



The University of West Florida Student Government Association Senate

Legislation: 12-13 R III

Subject: Student Union
Prioritization

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To read as follows:

Whereas, the University of West Florida built the University Commons in 1969;

Whereas, the University Commons was finalized after 4 phases of construction;

Whereas, there are only have 12 meeting spaces to accommodate 160 student organizations;

Whereas, the University Commons holds the Chartwells facilities and office, Conference Centers, Auditorium, and departmental offices;

Whereas, the University of West Florida's master plan includes a Student Union of 160,000 sq. ft. to accommodate our potential growth and vision;

Whereas, the following priorities are listed in the Universities 2012-2017 Strategic plan:

Strategic Direction 1: Enhanced Student Access, Progression, and Learning and Development

UWF Priority 1.1. Foster student learning and development to include the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that optimize students' prospects for personal and professional success.

UWF Priority 1.2. Facilitate students' access to and choice of the University of West Florida to meet their higher education needs.

UWF Priority 1.3. Improve student persistence and timely progression to degree attainment.

Strategic Direction 3: Valued Partnerships: Community Engagement and Service

UWF Priority 3.1. Develop, cultivate, assess, and sustain a network of mutually beneficial community partnerships.

UWF Priority 3.2. Advance the economy and quality of life in the region through partnerships with the citizens, businesses, organizations, and communities UWF serves.

UWF Priority 3.3. Expand community awareness, visibility, and support of UWF through its mutually beneficial partnerships.

Strategic Direction 4. Sustainable Institutional Excellence

UWF Priority 4.1. Support and sustain the high-quality services and infrastructure needed to achieve identified UWF priorities.

UWF Priority 4.2. Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize dedicated, high-quality staff members who advance the mission, vision, and values of the University.

UWF Priority 4.3. Maximize the acquisition and deployment of resources, and strategically align and integrate planning, budgeting, assessment, and continuous improvement efforts.

Whereas, the priorities listed exemplify the need of a new student union;

Whereas, the current infrastructure is outdated in regard to the student body's technology needs;

Whereas, looking to expand future facilities to help student engagement in learning and leisure activities outside of the classroom is essential to the university's growth;

Here be it enacted that, The University of West Florida Student Government Association recommends that the plan for Student Union be top priority in the 2012-2017 Master Plan for the University of West Florida.

First Reading : _____	Second Reading: _____
Yes: _____	Yes: _____
No: _____	No: _____
Abstain: _____	Abstain: _____

Senate President
Amy Bueno

Be it known that Student Government _____ is hereby signed on _____.

Pass: _____

Veto: _____

Cora Merritt
Student Body President