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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Seventh Student Body Senate
Resolution 57-01**

[Updates to Senate Rule 7: Petition Period for Absence Excusal Prior to Dismissal]

WHEREAS, Senate Rules require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, The current Senate Rules consider a Senator automatically dismissed upon accruing more than two unexcused absences;
WHEREAS, The current policy prevents petitioning for an absence excusal after accruing more than two unexcused absences;
WHEREAS, The Excuse Policy under Rule 7.07 allows for submission of excusal petitions following an absence if the Senator was not aware they would be absent;
WHEREAS, To allow for Senators to petition absences which would result in their dismissal in the event of an unforeseen absence;
and
WHEREAS, This Resolution will go into effect immediately.

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

7.10 Exceeding Maximum Allowed Absences

- A. In Exceeding the maximum allowed number of committee absences (as defined in Section 7.04), a Student Body Senator is dismissed from the respective committee.
 1. The dismissed Student Body Senator shall have until the end of the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting to appeal their absences from committee to the Senate Executive Committee.
 2. When a majority vote of the Senate Executive Committee causes a Student Body Senator who had been dismissed from a committee to have, at most, the maximum number of allowed absences, as defined in 7.04, the Student Body Senator shall be reinstated to the committee.
 3. During the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting following the decision of the Senate Executive Committee, a majority vote can overturn said decision.
- B. If a Student Body Senator is dismissed from committee(s) on two separate occasions due to exceeding the maximum number of absences, as defined in Section 7.04, that Student Body Senator shall be automatically dismissed from the Student Body Senate.
- C. In exceeding the maximum number of absences from Senate Meetings, retreats, and leadership seminars, as defined in Section 7.01, a Student Body Senator shall be automatically dismissed from the Student Body Senate after the absence limit has been exceeded **if a written petition for absence excusal is not submitted to the LJR Chair by the beginning of the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.**

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