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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Resolution 56-05**

[Updates to Senate Rule 7: Student Senate Absences]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rules require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;  
**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 7.02.B is unnecessarily harsh on the offending senator;  
**WHEREAS**, A senator is only allotted 2 unexcused absences before their next unexcused absence results in a dismissal;  
**WHEREAS**, The first meeting of a semester is often a continuation of business before the break and does not warrant such harsh punishment if missed;  
**WHEREAS**, This bill would make missing the first meeting of the semester akin to missing a regular meeting, resulting in 1 recorded unexcused absence for the offending senator;  
**WHEREAS**, Accumulating 50% of their allotted unexcused absences is adequate punishment for missing the first meeting of a semester; and  
**WHEREAS**, This Resolution will go into effect immediately.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Senate Rule 7 be amended as follows:

**7.02 Initial Session and Semester Senate Meeting Absences**

- A. Student Body Senators that will be absent from the first meeting of the Senate Session must give written notice to the Senate Graduate Assistant, prior to the first meeting of the new session.
1. Should newly elected Student Body Senators receive an excuse for being absent from the first Senate Meeting of the session, they have until the Call of Order of the following Senate Meeting to get sworn in.
  2. Failure to be sworn in by the second Senate Meeting of the session will result in the automatic dismissal of the newly elected Student Body Senator therefore having the seat will be considered vacant and the appointment process will be followed in accordance to Title III of Student Body Statutes.
- ~~B. Student Body Senators must give written notice to the Senate President Pro Tempore and the LJR Chair, prior to the first meeting of each semester, if they are going to be absent from that first meeting.~~
- ~~1. Failure to comply with said measure will result in the Student Body Senator being considered dismissed from their seat as of the end of the first meeting of that semester.~~
  - ~~2. Said Student Body Senator will have until the next regularly scheduled Senate Meeting to appeal the resignation in accordance with the procedures set forth in Senate Rule 7.08.~~

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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Allison Pohlmann  
Senate President

07/02/2024

Date

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Danishka Morissette  
Senate President Pro Tempore

07/10/2024

Date