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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

During the Fall 2013 term, Senate President Cory Yeffet charged an Ad hoc Committee on Rules & Procedures to review, clarify, and revise the version last updated by the Student Senate in the Spring of 2011. The Committee created a new document that replaced the Rules and Procedures amended in 2011 (Authorization 2011-116) and initially adopted by the Student Senate in 2008 (Resolution 2008-124).

MEMBERS OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON RULES & PROCEDURES OF THE STUDENT SENATE FALL 2013 SESSION

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Adopted with Student Senate Resolution 2014-106

RULE I

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2021-104, 2023-191, 2023-193, 2024-221, 2025-158, 2025-180, 2025-171)

1. — Senate President:

a. — Elections:

The Senate President will be elected at the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each Fall and Spring, or whenever the office otherwise becomes vacant. After nominations from the floor have closed, each nominee will have five minutes to address the body, followed by a five-minute question and answer period. The Senate President will be elected by roll-call ballot from all Senators present and voting. A majority of all votes cast will be required to win the election. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the Senate will hold a run-off election between the two candidates that received the greatest number of votes.

b. — Powers and Duties:

- i. The Senate President will be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Senate.
- ii. The Senate President will direct the legislative processes of the Senate.
- iii. The Senate President will hold the chair at meetings of the Senate.
- iv. The Senate President will preserve parliamentary law, maintain the decorum of meetings, and will serve as a neutral arbiter of the Senate.
- v. The Senate President will enforce the Rules and Procedures of the Senate.
- vi. The Senate President will issue subpoenas and/or subpoenas duces tecum to Student Body Officers, Officials, Senators, and officers of Student Government-funded organizations on behalf of the Senate in cases of investigations.
- vii. The Senate President or their designee may administer oaths to Student Body Officers, Officials, Senators, and officers of Student Government-funded organizations in cases of investigations.
- viii. The Senate President may issue warnings to Senators for disruptive conduct during meetings and any Senator who has received more than two warnings from the meeting will be considered absent. A Senator who is considered absent under this procedure will receive one-half absence for each roll-call vote they miss up to one absence for the meeting.
- ix. The Senate President will submit an end-of-session transition report at the end of each Fall and Spring session to the Senate Secretary that will detail the activities of that session and offer suggestions to future Senate Presidents.
- x. The Senate President will have all other powers and duties listed in these Rules and Procedures.

2. — Senate President Pro Tempore:

a.—Elections:

~~The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the Senate President, or whenever the office otherwise becomes vacant.~~

b.—Powers and Duties:

- ~~i.—The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will serve as the Chair of the Senate whenever the elected Senate President is absent from the chair.~~
- ~~ii.—The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will assist the Senate President in fulfilling the duties of said office.~~
- ~~iii.—In the event of the resignation, removal, or incapacity of the Senate President, the Senate President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the office in an acting capacity until a new Senate President is elected by the Senate. An election must be held no later than the second regular Senate meeting following the vacancy.~~
- ~~iv.—The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will serve as the Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.~~

3.—~~Senate Members At Large:~~

a.—Elections:

~~—The Senate will elect two (2) Members At Large at the same time as the Senate President, or whenever the office otherwise becomes vacant. After nominations from the floor have closed, each nominee will have five minutes to address the body, followed by a five-minute question and answer period. The Members At Large will be elected by a standing vote by all Senators present and voting. A majority of all votes cast will be required to win the election. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the Senate will hold a runoff election between the two candidates that received the greatest number of votes.~~

b.—Powers and Duties

- ~~i.—The Senate Members At Large will serve as voting members of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.~~
- ~~ii.—The Senate Members At Large will assist the Senate President and the Senate President Pro Tempore in fulfilling the duties of the said office as requested.~~

4.—~~Senate Parliamentarian:~~

a.—Appointment:

- ~~i.—The President of the Student Senate may appoint and remove the Senate Parliamentarian at their leisure. The position shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.~~
- ~~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 the Senate President 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.~~

5. — Senate Sergeant-at-Arms:

a. — Appointment:

- ~~i. The President of the Student Senate may appoint and remove the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms at their leisure. The position shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.~~
- ~~ii. The Student Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will be considered an exclusionary office in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Student Body Statutes.~~

b. — Powers and Duties:

