such as mentions of suicide.

Whereas: September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and according to Lifeline, an organization dedicated to preventing suicide, during this month, “mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness,” and

Whereas: With the stressors of college, many students struggle to maintain their mental health, and although it is seldom discussed, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college-aged students, and

Whereas: Counseling and Psychological Services has a 24/7 support line, free counseling, psychoeducational workshops via Zoom which focus on anxiety and depression, and other resources available to support mental health, and

Whereas: The Mental Health Council at FSU strives to “empower students with mental health resources through de-stigmatization, community involvement, and advocacy,” and

Whereas: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is another critical resource for those in need of immediate support and is available 24/7, similar to the Telephonic Crisis Support provided by Counseling and Psychological Services, with vital information on the signs of mental health crisis and suicide found on their website, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: We recognize the importance of National Suicide Awareness Month, especially on a college campus, and

Be it further resolved that: We urge everyone to check in on the people they care about, learn the signs of a mental health crisis, prioritize their own mental health, and not to delay in seeking help, and if in crisis, do not hesitate to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1(800) 273-8255 or 988 for free and confidential support or the Telephonic Crisis Support Line mentioned above, and

Be it further resolved that: We urge everyone to visit this link, <https://afsp.org/national-suicide-prevention-week/>, to find resources as well as social media graphics to help bring awareness to suicide prevention, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate Press Secretary and Executive Branch are strongly encouraged to advocate for student’s mental health through the promotion of

educational infographics created by the Mental Health Council, Counseling and Psychological Services, or similar organizations on social media during Suicide Awareness Month, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Ashley Boudreaux, Director of the Mental Health Council

Emily Maglin, Assistant Director of the Mental Health Council

Malena Romero, Director of Health and Wellness

Carlos J Gomez Ph.D., Director of Counseling & Psychological Services

Amy Magnuson Ph.D., RD, LD/N, Director of University Health Services

Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy

Andy Johnson, Program Director of Student Governance and Advocacy

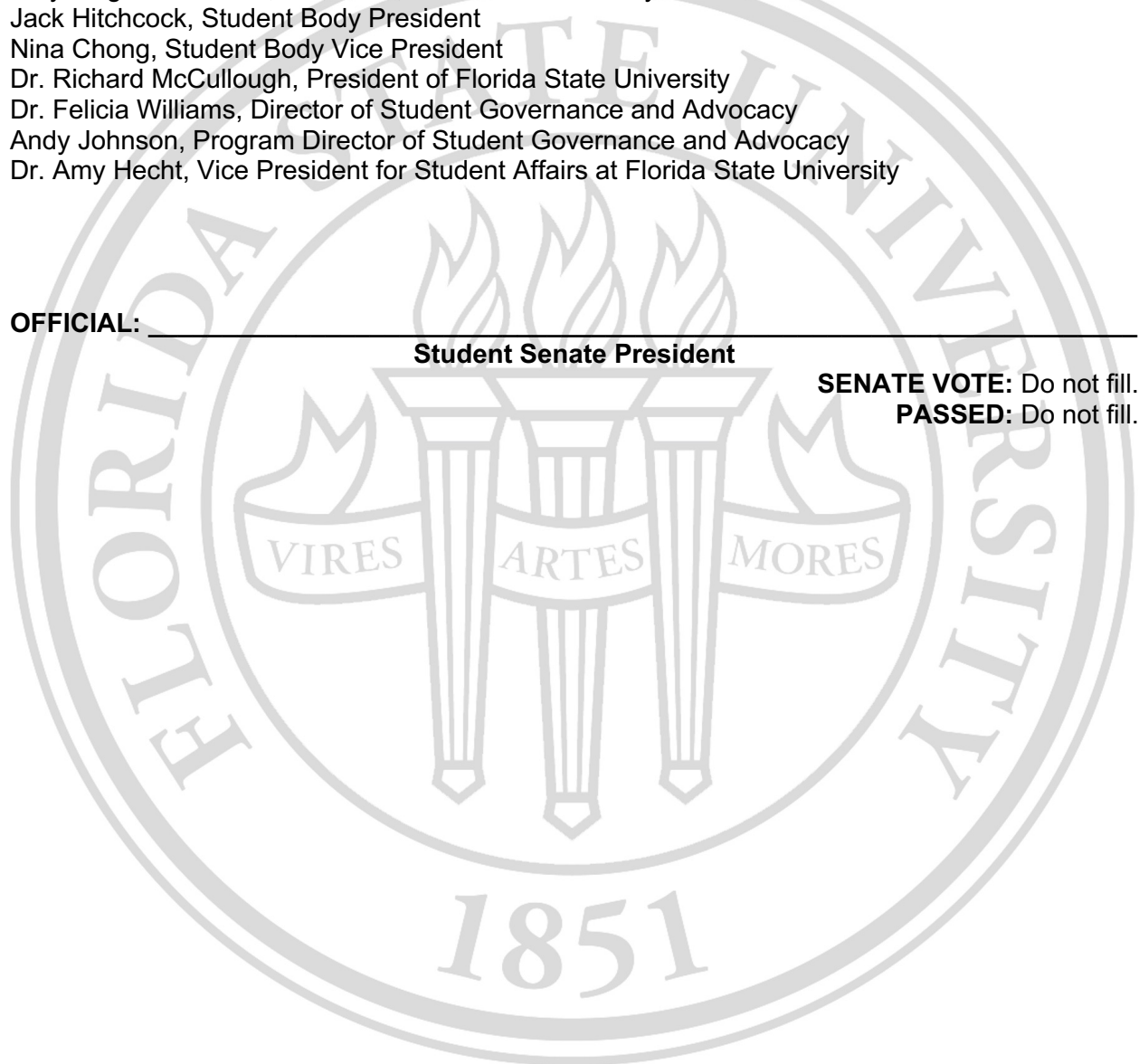
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 64

