The University of West Florida
Student Government Association

Senate Vacancy Bill
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Ms. Leonie Dupuis
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 16-17 Bill XVIII is hereby signed on ______.

Pass
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Date

Mr. Jacob Hebert
Student Body President
Legislative Intent:

Allow for a more open procedure for filling Senate vacancies.

Chapter 311: Appointments

Vacancies

311.1 Senate appointments shall be permitted and each appointed senator shall be expected to complete the unexpired term of his position. In the event a Senate seat becomes vacant, or is not filled by the results of an election, a student can petition to become a member of the Senate.

311.2 In the event that a vacancy exists, a reasonable effort should be made to fill said seat with a student from the college which has a vacant seat. However, if a student from the college which has a vacant seat is unable to be found, a student from any college may fill the vacant seat.

Petitioning for a seat:

A. In order to claim an open seat, a candidate must:
   a. Meet with the Supervisor of Elections, or another person designated by the Student Body President.
   b. Collect 150 signatures endorsing them to represent their college.
   c. Collect 200 signatures endorsing them to represent a college other than their own. Only Supervisor of Elections or the Student Body President can make determination that a member of another college can claim a vacant seat for that college.

B. Upon verification by the Supervisor of Elections or Presidential designee the validity of the signatures, that student becomes a Senator for the designated college.

311.3 All appointees nominated by the Student Body President shall be present during their Senate confirmation and be confirmed by a Two-Thirds Majority Vote.

Being endorsed for a seat:

A. Any single senator can submit a name to the Senate Pro-Tempore for nomination to fill a vacancy.
B. The Senate Pro-Tempore should meet with the nominee to ensure eligibility for membership and understanding of Senatorial responsibilities.
C. The candidate should then be put in front of the Senate for questioning.
D. The candidate will require a ¾ vote approval from the Senators of that College present and voting.
E. The candidate will require a majority vote confirmation from the Senate.
   a. If there are no Senators from the college in question present at the Senate meeting, the candidate requires only a $2/3$ vote of the Senate.