

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

## September 14, 2022

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**74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE**  
**Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional**  
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**Senate Bill #: 74**

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz

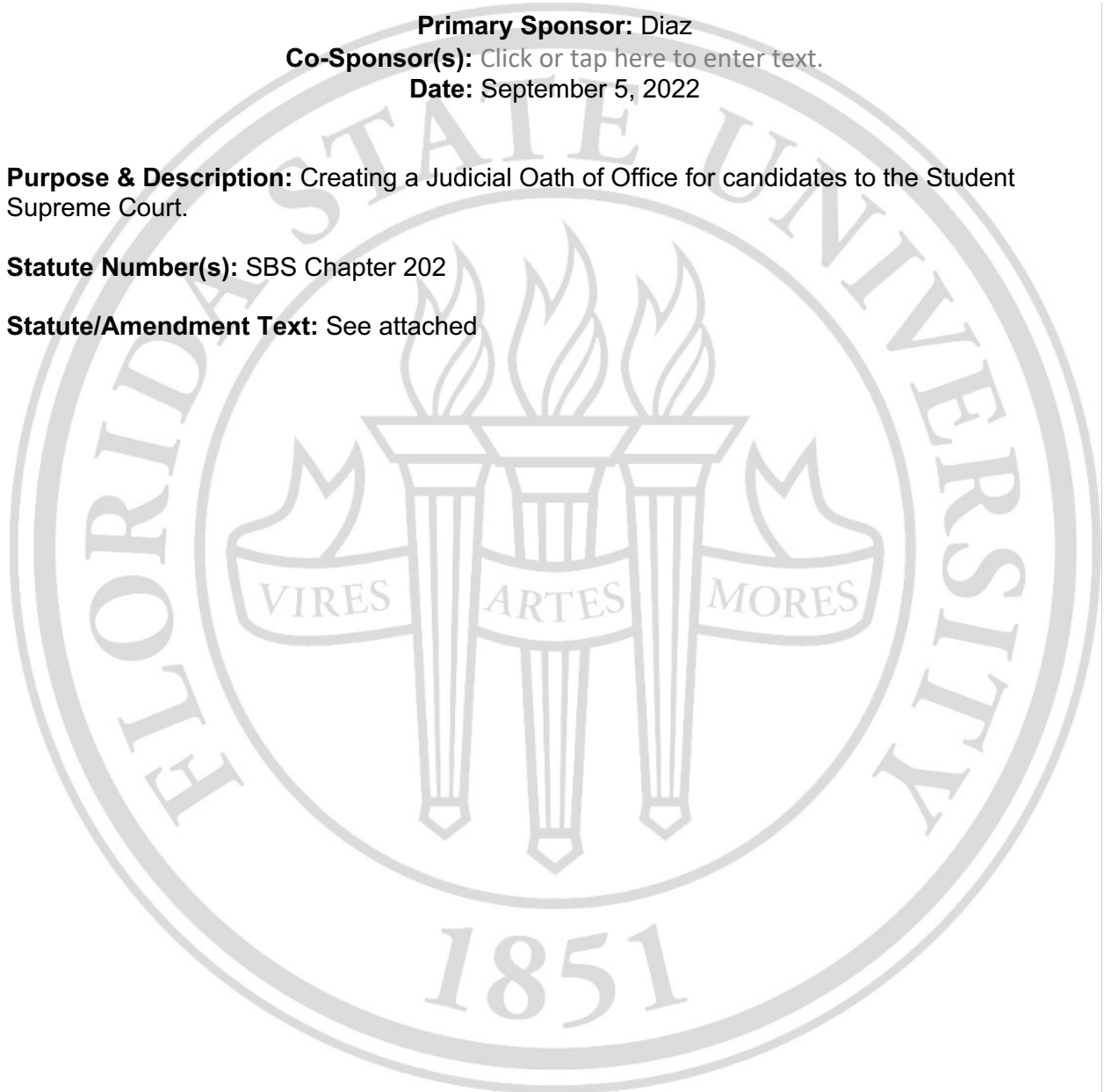
**Co-Sponsor(s):** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Date:** September 5, 2022

**Purpose & Description:** Creating a Judicial Oath of Office for candidates to the Student Supreme Court.

**Statute Number(s):** SBS Chapter 202

**Statute/Amendment Text:** See attached



## 202.5 Selection of Oaths

All Student Government Association Officers shall take the same oath in 202.7, except for the Student Body President and Justices of the Student Supreme Court, who shall take the oaths prescribed in 202.8 and 202.9, respectively.