Primary Sponsor: Lento

Co-Sponsor: Khosh

Date: September 13, 2023

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 A states “each division shall be entitled to at least one (1) representative in the Student Senate,” and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 B states “the number of seats allocated to the Student Senate shall be eighty (80),” and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 C states “using the Student Database, the seats shall be apportioned each fall based on the percentages of students in each representative division,” and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 D 1 states “no division shall have a difference in allocated seats greater than one from one semester to another,” and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 D 2 states “in the event that a division contains an odd number of seats, the greater number of seats shall be up for election in the Fall,” and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 705.5 D 3 states “fall seats shall be designated with odd numbers, and Spring seats shall be designated with even numbers,” therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:

The reapportionment of Senate seats and the Congress of Graduate Students for the 2023-2024 school year are approved, and

Be it further resolved that:

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of SG&A

Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

Ben Young, SG&A Webmaster

Spencer Greenwood, Supervisor of Elections

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 65

Primary Sponsor(s): Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Behar, M. Brown, Garcia, Humbert, Lento, LoBianco, McEnery, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Valdes-Herrera, Windlan

Date: September 12, 2023

Whereas: Local fees are defined as the Activity & Service (A&S) fee, the Athletics fee, and the Health fee, which are paid by students each semester as part of their overall tuition fees, and

Whereas: Florida Statute 1009.24 stipulates that the local fees “a student is required to pay to register for a course may not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law,” and

Whereas: The current local fees per credit hour consist of an A&S Fee of \$12.86, an Athletics Fee of \$7.90, and a Health Fee of \$13.97, and

Whereas: These local fees combined add up to \$34.73 per credit hour, which represents 16.1% of the total cost of tuition for in-state, undergraduate students, and

Whereas: Local fees for Florida State University have not increased since the 2012-2013 school year, and

Whereas: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$1 in January 2012 now has the same buying power as \$1.32 in January 2023, representing a 32% increase in inflation since the last time local fees were increased, and

Whereas: Florida Statute 1009.24 establishes an annual Local Fees Committee for FSU that is roughly composed of half-student and half-faculty members, which reviews and recommends potential Local Fee increases for Florida State University, and

Whereas: The 2023 Local Fees Committee recommended a per-credit-hour increase in the A&S Fee of \$0.65 (\$13.51 total), an Athletics Fee increase of \$0.39 (\$8.29 total), and a Health Fee increase of \$0.69 (\$14.66 total), and

Whereas: Should these recommended increases go into effect, the new local fee total would be \$36.46 per credit hour, representing 16.9% of the total current tuition cost of \$215.55 for in-state, undergraduate students, and

Whereas: Florida Statute 1009.24 establishes the maximum possible increase permitted by the Local Fees Committee to be 5%, or \$1.73 per credit hour, and

Whereas: These recommendations represent a 5% increase in the current fee levels, in compliance with state law, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: It is the opinion of the Student Senate that tuition rates have not kept up with the rate of inflation, and

that it is incumbent upon this body to support FSU students by advocating for ample funding and resources, and

Be it further resolved that: In keeping with these beliefs, the Student Senate supports the above-referenced recommendations made by the 2023 Local Fees Committee, and urges the FSU Administration and the Board of Trustees to approve said recommendations, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Marissa Langston, Chief of Staff, Office of the President of Florida State University
Heather Mayo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University
Cassandra Brown, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Student Affairs
Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance at Florida State University
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President of Florida State University
Adam Bowling, Student Body Treasurer of Florida State University
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andrew Johnson, Program Director for Student Governance & Advocacy

OFFICIAL: _____

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Do not fill.

PASSED: Do not fill.

