

72nd Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 89

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

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Purpose & Description: Redefining Omnibus Bill Thresholds

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Statute Number(s): 401.3



#### 401.3 Bills Subject Content Title

- A. The subject of each bill shall be briefly expressed in its title.
- B. If a bill covers more than one of the twelve three or more statutory titles, as defined in Title I, or provides funding for multiple organizations, it shall be defined as an Omnibus Bill. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for final passage of an Omnibus Bill. The annual budget, sweepings, and central reserves bills shall not be considered to be Omnibus bills.





72nd Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 90

Primary Sponsor(s): Murcia Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot Date:

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Purpose & Description: Modifying and clarifying the terms of Office for Sitting Senators

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Statute Number(s): 404

#### Chapter 404 Terms of Office

- A. Senate members shall take office upon inauguration.
- B. Senators shall terminate office when one of the following circumstances occurs:
  - 1. At the inauguration of their successors.
  - 2. If occupying an upper-division seat, and changing their major, or field of study, would change their division classification.
  - 3. Upon their graduation, be it at either the undergraduate or graduate classification.
    - a. An exception to this applies when the Senator graduating with their undergraduate degree will be enrolled as a graduate student in the same academic division, and will be permitted a "Leave of Absence" for any Summer or Winter break between their graduation as an undergraduate and enrollment as a graduate student
  - 4. If they are no longer an enrolled student at Florida State University.
    - An exception to this applies where an official "Leave of Absence" has been granted for the summer session, pursuant to Chapter 100.6.
- C. Installation of Senators shall occur at the inauguration ceremony for the term that they are elected. Any Senators not formally sworn in at inauguration shall be sworn in at the next available Senate meeting.
- D. All Senators enrolled as students during any of the summer academic terms shall be members of the summer meetings upon fulfillment of the following requirements.
  - Senators must file a notice of intent with the Senate President two (2) weeks prior to the last Student Senate meeting of the Spring semester. At the discretion of the Student Senate President or by a majority vote of Senate, the Senate may accept a late notice of intent. If a notice of intent is not provided or not accepted according to this rule, the Senator's seat shall be considered vacant and available for appointment for the entire summer.
  - 2. This notice of intent must include the dates which the Senator intends to serve during the summer session.
- E. The number of Senators available to serve during any summer term shall at no point fall below thirty (30). Should occasion arise wherein there are fewer than thirty available serving Senators, the Student Body President shall make

appointments to maintain a total of thirty (30) Senators. In this case Senate and its committees may meet for the sole purpose of voting on new Senators <u>even if there are less than 5 voting members in each standing committee</u>.

- F. Appointed <u>Summer</u> Senators shall be on notice that their duties are of a temporary nature. Their term of office shall be terminated upon the return of the absent Senator, whose seat the appointee is occupying.
- G. Senators, by virtue of their office and the public trust, may not apply to be appointed to any vacated Seat within the Student Senate. Additionally, upon resignation or removal from their Seat, no former Senator may apply to be appointed to any vacated Seat within the Student Senate apportioned for the opposite semester from the seat which they originally held until after the said opposite semesters elections are completed and certified, but shall always be permitted to run in said election.



72nd Student Senate

Constitutional Amendment #: 2

Primary Sponsor(s): Murcia Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot Date:

**Purpose & Description:** Amending the upper limit of main campus Senate seats to match the Senate of the United States

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Const. Article Number(s): Article II, Section 2, Clause D

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Fall Academic term of the year 2020.

#### Statement of Intent:

This amendment will strike the arbitrary upper limit on the number of Senators within the Student Senate, and replace it with an amount equivalent to the current number of seats in the Senate of the United States, while also reflecting the common practice of including the Panama City Senator as an addition to the total seat count.