- ~~i. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will be tasked with maintaining order and preventing individuals from disrupting meetings of the Senate as directed by the Chair.~~
- ~~ii. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will remove individuals disrupting meetings of the Senate as deemed by the President of the Student Senate. Prior to removal the disruptive individual must be issued at least two warnings. The issuing of a warning on the basis of disruption will be left to the discretion of the Senate President.~~
- ~~iii. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will guard the doors of the Senate chambers, preventing Senators entering the room from joining the voting body once a vote has begun or once a quorum call has been made.~~
- ~~iv. The Sergeant-at-Arms will prevent any Senator from leaving the Senate chamber with an electronic clicker.~~

6. — Senate Secretary:

a. — A member of the Student Government office staff will fill the role of the Senate Secretary.

b. — Powers and Duties:

- ~~i. The Senate Secretary will record the minutes of all meetings of the full Senate.~~

- ~~ii. The Senate Secretary will perform other clerical duties as determined by Student Government Advising and Operations.~~
- ~~iii. The Senate Secretary will have all other duties listed in the Rules and Procedures.~~

~~7. — Dean of the Senate:~~

- ~~a. The longest serving Senator(s) shall be the Dean of the Senate. The Senator's term has to be uninterrupted to be recognized as the Dean of the Senate.~~
- ~~b. The Dean of the Senate shall administer the oath of office and swear in senators elect and the Senate President if no Justice of the Supreme Court is present to swear them in.~~
 - ~~i. In the event that there are two senators that hold the same length in office, the Senator's name that comes first alphabetically shall administer the oath of office.~~

RULE II

SENATE LIAISONS

(AMENDED: 2010-113, 2010-117, 2014-106, 2017-110, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2023-130, 2024-244, 2024-256, 2024-306, 2025-137, 2025-180, 2025-184, 2025-175, 2025-172, 2025-169)

1. — Appointments:

- a. The Senate President may appoint Senate Liaisons to the other branches of Student Government and University auxiliaries.
- b. The Senate President may discharge any Senate Liaison. The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote, discharge any Senate Liaison.
- c. Senate Liaisons must also hold Senate seats.
- d. The Senate President will meet with the Senate Liaisons at their leisure.
- d. The position shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.

2. — Executive Branch Liaison:

- a. The Executive Branch Liaison will attend meetings of the Executive Cabinet, as defined by Section 213.4, S.B.S. and will report on the meeting of the Executive Cabinet to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The Executive Branch Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the Student Body Vice President, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Student Body Vice President and the Senate. The liaison will report on the activities of the Student Body Vice President to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.
- c. The Executive Branch Liaison will attend meetings of the Student Government Productions (SGP) and the Accent Speakers Bureau (ACCENT) and report on the activities of both organizations to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.
- d. The Executive Branch Liaison shall maintain an open and working relationship with the SGP Agency Head and the ACCENT Agency Head, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Agency Heads and the Senate. The liaison shall report on the activities of the Agency Heads to the Senate as requested by the Senate or by the Senate President.

3. — University Police Department Liaison:

- a. The University Police Department Liaison will report to the Senate on the activities of the University Police Department, including matters pertaining to the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (S.N.A.P.), crime prevention, and outreach programs as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The University Police Department Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the Chief of Police, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Chief of Police and the Senate. The liaison will report on the activities of the Chief to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.

4. — J. Wayne Reitz Student Union Liaison:

- a. ~~The J. Wayne Reitz Student Union Liaison will attend meetings of the Reitz Union Board of Managers and report on the activities of the J. Wayne Reitz Union to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.~~
 - b. ~~The J. Wayne Reitz Student Union Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the J. Wayne Reitz Union Executive Director, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Executive Director and the Senate. The liaison will report on the activities of the Executive Director to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.~~
- 5. ~~Department of Recreational Sports Liaison:~~**
- a. ~~The Department of Recreational Sports Liaison will attend meetings of the Department of Recreational Sports Board of Directors and report on the activities of the Department of Recreational Sports to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.~~
 - b. ~~The Department of Recreational Sports Liaison shall maintain an open and working relationship with the Department of Recreational Sports Director, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Director and the Senate. The liaison shall report on the activities of the Director to the Senate as requested by the Senate or by the Senate President.~~
- 6. ~~Student Engagement Liaison:~~**
- a. ~~The Student Engagement Liaison will report to the Senate on the activities of the Department of Student Engagement, including matters pertaining to student organizations and campus events, as requested by the Senate President.~~
 - b. ~~The Student Engagement Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the Department of Student Engagement team, as well as serve as facilitator between the Director and the Senate. The liaison will report on the activities of the Department of Student Engagement to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.~~
- 7. ~~Community and Belonging Liaison:~~**
- a. ~~The Community and Belonging Liaison will report to the Senate on programs, services, and initiatives across campus that promote campus engagement, well-being, accessibility, and a culture of belonging, as requested by the Senate President.~~
 - b. ~~The Community and Belonging Liaison will maintain open and working relationships with university offices and student-led organizations that support community building and student engagement. This includes, but is not limited to, units involved in campus programming, cultural events, and cultural organization support. The liaison will serve as a facilitator between these groups and the Senate and provide updates or feedback as requested by the Senate President.~~
- 8. ~~Sustainability Liaison:~~**
- a. ~~The Sustainability Liaison will attend meetings of the Office of Sustainability and report on the activities of the Office of Sustainability to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.~~

