



**The University of West Florida
Student Government Association**

Legislation: 12-13 BV

Subject: Freshmen Committee

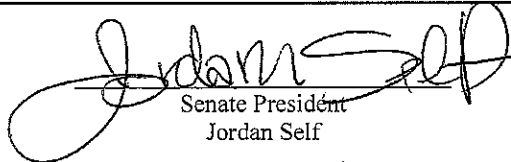
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University of West Florida Student Body Statutes.

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Senate President
Jordan Self

Be it known that Student Government 12-13 BV is hereby signed on 10/22/13

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Chris Hill
Student Body President

TITLE I: DEFINITIONS, INTERPRETATIONS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES

Chapter 101: Definitions

101.1 The term "President"

Shall be synonymous with the terms Student Government Association President and Student Body President.

101.2 The term "Vice-President"

Shall be synonymous with the term Student Government Association Vice President and Student Body Vice President.

101.3 Malfeasance, Misfeasance, and Nonfeasance

- A. Malfeasance shall be defined as the commission of an act that is positively unlawful; misconduct.
- B. Misfeasance shall be defined as the commission of a lawful act in an unlawful or improper manner, so that there is an infringement on the rights of another or others.
- C. Nonfeasance shall be defined as the failure to do what duty requires to be done.

101.4 An incorrectly marked ballot is defined as one which is not in accordance with the instructions on the ballot.

101.5 The term "Impeachment"

Formal accusations of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance against an elected Student Government member or a member of the Supreme Court recognized by a majority vote of the Senate.

101.6 The term "Conviction"

A finding of guilt through a three fourths vote of the Senate on an impeachment allegation of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, which will result in removal from office.

101.7 The term "Removal"

- A. The impeachment and conviction of an elected Student Government Association member or a member of the Supreme Court.

- B. The immediate removal by majority vote of the Senate, of all Student Government Association members that are not granted formal removal proceedings by the constitution or circumstances.

101.8 The term "Campaigning"

The disseminating of literature, the posting of signs, or any other tangible construction or advocating the election of any candidate or group of candidates.

101.9 Anti-Discrimination Policy

Discrimination shall be defined as the denial of due process or the infringement of the substantive rights of any student.

- A. No Student Government officer, employee, branch, agency, affiliated project, registered student organization, or any entity which receives any Student Government funding shall practice unlawful discrimination.
- B. The provisions of the Anti-Discrimination Policy shall be consistent with the guidelines established in the Congressional Education Amendment of 1972.

101.10 The term "Senate Experience"

Having held a Student Government Association elective office or having held a primary cabinet position.

101.11 The term "Line item veto"

The ability to veto a portion of a bill, while approving the rest. A line item veto can be overridden by a two thirds vote of the Senate.

101.12 The term "Senate"

From here after shall refer to the Pensacola Senate unless otherwise designated.

101.13 The term "Majority"

The greater part of number or larger than half, 50% plus 1.

101.14 The term "Student Senate"

- A. Senate President
- B. Budget and Allocations Chair

- C. Rules and Statutes Chair
- D. Student Outreach Chair
- E. University Outreach Chair
- F. Budget and Allocations Committee Seats
- G. Rules and Statutes Committee Seats
- H. Student Outreach Committee Seats
- I. University Outreach Committee Seats
- J. Freshmen Committee Chair

101.15 The term "joint ticket" shall be composed of one Presidential candidate and one Vice-Presidential candidate running together on one ticket during the student government elections.

TITLE III: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Chapter 300: The Senate

300.1 Senate Session:

- A. The Senate shall meet in yearly session. Each session of Senate shall be guided in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes.

300.2 Structure of the Senate

A. Senate President:

- 1. There shall be a student Senate President as provided in the Constitution who shall be elected by majority vote of the student body.

B. Student Government Treasurer:

- 1. There shall be a Treasurer who is elected by a majority of the votes cast during the Student Body elections.
- 2. The Treasurer shall be sworn in with the elected Senators.

C. Senators:

1. Senators shall be elected by college during student body elections. .

D. The Student Senate shall be organized by the membership of four Senate Committees: University Outreach, Budget and Allocations, Rules and Statutes, Student Outreach, and the Freshmen Committee Chair.

300.4 Ex-officio Membership

A. The Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, Chief of Staff, Director of Governmental Affairs, Director of Communications, Director of Student Life, ~~Deputy Chief of Staff~~, Treasurer, and the Freshmen Committee shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Senate.

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B. Ex-officio members of the Senate shall be privileged with the right to debate in the Senate, except when the Senate, by two-thirds vote, excludes them from debate.

TITLE VIII: FRESHMEN COMMITTEE

Chapter 800: Structure

800.1 There shall be a body of no more than twenty students, appointed by the Student Government Association, who shall be known as the Freshmen Committee.