#### ARTICLE II THE LEGISLATURE

#### Section 2 Composition

- A. There shall be an elected group of student representatives known as Senators.
- B. From this body the Senate shall select a Senate President and President Pro Tempore in the Fall Semester, and they shall be elected for a one (1) year term during which their seats shall not come up for election, even if they were initially elected in the Spring.
- C. Selection of other officers shall be by statute.
- D. The exact number of Senate seats shall be determined by statute, but at no time shall this number exceed the number of Seats within the Senate of the United States, with one additional seat for the Panama City Campus who shall retain all rights, privileges, and duties of any other Senator, but shall not be counted towards or against quorum. eighty (80).



72nd Student Senate

Constitutional Amendment #: 3

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

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Purpose & Description: Correcting the mathematics behind Recall Election Petitions

Const. Article Number(s): Article VII, Section 2, Clauses A and B

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Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Fall Academic term of the year 2020.

**Statement of Intent:** This amendment corrects the petition threshold for recall elections to align with the increase in admissions to FSU, and to be more in line with recall petition thresholds in several counties in the state of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VII RECALL OF STUDENT BODY OFFICIALS

#### Section 2 NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PETITION OF RECALL

- A. Pertaining to the recall of campus-wide elected officers (Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Campus Recreation Board Members, Elected Agency, Bureau, and Affiliated Project personnel, and Union Board Members, or any other campus-wide elected officer as dictated by statute) five percent (5%) of all students or 1,500 signatures, whichever is greater.
- B. Pertaining to the recall of Senators, COGS Representatives and Senior Class Council officers: twenty ten percent (210%) of those enrolled in the division in which the seat in question is located or fifty (50) signatures from that division, whichever is greater. For the Undergraduate Studies Senate seats, the number of signatures required shall be ten percent (10%) of the electorate for those seats. For Senior Class Council officers, the number of signatures required shall be twenty percent (20%) of all Seniors on campus. In the event that a particular division has less than fifty (50) students enrolled, then the number of signatures required shall be two-thirds (2/3) of all the students in that division.



# 72<sup>ND</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 51

Primary Sponsor: Bogle, Little Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot, England, Gnanam Date: 06/05/2020

Whereas: the core values of the Florida State University Student Government are Diversity and Unity, and:

Whereas: the FSU Student Government has committed itself to the support of the LGBTQ+, Women, and Black communities through the Pride, Women's, and Black Student Unions, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Government has failed to properly address the killing, and subsequent misgendering, of Tony McDade, a black trans man, in the local Tallahassee community by a police officer, and;

**Whereas:** the Gay Liberation Front, Gay Alliance, and People's Coalition for Gay Rights were founded in 1969 following the Stonewall Riots which were led by black trans women and other Queer POC such as Marsha P. Johnson, and:

**Whereas:** the Pride Student Union, which is the successor to these organizations, is now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an agency, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Senate is a place open, free, and safe space to all students no matter their race, religion, sexuality, and gender, and;

**Whereas:** the FSU Student Senate President has a duty to uphold these values and preserve Senate as an open, free, and safe space, and;

**Whereas:** the members of the FSU Student Senate are empowered by the Rules of Procedure to admonish their fellow members, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Senate President Jack Denton has made publicly available comments that run contrary to these values by referring to transgender and queer people as "grave evils",

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Student Senate apologizes to the Transgender, Queer, Black, and Women's communities for the remarks made by the former Senate President and commits itself to the advancement of these communities in order to better combat the bigotry they face on a daily basis from elected officials, fellow students, and family.

**Be it further resolved that:** the Student Senate commits itself to creating, passing, and establishing a legislative agenda for the rest of the term of the Seventy-Second Student Senate to address the systemic causes of Transphobia, Queerphobia, and Racism at both FSU and in the Tallahassee community.