202.6 Candidates for Student Body offices may choose to replace the words “so help me God” with “on pain of impeachment,” when taking the oath of office. The person administering the oath shall inform the candidate of the option to change the ending of the oath prior to the administration of the oath.

202.7 The oath for all non-Presidential and Judicial offices shall be as follows:  
I, (officer's name), promise to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body. And I shall perform my duties to the best of my ability, so help me God. (On pain of impeachment).

202.8 The Presidential Oath of Office shall be as follows:  
I, (officer's name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the Student Body, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body, so help me God. (On pain of impeachment).

202.9 The Judicial Oath of Office shall be as follows:  
I, (officer's name), do solemnly swear that I will administer justice and render judicial interpretation without respect to persons or parties, do equal right to all members of the Student Body, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Justice of the Student Supreme Court under the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body, so help me God. (On pain of impeachment).

202.9 10 There shall be two inauguration ceremonies held per year, following the Fall and Spring Student Government Association elections, on the dates specified in the Student Body Election Code. The oath of office will be administered to all students who have been duly elected to office by the Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court. If the Chief Justice is unavailable, then an Associate Justice may be appointed to administer the oath. If no Justice to the Student Supreme Court is available, then the Supervisor of Elections shall choose any judge or justice who is currently serving on the bench in the State of Florida. The candidates for the offices of Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Student Body Treasurer must be administered the oath individually. All duties, rights, privileges, and responsibilities of office shall vest upon taking the prescribed oath of office.

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## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 75

**Primary Sponsor:** Folwell, Wyatt

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Barrett, Bettley, Boisvert, DuChêne, Hockett, Pedraja, Schindler, St. Hilaire, Suarez

**Date:** September 13, 2022

**Purpose & Description:** This bill increases the maximum amount of funding that PAC can give towards clothing and allows Senate to override that maximum if two-thirds of the Senate sees it fit to do so.

**Statute Number(s):** 803.8

**Statute/Amendment Text:**

803.8 The Clothing & Awards Category

The Clothing & Awards Category shall be used to pay for clothing (t-shirts and polo shirts) for the purpose of promoting an SGA-funded entity or event, and awards (trophies, plaques, and certificates) for the purpose of recognizing an individual or group.

- A. Clothing shall be restricted to T-shirts, tank tops hoodies, sweatshirts, hats, and polo shirts, unless otherwise approved by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of the Senate Finance Committee.
1. Clothing must be made available free of charge to all FSU members of the entity purchasing them. There shall be no separate Executive Board clothing. Executive Board clothing can be waived in the form of a resolution with approval by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate Finance Committee and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
  2. A proof of the clothing item clearly depicting the front and back of the item and including the acknowledgement of SGA funding (as per 802.6), must be submitted to the Student Body Treasurer at the same time as the expenditure.
  3. No obscene, inappropriate, or offensive images or text may be displayed on any clothing purchased in whole or in part with A&S funds.

4. Allocation Committees shall not fund more than ~~\$108~~ per clothing item in sizes small through extra-large and ~~\$1240~~ per clothing item for sizes extra- extra-large and above. Senate may waive this clause with a two-thirds (2/3) vote on the floor.



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

## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 46

Primary Sponsor: Rivers

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

Date: July 7, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

### RULE EIGHT - Senate Business

**8.1** When in session, the Senate shall meet weekly on Wednesdays. The meeting shall be called to order at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 p.m. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Senate shall be publicly posted or advertised on the Student Government website. Any such advertisement shall include the time and place of the Senate meeting.

- a. The Senate shall stand adjourned at 11:00 pm. ~~Any remaining business will be tabled and the Senate shall move to Statements of Dissent.~~
1. ~~The extension of a Senate meeting shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer, or by a non-debatable motion to extend the meeting which shall require a simple majority vote of the Senate.~~
2. ~~If a Senate meeting is extended,~~ Any outstanding business shall be tabled at ~~4:00 a.m.~~ ~~11:00 p.m.~~ **10:50p.m.** and heard during “Unfinished Business” in the following Senate meeting. The Senate shall then immediately move into statements of dissent, advisor announcements, and final roll call, without deviating from this order.

