

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STUDENT BODY

In re: *Procedure for Hearing Petitions Filed*  
August 30, 2016

## PER CURIAM

The Supreme Court of the Student Body of the University of Florida (the “Court”) met on the 30th day of August in the year 2016 to establish rules of procedure for the hearing of those petitions filed with the Court by members of the student body that are taken up for consideration by the Court. These rules of procedure are as follows:

### **Oral Argument**

**Speaker:** Those students whose signatures are on the petition being argued may elect one (1) current University of Florida student to present an argument on behalf of the petition being heard. The name of the elected speaker must be submitted to the Chief Justice via email prior to the scheduled start time of the hearing regarding the petition being argued. *To avoid potential confusion stemming from the submission of multiple speaker names, the speaker name submitted by the student whose signature appears earliest on the petition will represent the petition in oral argument.*

**Opposition:** Opposing arguments may be heard. For members of the general student body to establish standing to argue in opposition to a petition being heard by the Court, those members of the general student body shall file a petition with the Court articulating that position. Notwithstanding the aforementioned filing requirement, the Student Body Solicitor General will always have standing to present opposing arguments to any petition heard by the Court at any time.

**Order of Presentation:** In the event opposing arguments are to be presented to the Court, the speaker representing the petition first filed with the Court will present oral argument before his or her opposition.

**Time Constraints:** Any speaker presenting oral argument to the Court will be provided twenty (20) minutes to present his or her argument. In the event his or her time expires, a speaker may ask the Court for leave to briefly conclude his or her argument.

**Reservation for Rebuttal:** In the event opposing argument are to be presented to the Court, the speaker first presenting oral argument may reserve up to five (5) minutes of his or her time for rebuttal.

**Hearing of Multiple Related Petitions:** In the event multiple petitions are being heard during one hearing, related petitions may be heard in succession prior to the beginning of deliberation.

## Deliberation

Commencement and Duration: At the close of oral arguments, the Court will begin deliberation. No time constraints are imposed on deliberations. Deliberations will take place until a member of the Court moves to vote on a matter, if such a motion is seconded by another member of the Court, the Court will vote on the matter moved upon.

Assignment of Opinion and Adjournment: After a matter has been voted on, the Chief Justice will assign a member of the Court to write and circulate an opinion to all other members of the Court for comment, and adjourn the hearing.

Filing of Opinion: Upon reaching a consensus on the language of an opinion, the Court will file said opinion with the Senate Secretary for publication in the court reporter.

The Court hereby adopts the foregoing rules of procedure.