- b. The Sustainability Liaison shall maintain an open and working relationship with the Director of the Office of Sustainability, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Director and the Senate. The liaison shall report on the activities of the Director to the Senate as requested by the Senate or by the Senate President.

9. Registrar Liaison:

- a. The Registrar Liaison will attend meetings of The Office of the University Registrar and report on the activities of The Office of the University Registrar to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The Registrar Liaison shall maintain an open and working relationship with the Director of The Office of the University Registrar, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Director and the Senate. The liaison shall report on the activities of the Director to the Senate as requested by the Senate or by the Senate President.
- c. The Registrar Liaison will collaborate with the Judiciary committee as a non-voting advisory member in the drafting of any apportionment legislation.

10. Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR) Liaison:

- a. The CUR Liaison will attend meetings of CUR r and report on the activities of The Office of the CUR to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The CUR Liaison shall maintain an open and working relationship with the Director of The CUR, as well as serve as a facilitator between the Director and the Senate. The liaison shall report on the activities of the Director to the Senate as requested by the Senate or by the Senate President.

11. Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) Liaison

- a. The CWC Liaison will report to the Senate on the programming, services, and mental health initiatives offered by the Counseling and Wellness Center, including student access to counseling, outreach events, and wellness resources, as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The CWC Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the professional staff at the Counseling and Wellness Center, including the Director and relevant outreach coordinators, and serve as a facilitator between the CWC and the Student Senate. The liaison will report updates, student concerns, or initiatives related to mental health and wellness to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.

12. Disability Resource Center (DRC) Liaison

- a. The DRC Liaison will report to the Seante on the activities, services, and student accommodations provided by the Disability Resource Center, including updates on accessibility initiatives and campus-wide inclusion efforts for students with disabilities, as requested by the Senate President.
- b. The DRC Liaison will maintain an open and working relationship with the professional staff at the Disability Resource Center, including the Director and student access coordinators, and serve as a facilitator between the DRC and the

Student Senate. The liaison will report on issues of accessibility, accommodations, and student feedback to the Senate as requested by the Senate President.

RULE III MEETINGS OF THE SENATE

~~(AMENDED: 2014-106, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2023-124, 2023-147, 2024-201,
2024-239, 2024-240, 2024-246, 2025-115, 2025-143, 2025-180)~~

1. Regular Meetings:

- a. ~~Regular meetings will be conducted on campus at as consistent a time and location as is possible.~~
- b. ~~The Replacement and Agenda Committee will set the time and location for regular meetings at the beginning of each academic term, but this decision can be overturned by a majority vote of the Senate.~~
 - i. ~~The Senate Executive Board will release an amendable religious holiday calendar every fall, spring, and summer term.~~
 - ii. ~~The Senate Executive Board will release a tentative calendar of all planned senate meetings during the academic term to all senators within one week after Replacement and Agenda Committee sets the time and location for regular meetings at the beginning of each academic term.~~
- c. ~~The Replacement and Agenda Committee will prepare the agenda for regular meetings.~~
 - i. ~~The agenda may be amended from the floor at the specified time by a majority vote. The Senate may adopt the agenda by a majority vote and if passed, will end amendments to the agenda. The motion to adopt the agenda will be considered dilatory if there are still members of the Student Senate waiting to be recognized by the chair. This motion is non-debatable and non-amendable.~~
 - ii. ~~The agenda will include sections for Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Amendments to the Agenda, Amendments to the Minutes, Public Comment, Student Body Officer Reports, Committee Reports, President's Report, Vetoed Legislation (if any), Second Readings (if any), First Readings (if any), Announcements, Final Roll Call, and any other matters which the Replacement and Agenda Committee deem necessary.~~
 - iii. ~~If the Replacement and Agenda Committee fails to meet, prepare, and send the agenda by 3:00 PM ET on the day before the meeting of the Senate, the Senate Secretary will prepare an agenda consisting only of Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Amendments to the Agenda, Amendments to the Minutes, Public Comment, Student Body Officer Reports, Committee Reports, President's Report, Vetoed Legislation (if any), Second Readings (if any), First Reading (if any), Announcements, and Final Roll Call. This agenda may be amended from the floor during Amendments to the Agenda.~~
 - iv. ~~All legislation to be considered at a Senate meeting will be provided to all Senators and will be made accessible to the public by being posted on the Student Government website no later than 5:00 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate for which the agenda will be used.~~

