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SUMMARY/LEGISLATIVE INTENT This Bill seeks to update, remove, and add language to the Senate Rules of Procedure to better reflect how Senate is run currently and how it should be run in the future.

MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 1ST READING

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DOCUMENTS/RESEARCH/PERSONAL STATEMENTS MMC Senate Rules of Procedure

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A BILL TO MODERNIZE THE SENATE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY UPDATING ITS LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS CURRENT ISSUES AND PAST TROUBLES

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
  a) This Bill may be cited as the “2020 SROP Update Act”.

SECTION 2. TERMS
  a) “FIU” refers to Florida International University, its administration, or the student community of the university;
  b) “SGA” refers to the Student Government Association of Florida International University;
  c) “SGC-MMC,” “SGC,” or “MMC” refer to the Student Government Council of the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus;
  d) “SROP,” “ROP,” or “The Rules” refer to the SGC-MMC Senate Rules of Procedure;

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

The Proposal outlined in this Bill is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.” Furthermore, given the nature of this Bill, which seeks to alter the Senate Rules of Procedure, this Bill’s
SECTION 4. BILL

RULE II. Meetings of the Senate

Section 2.01 Meeting Time and Place

(a) The Senate shall convene every Monday during the Fall and Spring semesters at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Government chambers located in room GC 150.

(i) In the event of a crisis (e.g. Public health emergencies, natural disasters, or similar unforeseen circumstances) or any other sort of emergency, the Speaker of the Senate may choose to convene Senate sessions virtually until it is deemed safe to return to GC 150.”

Section 2.04 Agenda

(a) The agenda for each Senate meeting shall be produced by the Clerk of Council and communicated to all the members of the Senate at least twenty four (24) hours prior to each Senate meeting.

(i) The agenda shall include all legislation submitted to the Speaker of the Senate, Clerk of Council, and the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee.

RULE III. Attendance in the Senate

Section 3.02 Absences

(a) To be counted as present, Student Government Council members must be present for a majority of the meeting.

(i) Senators who are tardy and/or leave early, and stay for less than the majority of the meeting shall be considered absent, regardless of whether they present an excuse. Should a senator have submitted an excuse for late arrival or early

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departure, then the absence shall **may** be considered excused **via the discretion of**
the Internal Affair Committee; otherwise the absence is considered unexcused.
(ii) Senator may attend Senate meetings virtually **only during the summer**
semester in the case that they have an excused absence **at the discretion of the**
Speaker of the Senate.

RULE IV. Floor Rules
Section 4.05 Behavioral Standards
(d) Senators are expected to refrain from discussing Senate business during an ongoing
meeting anywhere other than the Senate floor. This is to include both physical and virtual
spaces.

RULE V. Debate Rules
Section 5.02 Legislation
(e) A period of pro/con debate **shall may** be held.
(i) After a period of non-debatable technical questioning, Senators can move to
initiate a period of pro/con debate on the business at hand.

RULE VIII. Committees
Section 8.02 Committee Rules
(c) Each Committee shall consider legislation as deemed by Article V Article III of the
SGC-MMC Statutes.
Section 8.03 Assignments
(a) Committee membership shall be determined by the Speaker of the Senate in
accordance to with the written preference and schedule of each Senator.
(ii) Should a Senator object to his assignment, he or she must present a written
request for a reassignment to the Speaker—Student Senate of the Senate.

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1) The request must specify the reason for the objection.
2) Upon consideration of the request, the Speaker shall decide whether to reassign the Senator. The Speaker shall notify the Senator of their decision in writing and shall explain how the Senator may appeal the Speaker’s decision via a supermajority vote of the Senate.

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RULE IX. Legislation

Section 9.01 Definition of Legislation
(d) Appropriations are pieces of legislation that allocate an amount of the Finance Committee’s budget for a certain purpose.

Section 9.02 Submission of Legislation
(a) All legislation being brought before the Senate must be submitted to the Clerk of Council, Speaker of the Senate, and the chair of the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee and the chair of the Internal Affairs Committee by 5:00pm the Thursday prior to the Senate meeting during which the piece will be presented.

(iii) When receiving the legislation, the Clerk of Council Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee Chair will assign an identifier to the piece.

1) All council legislation will be given an identifier, commencing with S.R either SA for Appropriations, SB for Bills, or SR for Resolutions, and to be followed by the year and the legislation number (YY#) starting at one (1). When a new Senate body is elected, the legislation number will reset to one (1).

Section 9.03 Written Amendments
(b) Written amendments shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Senate, the Clerk of Council, and the Internal Affairs Committee Chair the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee Chairperson.
SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the passage of this Bill by the SGC-MMC Senate this shall become the official law of the SGC-MMC (Note: Bills updating the Senate Rules of Procedure are not submitted to Executive Action).

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A BILL TO MODERNIZE THE SENATE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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**AMENDMENTS:**

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**SENATE ACTION**

DATE: July 13, 2020

PASSED | FAILED

Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate

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