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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1199

TITLE: Rules and Procedures Reconstruction Authorization (Volume 9)

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Rule VIII Legislation

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A. Types of Legislation:

a. Authorizations

- i. Definition: A directive that advises, orders, or prescribes the method for an officer to fulfill a duty provided for in the constitution.
- ii. A 2/3 vote is required to approve an authorization.
- iii. This legislation requires a single reading.
- iv. This legislation is not subject to veto.

b. Bills of Law

- i. Definition: Legislation that alters the Student Body Statutes.
- ii. A majority vote is required to approve a bill of law.
- iii. This legislation requires two readings.
- iv. This legislation is subject to veto.

c. Resolutions

- i. Definition: An expression of the sentiment of the Student Senate.
- ii. A 2/3 vote is required to approve a resolution.
- iii. This legislation requires a single reading.
- iv. This legislation is not subject to veto.

d. Primary and Subsidiary Budgets

- i. Definition: The budget from which Student Government appropriates revenue generated by the funding fee for a fiscal year.
 - ii. A majority vote is required to approve a Primary or Subsidiary Budget.
 - iii. This legislation requires two readings.
 - iv. This legislation is subject to veto.
 - e. Special Request Authorizations
 - i. Definition: An appropriation from special request funds.
 - ii. A 2/3 vote is required to approve a special request authorization.
 - iii. This legislation requires a single reading.
 - iv. This legislation is subject to veto.
- B. Authors and Sponsors
 - a. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests may only be authored and sponsored by the following:
 - i. Any Member of the Student Senate
 - ii. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - iii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
 - iv. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, and Agency Chair, but not authored
 - v. The Supervisor of Elections and any member of the Elections Commission, but not authored
 - vi. An officer listed in GatorConnect of any Student Government-funded organization, but not authored
 - vii. Any member of a Caucus
 - viii. Any member of an Ad Hoc Committee
 - b. No bill of law, resolution, authorizations, or special requests may be authored or sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
 - i. Senate Parliamentarian
 - ii. Senate Sergeant at Arms
 - iii. Senate Secretary
- C. Submission
 - a. Proposed legislation that is to be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee shall be submitted to the Judiciary Committee Chair no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard.
 - b. Proposed budgetary legislation that is to be reviewed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall be submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard.
- D. Consideration

- a. The Judiciary Committee shall review legislation based on the Five Criteria and may submit to the Senate amendments to legislation approved by the committee.
 - i. The Five Criteria are:
 - 1. Constitutionality: Is the proposed legislation in accordance with the University of Florida Constitution?
 - 2. Implication: Does the proposed legislation possess consequences that are inferred to reasonably occur as a result of a piece of legislation?
 - 3. Legality: Is the proposed legislation in accordance with Federal Statutes, Alachua County's Code of Ordinances, and any other applicable laws?
 - 4. Format: Does the proposed legislation reasonably follow proper format requirements for non-budgetary bills, resolutions, and proposed constitutional amendments?
 - 5. Clarity: Is the proposed legislation written so that the meaning and intent of the proposed legislation can be reasonably understood by any involved parties or directly affected individuals?
- b. The authors and sponsors of the bill shall be afforded five minutes to present the bill to the Senate.
- c. Following bill presentation, five minutes shall be allowed for non-debatable technical questions of the bill's authors and sponsors, which must be answered
 - i. A non-debatable technical question shall be any question that can be answered with "yes," "no," or a known fact.
 - ii. The bill's authors and sponsors may not be compelled to answer a question.
 - iii. The question period may be extended by a majority vote.
- d. If there are no questions to be asked, the Senate shall move into discussion of amendments. If there are no such amendments, Senate shall move into debate.
- e. Following the above debate procedure, the amendment shall be put to a vote.
- f. Following the question period or debate on the last amendment to the bill under consideration, whichever comes last, there shall be a period of pro/con debate on the bill.
- g. Debate shall be structured with three rounds of alternating con and pro with three minutes per side per round, followed by one round of four minutes per side.
- h. Following the debate period, the authors and sponsors of the bill shall be afforded three minutes of final privilege.
- i. Following final privilege, the chair shall will put the question and the Senate shall vote on the adoption of the bill.