- ~~1. If certain pieces of legislation are not accessible to the public by 5:00 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate, that legislation shall not be considered and will be added to the following meeting's agenda under its respective place on the agenda.
 - ~~a. Clarification: If there are technical difficulties on the Student Government Website with certain legislation, but Student Government Website with certain legislation, but Student Government Advising and Operations, Chair of the Senate, or Senate President Pro Tempore has any receipt or proof of the legislation being uploaded, any bills affected shall still be heard at that Senate meeting.~~~~
- ~~2. The Senate Website shall display the Senate President Pro Tempore email as the primary point of contact for individuals facing difficulties opening hyperlinked legislation.~~
- ~~v. All written amendments to legislation that is to be considered at a Senate meeting will be provided to all Senators by the Chair of the Senate no later than 5:00 PM ET the day of the meeting of the Senate for which the agenda will be used. All written amendments to be considered shall be pursuant to RULE XIV (2).~~
- ~~vi. The agenda will begin with the following statement: "We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree. We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks." A Student Senator who acts contrary to this statement, as determined by the Chair of the Senate, will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct.~~
- ~~vii. Motions made to approve agenda items during Amendments to the Agenda can only be approved by unanimous consent. Motions to move the order of agenda items will be debatable and amendable. Motions to approve agenda items without unanimous consent will be deemed dilatory and may be issued a warning for disruptive conduct at the discretion of the Chair of the Senate. Other motions made in amendments to the agenda are debatable.~~
- ~~viii. Ten (10) minutes prior to the space where the meeting of the Student Senate is being held will close to the public, the Chair of the Senate will use their discretion to allow the current business to conclude or to proceed to the announcements section of the meeting to allow the Student Senate to adjourn in an orderly manner. Any agenda item left unconsidered will be postponed to the next Senate meeting
 - ~~1. If the Student Senate acquires permission for extended hours and allows for methods for the public to enter the meeting, the rule will apply to ten (10) minutes prior to the extended time.~~~~
- ~~ix. Agenda items that are postponed in a Student Senate meeting will automatically carry over to the next Student Senate meeting without the need to be reheard in a committee of the Student Senate.
 - ~~1. This rule does not apply to legislation that is procedurally withdrawn pursuant to Rule XIV Section 1(g).~~~~

~~2. Pursuant to Section 1(e)(iii) of this rule, if the Replacement and Agenda Committee fails to meet, prepare, and send the agenda by 3:00 PM ET on the day before the meeting of the Senate, the agenda created by the Senate Secretaries will include any postponed or unconsidered agenda items in accordance to the previous subsection in the Old Business section.~~

~~d. The Senate President may cancel a regular meeting set by the Replacement & Agenda Committee at their individual discretion. The Senate President must cancel a regular meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the regular meeting. The Senate President may cancel a regular meeting with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice if a meeting space is not reserved or the meeting was not properly public noticed. The Senate President may not cancel two consecutive regular meetings unless quorum is unattainable due to vacancies.~~

~~e. The University of Florida Student Government, hereby adopts the following Indigenous Land Acknowledgement statement. This statement will be read at the commencement of each Student Senate session:~~