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Resolution #: 53

**Primary Sponsor:** Schindler

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Malone

**Date:** August 30, 2022

**Whereas:** The Office of Faculty Development and Advancement (FDA) oversees the Academic Honor Policy and is responsible for administering relevant violations and sanctions to members of the student body, and

**Whereas:** FDA presented potential changes to the policy to Student Senate in Spring 2022, and

**Whereas:** The Student Senate voted in favor of such changes, and

**Whereas:** Subsequently, the Board of Trustees also approved these changes, allowing FDA to implement such change, and

**Whereas:** A significant change to the policy allows for single-time offenders to have their records expunged through a new process, and

**Whereas:** Since implemented, current single time offenders have not been made aware of the potential to have their records expunged.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** We encourage the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement make the student body aware of the possibility to expunge records that are obtained by their office through the appropriate steps outlined in the Academic Honor Policy, and

**Be it further resolved that:** FDA should make it common practice to make the student body aware of any further changes to the Academic Honor Policy as they occur, and

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Janet Kistner, Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement

Dr. Jennifer N. Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement

Katie Dean Moore, Academic Integrity Program Manager

Dr. Amy Hecht, FSU Vice President for Student Affairs

Jacalyn Butts, FSU Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Nimna Gabadage, FSU Student Body President

Abril Hunter, FSU Student Senate President

Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President

FSU Board of Trustees

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

Resolution #: 54

**Primary Sponsor:** Carter

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Folwell, Rider, St. Hilaire, Suarez, Tucker

**Date:** August 30, 2022

**Whereas:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual commemorative period in the United States meant to connect and unite survivors of domestic violence, advocate for awareness and prevention, and ensure accountability for perpetrators, and

**Whereas:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month is nationally recognized and celebrated from October 1st to October 31st each year, and

**Whereas:** Relationship violence threatens survivors' physical safety, emotional well-being, financial stability, and academic prospects, and

**Whereas:** One in five college students are reported survivors of intimate partner abuse, while an estimated 80% of dating violence incidents go unreported by college students, and

**Whereas:** The Women's Student Union (WSU) serves as a resource and safe space for domestic violence survivors at Florida State University, and

**Whereas:** WSU plans to host programming for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in partnership with the FSU Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAW) to promote healthy relationships, and

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Student Senate formally recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month and supports and advocates for all survivors of intimate partner abuse, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate recognizes the positive impact of the Women's Student Union and commends its efforts to promote healthy relationships and provide educational resources at Florida State University and within the greater Tallahassee community, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Executive Branch and Student Senate Press Secretaries are strongly encouraged to promote resources and programming related to WSU, FSU's CHAW,



FSU'S kNOWMORE program, FSU's Victim Advocacy Program, and University Counseling and Psychological Services, especially during Domestic Violence Awareness month, and

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

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Sarah Lull, Director of FSU's Victim Advocacy Program

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Kaitlynn Adams, Executive Branch Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Khamare Garner, Executive Branch Press Secretary

Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary

Emma Daly, Director of the Women's Student Union

Maureen Canelo, Assistant Director of the Women's Student Union



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

Resolution #: 55

**Primary Sponsor:** Kariher  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Rivers, DuChêne  
**Date:** August 28, 2022

**Whereas:** Thirty-five (35) states have introduced anti-transgender bills to exclude transgender youth from sports and limit access to life-saving hormone replacement therapy, and

**Whereas:** The transgender community is entitled to equal treatment in all facets of life, and

**Whereas:** The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has stated “only locations where hosts can commit to providing an environment that is safe, healthy and free of discrimination should be selected” for events, and

**Whereas:** The NCAA currently requires transgender women to get treatment to lower their testosterone levels before they can compete in women sports, and

**Whereas:** The NCAA has a long-standing Association-wide policy that provides a clear path for transgender athlete participation, and

**Whereas:** The NCAA “believe in and are committed to diversity, inclusion, and gender equity among its student athletes, coaches, administrators,” and

**Whereas:** The NCAA policy for transgender female athletes is “A trans female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men’s team but may not compete on a women’s team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment,” and