E. Amendments

- a. Written amendments to legislation under first reading or tabled legislation must be submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate at which the amendment is to be heard.
 - i. All amendments submitted pursuant to this section shall be provided to all Senators before the start of the meeting in which the amendments shall be heard.
 - ii. Tabled legislation must be taken up from the table before its amendment is heard.
 - iii. Amendments from the floor are prohibited unless the amendment is made by unanimous consent. Amendments must be filed with the Senate President and Senate Secretary pursuant to Rule VIII Section H to be heard by the Senate.
 - iv. Written amendments may not be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in second readings.
- b. All submitted amendments to legislation shall be labeled with the author(s) of said amendment to legislation.
- c. No Senator may submit more than three written amendments for the same bill. If a Senator submits more than three amendments to the same bill, all amendments submitted by that individual shall be ruled dilatory.
- d. Amendments that have been filed with the Senate Secretary shall be heard following non-debatable technical questions on the original bill.
- e. The procedure for hearing amendments is: two minutes of presentation, two minutes of non-debatable technical questions, two rounds of con and pro debate with one minute per round per side, and one minute of final privilege.

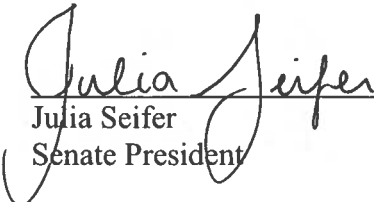
F. Vetoes

- a. Whenever the Student Body President or Student Body Treasurer has vetoed any legislation and returned it to the Senate, that legislation may be added to the agenda under Vetoes by the Replacement and Agenda Committee after the Judiciary Committee has re-evaluated the legislation on the established criteria pursuant to this section.
- b. A Student Senator, with signatures from twenty voting members of the Student Senate, reserves the right to file a veto petition for any approved event, travel, or Student Organization Operational Budget. The Senator must cite the 800 code being violated in the veto request and must submit the petition to the Senate Secretary no later than 72 hours after the Budget and Appropriations Chairperson has made the Student Senate aware of the approved request.
- c. The Student Body President, Student Body Treasurer, or individual who initially filed the veto petition shall have three minutes to explain the reasoning behind the veto to the Senate; alternately, the Senate President shall read a statement from the executive not to exceed three minutes. Following this, the bill's authors and

sponsors shall have three minutes to again present the bill and respond to the executive veto.

- d. Following the presentation period, five minutes shall be allowed for non-debatable technical questions for the bill's authors and sponsors or for the executive(s) that vetoed the bill.
- e. A non-debatable technical question shall be any question that can be answered with "yes," "no," or a known fact.
- f. The bill's authors and sponsors or the executive may not be compelled to answer a question.
- g. The question period may be extended by a majority vote.
- h. If there are no questions to be asked, the Senate shall move into discussion of amendments if there were any filed with the Senate Secretary pursuant to Rule VIII Section H . If there are no such amendments, Senate shall move into debate.
- i. Following the question period, or debate on the last amendment to the vetoed legislation under consideration, whichever comes last, there shall be a period of pro/con debate, with pro being in support of overriding the veto and con in support of sustaining the veto. If an amendment is adopted pursuant to Rule VIII Section H, the debate procedure shall be that seen in Rule VIII Section E.
- j. Debate shall be structured with three rounds of alternating con and pro with three minutes per side per round, followed by one round of four minutes per side.
- k. Following the debate period, the bill's authors and sponsors shall be afforded two minutes of final summation. Following that, the executive who vetoed the bill shall be afforded two minutes of final summation.
- l. Line-item vetoes on the Activity and Service Fee Budget shall be voted upon by line item.
- m. Following final summation, the Chair shall put the question and the Senate shall vote on overriding the veto of the bill, with the affirmative in favor of overriding the veto.

Proviso: This authorization shall not go into effect until the third Senate meeting following the validation of the Fall 2025 election results.


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10/8/25
Date