~~i. We acknowledge that the University of Florida is located on the ancestral and present homelands of the Ais, Apalachee, Calusa, Creek, Miccosukee, and Yamasee peoples, with our main campus located on the ancestral territory of the Potano and of the Seminole peoples. The Potano, of Timucua affiliation, lived here in the Alachua region until the destruction of their towns in the early 1700s. We pay our respects to these Indigenous elders and descendants of the past and present, especially those who have called the University of Florida home within their lifetime. And now, for a moment of silence.~~

~~2. Special Meetings:~~

~~a. The President of the Student Senate or the Student Body President may call special meetings of the Senate.~~

~~b. The President of the Student Senate will call for a special meeting of the Senate upon receiving a petition requesting such bearing the signatures of a majority of sitting Senators. This petition must include the intended purpose for the special meeting, which must be reflected in the call for the meeting and the agenda (see below).~~

~~c. Notice must be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the meeting to all members of the Senate:~~

~~i. Notice may be given at a prior meeting of the Senate, so long as that meeting occurs more than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the special meeting.~~

~~ii. Notification may be given by email~~

~~iii. The purpose of the meeting must be included in the call for the meeting.~~

~~d. The officer who called the special meeting will prepare the agenda for that meeting:~~

~~i. The agenda must remain germane to the purpose of the meeting, as mentioned in the call for the meeting.~~

~~ii. The agenda may be amended from the floor during Amendments to the Agenda by a majority vote. The Senate may adopt the agenda by a majority~~

~~vote and if passed, will end amendments to the agenda. The motion to adopt the agenda will be considered dilatory if there are still members of the Student Senate waiting to be recognized by the chair at the moment the motion is made. This motion is non-debatable and non-amendable.~~

- ~~iii. The agenda will begin with the following statement: "We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree. We will direct all comments to the issue at hand. We will avoid personal attacks." A Student Senator who acts contrary to this statement as determined by the Chair of the Senate will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct.~~
- ~~iv. Motions made to approve agenda items during Amendments to the Agenda can only be approved by unanimous consent. Motions to move the order of agenda items will be in order. Motions to approve agenda items without unanimous consent will be deemed dilatory and will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct. Other motions made in amendments to the agenda are debatable.~~
- ~~v. Ten (10) minutes prior to the space where the meeting of the Student Senate is being held will close to the public, the Chair of the Senate will use their discretion to allow the current business to conclude or to proceed to the announcements section of the meeting to allow the Student Senate to adjourn in an orderly manner.~~

~~3. Virtual Meetings:~~

- ~~a. The Student Senate and the committees of the Student Senate may only conduct virtual meetings in the event of a federal, state, or local state of emergency as determined by the University of Florida administration impacting the Student Senate's ability to meet in person.~~
- ~~b. Virtual meetings must comply with all applicable open meeting and public notice requirements as established by Student Body Law.~~
- ~~c. Virtual meetings will be conducted in a manner consistent with these Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate. The Replacement and Agenda Committee may by a two-thirds vote adopt special rules to ensure the orderly conduct of virtual meetings.~~

RULE IV

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2021-104, 2023-125, 2023-146, 2023-191)

1. — Roll Call:

- a. ~~The Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence) or their designee will call the roll of the Senate whenever needed. If no members of the Rules and Ethics Committee are present for roll call, the Senate President may designate a Senator to call the roll of the Senate.~~
- b. ~~The roll will be called at the start of every meeting, as well as for any quorum call or roll call vote.~~
- c. ~~Any Senator that fails to answer a roll call; or quorum call, will receive a one-half absence, with a maximum of one absence being given to a Senator per meeting.~~
- d. ~~Voting records (see Rule VII §1) will be used to determine the final roll call unless the final roll call is called for by a majority vote.~~
- e. ~~A Senator may turn in two incomplete voting records, per respective attendance period, without penalty. The Senator will receive one-half absence for each incomplete voting record following this:~~
- f. ~~Every time the roll is called, it shall be projected so that it may be visible to all at a meeting. This includes at the start of the meeting, after every recess, as well as for any quorum call or roll call vote. A roll call does not have to be projected only if there are issues with technology and all means to remedy the issues have been exhausted.~~

2. — Absence Excuses:

- a. ~~If a Senator believes that an absence should be recorded as excused, that Senator must submit an excuse to the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than one week following the absence (see Rule XII §5).~~
- b. ~~The Rules and Ethics Committee will submit their recommendations of excusal to the Senate for approval during the committee's report.~~

3. — Quorum:

