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Dear Senators:

Today, I received a veto message from Student Body President Olivia Green. She noted that she will provide a more in-depth explanation in her presentation to the Senate, but I will attach in this letter what she stated in her veto message:

“SSB 2023-1193: Guiding Authorities Establishment Act- 100 Codes Revisions

While I agree with the majority of this bill my only concern is regarding the Executive Branch and the usage of Roberts Rules of Order. My belief, and I believe yours too, is that the Judicial and Legislative branch require the structure of Robert's Rules due to the nature of their meetings and the topics they are discussing. However, the executive branch, specifically Cabinet, have very informal meetings as the nature of their meetings consist of bouncing off ideas mainly centered around intentional programming and event planning.”

Feel free to reach out to the Student Body President if you have any questions regarding this veto.

Sincerely,

Oscar Santiago Perez

University of Florida Senate President

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1193

TITLE: Guiding Authorities Establishment Act – 100 CODES REVISIONS

AUTHOR(S): Senator Raj Mia, Senator Nathaniel Pelton

SPONSORS: Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R. C. Marcelino, Senator Saketh Damara, Senator Matthew Reich

CHAPTER 106 GUIDING AUTHORITIES

- 106.1 The Student Government parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- 106.2 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the non-binding, procedural authority for all publicly noticed meetings of Student Government.
- 106.3 Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority only over questions of parliamentary law that have not been specified by general law, university regulations, the Student Body Constitution and Student Body Statutes of the Student Government of the University of Florida, or the rules and procedures from each respective branch of Student Government.
- 106.4 Student Government may also consult other books on parliamentary procedures, which shall be subservient to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, including but not limited to the current edition of Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure, the current edition of The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, or the current edition Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.
- 106.5 The Student Government definitions authority shall be vested the current edition of Black's Law Dictionary, followed by the usage of Merriam Webster dictionary for definitions not covered by Black's Law Dictionary.
- 106.6 Black's Law Dictionary shall be the authority only over questions of definitions for terms that have not been defined by general law, university regulations, the Student Body Constitution and Student Body Statutes of the Student Government of the University of Florida, or the rules and procedures of each respective branch of Student Government.