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

Jonathan Levin, Student Body President of FSU Hannah Llende, Executive Director of Pride Student Union Jealine Noel, Director of Women's Student Union D'Vodrek Ponder, President of Black Student Union John Thrasher, President of Florida State University



#### 72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 52

Primary Sponsor(s): Murcia Co-Sponsor(s): Leckie Date:

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5, Clause A (1) of the Constitution of the Student Body states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:** The following Rules be amended as follows:

- In the event of permanent vacancy in the office of Student Senate President, the Student Senate 1.7 President Pro Tempore, at the next scheduled Senate meeting, shall assume the chair and immediately call for election of a new Student Senate President following the same procedure above. If the current Student Senate President Pro Tempore is nominated for the office of Student Senate President, or the positions of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore are vacant simultaneously, the following shall be the order of succession: Chairperson of Judiciary, Chairperson of Oversight Internal Affairs, Chairperson of Budget, Chairperson of Finance, and Chairperson of Student Affairs. Any person in this line of succession who shall become acting Student Senate President shall have only the authority to sign bills waiting to go to the Student Body President, call the next immediate meeting of the Student Senate and conduct the election for the new Student Senate President. In the case where the President Pro Tempore and all Committee Chairpersons are nominated or unable to Chair, then the Student Body Vice President shall immediately assume the chair for the purposes of conduction the election. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall reserve the right to retain their position as Student Senate President Pro Tempore if they are nominated and do not win.
- 6.4 The Senate Internal Affairs Oversight Committee shall:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Upon adoption of this Resolution, the Judiciary Committee shall be instructed to utilize it's authority to correct "Minor Errors", as outlined in Student Body Statute 401.8, in order to correct any outstanding uses of "Internal Affairs Committee", or any other literary iteration thereof, within Student Body Statutes to instead be the "Oversight Committee", such as those found in Statutes 302.8 (B)(1)(d), 307.3 (A), (C), and (D), 411.1, 702.1 (A)(3), and 900.5 by consent resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** A copy of this Resolution is sent to the following:

Ahmad Daraldik, Senate President
Kenley Adams, Chair of the Oversight Committee
Griffin Leckie, Chair of the Judiciary Committee
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Thomas Roca, Executive Chief of Staff
Emany Desinor, Secretary of Appointments
Dr Danielle Acosta, SGA Director
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster



72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 53

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

**WHEREAS:** Since the creation of Rule 10.17 by the 71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate, it's only utilization has shown to be overly bureaucratic and restrictive on the ability of the Student Senate to conduct its legislative functions, and

**WHEREAS:** Established precedent has shown that overly cumbersome legislative language is not a best practice, and

**WHEREAS:** 10.17 lists the only Senate Committee composed in Senate Rules and in Statutes that is neither a Standing Committee nor Special Standing Committee, and

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5., Clause A.1. states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

10.17 Senate Naming Procedure: Any Senator may, at any time during New Business, make a motion to create a Naming ad hoc committee for the name for any Senate title, award, or recognition, any title of an SGA Office, Agency, Bureau, or Affiliated project, and any other entity outlined in Student Body Statutes. For the motion to be accepted, ten percent of senators must stand in support of the formation of a naming committee. A committee will be formed, on which, at least, one representative from each of the standing committees must be part of the ad hoc committee.

#### The committee must:

- a. The Senate President will appoint a chair who must invite all relevant parties to each meeting and communicate any significant decisions made by the committee to those parties. The relevant parties will be determined by the committee.
- Gather student feedback. Student feedback can come from the agencies, bureaus, and/or campus wide surveys, social media posts, or other outlets of expression. A real and concerted effort to collect student feedback must be



proven through documents and provided as part of any name change related legislation. Any legislation should be sponsored by members of the committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

Jack Denton, Student Senate President
Danielle Acosta, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy





#### 72nd Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 54

Primary Sponsor(s): Murcia Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot Date:

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Student Body states that "The Legislature Powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senate," and,

**WHEREAS:** Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Student Body states that "All executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in a President of the Student Body, assisted by the Student Body Vice President," and,

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 2, Clause B of the Constitution of the Student Body states that, "the [sic] Senate shall select a Senate President and President Pro Tempore" and,

**WHEREAS:** There is no mention of the Vice President having Legislative Powers or Presiding authority over the Student Senate within the Constitution of the Student Body, and