**Whereas:** The NCAA states “A trans female (MTF) transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a women’s team,” and

**Whereas:** Bills banning transgender athletes from competing in any capacity will do irreparable harm to transgender youth and will cultivate an environment of hostility that will continue to push violence and discrimination against the transgender community and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole, and

**Whereas:** Participating in sports provides critical life lessons including teamwork, dedication, and leadership that should be available to all youth, and

**Whereas:** Florida Governor DeSantis signed SB 1028 “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act” on June 1, 2021, and

**Whereas:** SB 1028 prohibits transgender women from participating in women's sports, by making their eligibility dependent on their "biological sex" on birth certificates issued "at or near the time of the student's birth," and

**Whereas:** SB 1028 applies to interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic teams or sports, and

**Whereas:** HB 211, the "Vulnerable Child Protection Act" penalizes healthcare practitioners for providing best-practice medical care to transgender youth to affirm their gender, which can contribute to depression, social isolation, self-harm, and suicidal behavior, and

**Whereas:** National health organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, and the American Medical Association support gender-affirming care for transgender youth, and

**Whereas:** There is a collaborative effort from collegiate Student Government Associations across the nation to condemn anti-transgender legislation, and

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The FSU Student Government urges all to continue supporting and listening to transgender advocates working against these bills in the Florida and throughout the nation, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU Student Government urges the University Administration to make a clear public statement condemning these bills and supporting the students advocating to protect the rights of and for transgender people in Florida and throughout the nation, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU Student Government will continue to support Pride Student Union and its affiliate organizations in their mission to amplify LGBTQ+ voices and advocate for their rights, and

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution is sent to  
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs  
FSU Board of Trustees  
FSU Faculty Senate  
University of Central Florida Student Government  
University of North Florida Student Government  
University of Miami Student Government  
University of West Florida Student Government  
University of Florida Student Government  
Florida Atlantic University Student Government  
Florida International University Student Government  
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President  
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President  
Abril Hunter, Student Senate President  
Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary  
Ash Soto, Director of Pride Student Union  
Marcus Williams, Center Director of Pride Student Union  
Grace Wilson Fennema, Advisor of Pride Student Union

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

Resolution #: 57

**Primary Sponsor:** Schindler  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Casiple, Hockett  
**Date:** August 31, 2022.

**Whereas:** Since 1982, Florida State University (FSU) and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) have shared the college of engineering, and

**Whereas:** This was implemented by Florida Statute to create a unique college that is backed by a top-ranked Historically Black University (HBCU), and a top-tier research university, and

**Whereas:** The growing collaboration of FSU and FAMU is becoming well pronounced, and

**Whereas:** The present-day FAMU senate restructuring has garnered a need for direct facilitation of student-based consultation, and

**Whereas:** The Student Senate at FSU and FAMU both hold legislative power to represent the students in the FSU-FAMU College of Engineering, and

**Whereas:** FAMU's Student Senate works to facilitate student and faculty relations and provide opportunities for students to participate and voice their concerns for their social and academic education through legislative bills that impact the student body, as well as allocate activity and service fees to multiple student organizations on campus, and

**Whereas:** FSU's Student Senate works in an analogous manner listening to inquiries and concerns of the student body. The concerns of university students of the each college in the Tallahassee area can be similar in nature, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** Florida State University encourages that both the Student Senate at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and at Florida State University create liaison positions for both Student Governments, and

**Be it further resolved that:** Florida State University and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University to increase collaboration for future projects and beautification of the joint campus

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President of Florida A&M University

Dr. Amy Hecht, FSU Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. William E. Hudson Jr., FAMU Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, FSU Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Felicia Williams, FSU Director of Student Engagement

Jacalyn Butts, FSU Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy  
Suvranu De, Dean of FAMU-FSU College of Engineering  
Nimna Gabadage, FSU Student Body President  
Zachary C. Bell, FAMU Student Body President  
Abril Hunter, FSU Student Senate President  
Kelton Williams, FAMU Student Senate President



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

Resolution #: 58

**Primary Sponsor:** Folwell  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Carter, Diaz, DuChêne  
**Date:** September 12, 2022

**Whereas:** The U.S. News and World Report recently released their report on the “Best Colleges 2022-2023”, which includes categories such as top public schools, top national universities, top value universities, and several other rankings that are nationally recognized and respected.

