

Student Senate

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## STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1230

**TITLE:** Senate Parliamentarian Modernization Act – 000 Codes Revision

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### RULE I OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2021-1003)

#### 4. Senate Parliamentarian:

##### a. Appointment:

- i. The President of the Student Senate may appoint the Senate Parliamentarian whenever the office becomes vacant.
- ii. The Student Senate Parliamentarian will be considered an exclusionary office in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Student Body Statutes.
- iii. If the President of the Student Senate does not appoint a Senate Parliamentarian, the President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate will perform all duties prescribed in these Rules.

##### b. Powers and Duties:

- i. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request, assist the chair in presiding over meetings of the Senate and assist committee chairs and vice chairs in presiding over meetings of their committees. These powers shall not contravene any powers delineated to the chair of the Senate or of any committee.
- ii. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request, instruct the Senate President, President Pro Tempore, and committee chairs and vice chairs on the proper methods for chairing meetings.
- iii. The Senate Parliamentarian will work to better the Senate's general understanding of parliamentary law, and will help any Senator with issues of parliamentary law.
- iv. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request from any Senator, issue in writing to the Senator and President of the Senate a non-binding opinion on matters of parliamentary law.
- v. The Senate Parliamentarian shall give a presentation on parliamentary law at orientation sessions, upon request of the Information & Communication Committee (See Rule XI §8(c)(ii) and §8(c)(iii)). They may also prepare a presentation for use by the Information & Communication Committee.

## RULE V

### FLOOR RULES AND PRIVILEGES

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1064, 2021-1009)

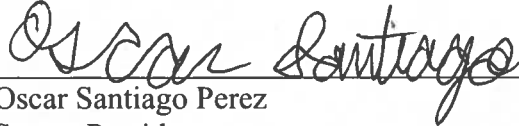
#### 2. Floor Privileges:

- a. Senators who are rightfully able to vote will be able to speak in debate on the floor.
- b. The following people or their designees will be allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary to present items germane to their administrations, and will have a total of five minutes each to yield to other speakers, so long as the presentation remains germane to the administration of the yielding individual.
  - i. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
  - ii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
  - iii. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, Executive Secretary, or Agency Head
  - iv. The President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
  - v. Any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Student Body
  - vi. Any University Administrative Officer or Dean.
  - vii. The Senate Parliamentarian
- c. Any committee of the Senate will be allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary to report on the activities of the committee and to make recommendations to the Senate germane to the purview of the committee.
- d. Senators who are declared absent during a meeting in accordance with Rule I § (1)(b)(viii) revoke all floor privileges granted under this rule for the remainder of said meeting.

#### 3. Readings:

- a. Any member may call for the reading of any section of the Florida Constitution, Florida State Statutes, University of Florida Regulations, Student Body Constitution, and Student Body Statutes, Statutes, any case published in the Court Reporter, any resolution, authorization, or reserve transfer enacted by the Senate, any minutes of a previous meeting of the Student Senate, Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate, or Robert's Rules of Order as it pertains to any motion, parliamentary inquiry, point of information, or point of order being heard.
- b. If any member should object to the reading, the question of entertaining the reading will be put to a vote without debate, requiring a majority for the reading to be entertained.
- c. The Parliamentarian of the Senate, or, in their absence, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate will perform all readings to the Senate.
- d. Messages from any of the individuals listed in Section 2**(b)** or 2**(c)** of this Rule delivered to the President of the Senate will be read in the place of their report.

*Proviso: A copy of this Rules & Procedures amendment shall be sent to Senate Parliamentarian Ronin Lupien.*

 10/3/23  
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Oscar Santiago Perez      Date  
Senate President