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5., Clause A.1. states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The following Student Senate Rules be amended as follows:

#### PART I: SENATE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

RULE ONE: Election, and Vacancies, and Removal of the Office of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore

- 1.1 Following the Fall Inauguration and installation of the new Student Senate, the Student Body Vice President most senior member of the Student Senate shall call to order an organizational meeting of the Senate for the purpose of electing a Student Senate President. During that meeting, the Senate Rules of Procedure from the previous session shall be adopted in order to conduct business.
- 1.3 In the case that Student Body Vice President is unable to chair the meeting, the most senior Senator will assume the chair. If he or she accepts a nomination for Student Senate President, then the next most senior Senator will chair, and so on. The Chairperson shall have the right to cast a vote for election of the Student Senate President in such cases where his/her their vote would be decisive.

1.7 In the event of permanent vacancy in the office of Student Senate President, the Student Senate President Pro Tempore, at the next scheduled Senate meeting, shall assume the chair and immediately call for election of a new Student Senate President following the same procedure above. If the current Student Senate President Pro Tempore is nominated for the office of Student Senate President, or the positions of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore are vacant simultaneously, the following shall be the order of succession: Chairperson of Judiciary, Chairperson of Internal Affairs, Chairperson of Budget, Chairperson of Finance, and Chairperson of Student Affairs. Any person in this line of succession who shall become acting Student Senate President shall have only the authority to sign bills waiting to go to the Student Body President, call the next immediate meeting of the Student Senate and conduct the election for the new Student Senate President. In the case where the President Pro Tempore and all Committee Chairpersons are nominated or unable to Chair, then the Student Body Vice President most senior Senator present shall immediately assume the chair for the purposes of conduction the election. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall reserve the right to retain their position as Student Senate President Pro Tempore if they are nominated and do not win.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Ahmad Daraldik, Student Senate President
Nastassia Janvier, Vice President of the Student Body
Dr Danielle Acosta, SGA Director
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

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#### 72nd Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 55

Primary Sponsor(s): Murcia Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot Date:

**WHEREAS:** Senate Rule 1.2 permits for the election of a Senate President or a Senate Pro Tempore only when there is a three-fourths quorum, and

**WHEREAS:** Senate Rules 1.8 and 1.9 permit for the removal of a Senate President or a Senate President Pro Tempore through a motion of no-confidence only when there is a three-fourths quorum, and

WHEREAS: The presence of a three-fourths quorum, at times, cannot be achieved, and

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5., Clause A.1. states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The following Student Senate Rules be amended as follows:

#### PART I: SENATE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

RULE ONE: Election, and Vacancies, and Removal of the Office of Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro Tempore

- 1.2 At least three-fourths of the membership of The Senate must be present in order for the election of the Student Senate President and Student Senate President Pro

  Tempore to occur. Election shall be by secret ballot and shall require a majority vote in order to elect a candidate. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff election will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes in the first round.
- 1.8 In the event the members of the Senate believe that the Senate President should be removed from their position and a new Election for Senate President be held, any member may, at any time, make a motion of no-confidence and shall require a second. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall then assume the chair, and the Senator who made the motion shall present their motion pursuant to the structure of debate described in Rule Eleven. At no time shall the presiding officer allow any debate that involves personal attacks or slander against the Senate President, although pertinent debate related to character and suitability for office shall be permitted. For the motion of no-confidence to pass, a vote by iClicker shall be cast and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority with no less than three-fourths of the

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membership of the Senate being present. Following passage of the motion of noconfidence, the Senate President Pro Tempore shall immediately call for the election of a new Student Senate President following the same procedure above.