**Whereas:** This report is seen by many schools and other academic institutions to be the preeminent college and university rankings in the United States, and determines metrics put out by nearly all the top schools in the nation.

**Whereas:** Florida State University has once again proven itself to be one of the most dignified schools in the nation, being in the Top 20 public schools, an achievement which cannot be understated and demonstrates the true commitment that Florida State’s staff and students have towards making the institution the absolute best it can be.

**Whereas:** FSU has also maintained its position among all national universities, which include non-public institutions, where it ranked fifty-fifth in the nation.

**Whereas:** Florida State was also ranked eighth public school with the best value in the nation, and eighteenth public school for graduation and freshman retention rates.

**Whereas:** Reflected in these rankings, FSU has been continuously rising in terms of national and international respect, garnering the highest score it has ever received for the “peer review”, demonstrating that the university is rightfully receiving the recognition and reputation that it deserves.

**Whereas:** The overall ranking of Florida State in this report does not tell the full story of its success, with individual programs being the source of much success at the University, with the Risk Management and Insurance program ranking third of all schools and the real estate program ranking fifth of all schools, while the College of Nursing’s undergraduate program rose by twenty-nine spots this year, solidly cementing it as one of the best in the country.

**Whereas:** These rankings show that FSU is not only a leading school in the nation, but it continues to improve its stature and will continue to improve into the future, with President McCullough setting a goal to reach the Top 15 Public Universities, and to continue to rise beyond that.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Student Senate of Florida State University expresses its pride towards FSU for the rankings put out by the U.S. News and World Report, and congratulates the University, its administration, staff, and students, for achieving such an honor.

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate commends President McCullough's goal to push Florida State into the Top 15 Public Universities and beyond, and vows to lend its support in those efforts in whatever way it can.

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Jim Clark, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Michael Hartline, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Mark Riley, Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Joe O'Shea, Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Peter Collins, Chair of the FSU Board of Trustees

Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Rodney Wells, Director of External Affairs

Abril Hunter, Student Senate President

Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate Pro Tempore



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

## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 59

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Folwell, Hockett, Kariher, Nemeth, Turkomer, Wyatt

**Date:** September 13, 2022

**Whereas:** Technical non-debatable questions are defined in the Senate's Rules of Procedure as "factual inquiries directed toward the sponsor(s)" of pieces of legislation or motions that come before the Senate, and

**Whereas:** Senators are oftentimes confused as to why questions asked after opening statements must be of a non-debatable, factual nature, and

**Whereas:** General questions that Senators may have on a measure or motion are usually always asked as Points of Information during pro/con debate, after technical non-debatable questions are exhausted, and

**Whereas:** Time for pro/con debate should be explicitly reserved for substantive debate, and all questions pertaining to measures or motions should be able to be asked before pro/con debate begins so that all Senators are informed of the merits of measures or motions before making up their minds and sharing opinions in debate, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** It is the opinion of the Student Senate that technical non-debatable questions are unnecessarily restrictive, and should be replaced by a general round of questions where Senators are able to more freely ask questions they may have on pending legislation or motions, and

**Be it further resolved that:** Rule 11.6 of the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 11.6 When a measure or motion comes before the Senate for consideration, the structure of debate shall be as follows:
- a. Opening statement by the sponsor(s) of no more than five (5) minutes. No motions may be made during this round.
  - b. ~~Technical, non-debatable questions, which shall consist of factual inquiries~~ Questions pertaining to the measure or motion, which shall be directed toward the sponsor(s). The presiding officer shall have the discretion to direct questions to individuals other than the sponsor(s), and may determine the number of questions that shall be asked. The amount of questions asked shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer. No motions or points of information shall be made during this time.
  - c. Rounds of pro debate and rounds of con debate, in alternation. Each round shall be no more than three minutes long.



- d. Closing statement by the original sponsor. The length of this statement shall be whatever remaining time the sponsor yielded after their opening. No motions may be made during this round.

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate shall be reminded that should this resolution pass, the changes made shall only be applicable to regular Senate meetings, and that committees can amend their individual Rules of Procedure if they so choose to also eliminate technical non-debatable questions at their discretion, and

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Abril Hunter, Student Senate President  
Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate President Pro Tempore  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