- a. ~~A quorum to conduct business will be a majority of the total membership of the Senate.~~
- b. ~~Any Senator may raise a point of order regarding the presence of a quorum, at which point the Chair of the Senate will instruct the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice-Chair or their designee) to call the roll.~~
- c. ~~The Senate Sergeant at Arms will prevent any Senators entering the chambers during the roll call from being recorded as present.~~
- d. ~~A quorum call may be conducted by electronic clicker if called for by a majority vote. If a quorum call is conducted by electronic clicker, all Senators will press the "present" button (as indicated by the Chair of the Senate) on their electronic clicker~~

~~within one minute of when a quorum call is initiated by the Chair of the Senate in the electronic clicker software.~~

- ~~e. During roll call votes, if the number of senators present and voting does not equal the quorum requirement, the Chair of the Senate shall instruct the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice Chair or their designee) to call the roll. If it is established that there is no quorum, the vote shall be null and void.~~

RULE V FLOOR RULES AND PRIVILEGES

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-110, 2023-188, 2025-165, 2025-177, 2025-180)

1. ~~The Chair of the Senate:~~

- a. ~~The Senate President will hold the chair of the Senate; or in the Senate President's absence, first the Senate President Pro Tempore, second the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, third the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, fourth the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee, fifth the Chair of the Information and Communication Committee, and sixth a Senator elected from the body.~~
- b. ~~The chair will call meetings of the Senate to order. If fifteen minutes have elapsed since the start time proposed in the call for the meeting, any member of the Senate may call the meeting to order and surrender the chair to whomever is first in the above line of succession. If none of these members are present, the Senate will elect a temporary chair from the floor in the same manner as the Senate President.~~
- c. ~~The chair will rule on all points of order and issues of parliamentary law.~~
- d. ~~The chair will deny the hearing of any dilatory motions and will issue a warning for disruptive conduct to any Senator who has made a dilatory motion:~~
 - i. ~~A dilatory motion is any motion that seeks to disrupt the business of the Senate, is frivolous or absurd, or contains no rational proposition. The chair does not have to recognize any motion that they hold the independent subjective belief is dilatory.~~
 - ii. ~~Motions to reconsider a question will be ruled dilatory when the Senate President determines a vote has a clear and convincing majority.~~
 - iii. ~~This section will also apply to incidental motions including, but not limited to, points of information and parliamentary inquiries.~~
- e. ~~The Senate may appeal any decision of the chair with a three-fifths vote by a rising vote:~~
 - i. ~~When a decision of the chair on a question of order is appealed, the appeal will be considered non-debatable.~~
 - ii. ~~Points of order related to responses of parliamentary inquiries, points of information, and decisions of recognition made by the chair may not be appealed.~~
- f. ~~The Chair shall have the unilateral discretion at any time to recess any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate for a set period of time:~~
 - i. ~~A Senator may object to the recess and a vote of a majority of those present and voting is required to sustain the objection.~~
 - ii. ~~If the Senate President refuses to chair the meeting after an objection has been sustained, then the chair will fall to the next willing member in the line of succession pursuant to § (1)(a) of this Rule.~~
 - iii. ~~If the chamber is not called back to order within 15 minutes of the time limit for the recess or within 30 minutes after a motion to recess until called back by the chair, then the chair will fall to the next willing member in the line of succession pursuant to § (1)(a) of this Rule.~~

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 allotted 10 minutes to report on the activities of the committee and to make recommendations to the Senate germane to the purview of the committee.~~
 - i. ~~If a committee report does not exhaust its full allotted time, the remainder of the time will be automatically yielded to the Chair of the Senate.~~
- 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, Student Body 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 (c) of this Rule delivered to the Senate President will be read in the place of their report.~~

4. — Parliamentary Inquiries:

- a. ~~Points of Order are defined as a question during a Student Senate meeting as to whether correct parliamentary procedure is being followed.~~
- b. ~~Points of Information are defined as a question directed to the chair, or through the chair to another person, for information relevant to the business at hand.~~

- ~~c. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry are defined as a question regarding a/the rule(s) of parliamentary procedure as found in either Robert's Rules of Order or the Senate's Rules and Procedures.~~
- ~~d. Points of Clarification are defined as a request to make a factual statement or clarification that is germane to the business at hand.~~
- ~~e. Points of Personal Privilege are defined as a request to register a complaint regarding the environment of the meeting or to make a personal request.~~