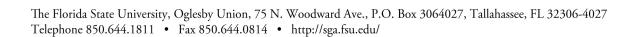
1.9 In the event the members of the Senate believe that the Senate President Pro Tempore should be removed from their position and a new Election for Senate President Pro Tempore be held, any member may, at any time, make a motion of noconfidence and shall require a second. The Chairperson next in the line of succession shall assume as acting Pro Tempore, and the Senator who made the motion shall present their motion pursuant to the structure of debate described in Rule Eleven. At no time shall the presiding officer allow any debate that involves personal attacks or slander against the Senate President Pro Tempore, although pertinent debate related to character and suitability for office shall be permitted. For the motion of noconfidence to pass, a vote by iClicker shall be cast and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority with no less than three-fourths of the membership of the Senate being present. Following passage of the motion of no-confidence, the Senate President shall immediately call for the election of a new Student Senate President Pro Tempore following the same procedure above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

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Ahmad Daraldik, Student Senate President Dr Danielle Acosta, SGA Director Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

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# 72<sup>ND</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 56

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stinson Co-Sponsor(s): Senator England

**Date:** 6/11/2020

**Whereas:** Military veterans were instrumental to the founding of Florida State University when World War II veterans, using the G.I. Bill of that era, initiated the conversion of Florida State from a women's college to coeducational university in 1947 and,

**Whereas:** The Student Veterans Center, hereafter referred to as the SVC, eases student veterans' transition from military service to campus life, aiding their attainment of educational goals and preparing them to enter either graduate education programs or the work force and,

Whereas: The SVC brings attention to and assists veterans in overcoming higher-education challenges after military service including a median age much higher than traditional students, differing skill sets, and significant lengths of time since being in an academic setting, as well as regimented lifestyles, shorter achievement timelines, and the tendency to attain goals independently during their military service and,

**Whereas:** The graduation and retention rates for student veterans at Florida State have steadily risen since the establishment of the SVC in 2011, from averages that were below the general-student population to now exceeding those averages and,

Whereas: The SVC has been central to Florida State being nationally ranked by multiple entities as a top-tier institution for current and former service members based on the university's campus-wide awareness-raising initiatives, veterans-support services, exceptional graduation and retention rates, and career placement and graduate school acceptance rates and,

**Whereas:** The SVC helps initiate, cultivate, and sustain relationships between student veterans and the general student population through events, activities and campus initiatives that are instrumental to the success of students whilst attending Florida State and,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The positive veteran-success levels realized since 2011, make essential that the sustainment of the SVC and it continuing to be organizationally placed under the university president, and an enduring commitment to the Cord and Coin Ceremony, for graduating veterans and ROTC cadets, being conducted at the president's house.



72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 57

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

**WHEREAS:** There has been confusion as to when the Presiding officer of the Senate may recognize motions to cease debate and proceed to a vote on Legislation and pertinent motions within the current language of Senate Rule 11.10, and

**WHEREAS:** It is in the best interest for the Senate to offer equal opportunities for debate to Senators in rounds of Pro and Con on the floor of the Senate, and

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5, Clause A (1) of the Constitution of the Student Body states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The following Senate Rules be amended as follows:

- 11.10 Any motion to end debate and proceed to a vote call the question shall not be made or entertained until one of the following instances: the expiration of time for a round of condebate.
  - a. Such motions may also be made if there are no speakers recognized by the presiding officer in that round of con debate. Following the expiration of time for a round of con debate, but before it is announced by the Presiding officer that there has been a transition into a round of pro debate.
    - 1. If an objection is made to this motion to vote during this instance, the motion itself will then be subject to debate.
  - <u>b.</u> At the beginning of a round of pro debate, if no time has expired and no Senators are attempting to be recognized to debate.
    - 1. If an objection is made to a motion to vote during this instance, the motion shall automatically fail and the round of pro debate shall resume.
  - <u>c.</u> <u>If there is time remaining in a round of con debate, but no Senators are attempting to be recognized to debate.</u>
    - 1. If an objection is made to a motion to vote during this instance, the motion shall automatically fail and the round of con debate shall resume.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

Ahmad Daraldik, Senate President Dr Danielle Acosta, SGA Director Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