800.2 There shall be a Freshmen Committee Chair, whom shall be selected from the body of the Freshmen Committee. The Chair will be responsible for the duties outlined in Chapter 803.

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Chapter 801: Freshmen Committee Responsibilities

801.1 The Freshmen Committee members shall be selected from the current Freshmen Class, as a committee of the Student Government Association of the University of West Florida.

801.2 The Freshmen Committee shall hold Freshmen Committee meetings as set forth by the Student Government Association Vice-President. Each member shall be required to attend all Freshmen Committee meetings. A Freshmen Committee member who acquires three excused absences or two or more un-excused absences per semester may be removed. The Freshmen Committee's Senate attendance is set by the Vice-President. ~~Each member of the Freshmen Committee shall be required to have the same attendance policy as the rest of the Senate.~~ Failure to do so may result in removal as outlined in Chapter 808.

801.3 To enrich their understanding of the functions of each committee, all Freshmen Committee members must attend a minimum of two meetings of the University Outreach, Budget and Allocations, Rules and Statues and Student Outreach Committees during the fall semester. Furthermore, the University Outreach, Budget and Allocations, Rules and Statues and Student Outreach Chairs will attend one of the first two Freshmen Committee fall meetings. At this meeting the Chairs will present information regarding the responsibilities of their committee and its members.

801.4 The Freshmen Committee shall ~~not serve as ex-officio, non-voting members or ex-officio members of the Senate as a whole. with the exception of the Chair as outlined in 803.2.~~

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801.5 Each Freshmen Committee member will have the ability to recommend to the Student Government Association Vice-President for removal of any Freshmen Committee member, by two thirds vote of the Senate.

801.6 The Freshmen Committee shall be responsible for coordinating at least one event/project each semester on behalf of the Student Government Association. One of which shall be a community related event and the other a campus related.

Chapter 802: Installment of the Freshmen Committee Chair

802.1 The Chair of the Freshmen Committee shall come from the body of the Freshmen Committee and be appointed by Freshmen Committee and approved by the Senate.

Chapter 803: Duties of the Freshmen Committee Chair

803.1 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall preside over meetings of the Freshmen Committee.

803.2 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Senate.

803.3 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall write or make recommendations for legislation for to the Senate in representation of the Freshmen Committee.

803.4 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall, in unanimous concurrence of the Freshmen Committee, have the power to recommend to the Student Government Association Senate the relief of the Student Government Association Vice-President from his/her duties as the Freshmen Committee Advisor in the event of neglect or misuse of power. Should the Student Government Association Vice-President be removed as advisor to the Freshmen Committee, a new advisor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of Student Government Association.

Removal of the Vice President as Freshmen Committee Advisor shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 711.

- 803.5 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall appoint Freshmen Committee members to Freshmen Committee subcommittees with a majority vote of the Freshmen Committee.
- 803.6 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall determine, regulate, and adhere to the rotating schedule of Freshmen Committee members to the Senate Committees.
- 803.7 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Student Government Association Executive Committee.
- 803.8 The Freshmen Committee Chair shall keep records of attendance of Freshmen Committee members for all meetings.
- 803.9 The Freshmen Committee Chair will abide by Chapter 305.

Chapter 804: Freshmen Committee Selection and Appointment

- 804.1 All appointments to the Freshmen Committee shall be made by the last meeting in September during the fall semester.
- 804.2 Applications for Freshmen Committee must be submitted by the assigned deadline. The search committee shall use their own discretion to determine a rating system that will be used to judge each application and will rate each candidate's application as outlined by the committee.
- 804.3 Each Freshmen Committee candidate shall be interviewed by the Student Government Association Vice-President, one member from each Senate Committee that was not previously a member of the Freshmen Committee, and at least one former Freshmen Committee member. The search committee shall use their own discretion to determine the rating system that will be used during the interview and will rate each candidate's interview as outlined by the committee.
- 904.4 The search committee will select and recommend for appointment no more than twenty Freshmen Committee candidates based on the applicant's application, interview, and discussion amongst the search committee about the applicant.
- 804.5 Freshmen Committee members shall be appointed to the Freshmen Committee by majority vote of the Senate.
- 804.6 Selection/appointment procedures not already stated shall be set forth by the Student Government Association Vice-President.

Chapter 805: Freshmen Committee Candidacy

805.1 Any first year student in good standing at the University of West Florida may be eligible for appointment to the Freshmen Committee.

Chapter 806: Term of Office

806.1 All members of the Freshmen Committee shall take office at the time of appointment and serve until the completion of the spring semester.

806.2 Members of the Freshmen Committee may not hold a position in the Student Government Association and a position in the Freshmen Committee concurrently.

Chapter 807: Vacancies

807.1 The Chair shall be succeeded by a member of the current Freshmen Committee, appointed by the Student Government Association Vice-President and shall hold office for the duration of the term.

807.2 Candidates for the vacant positions of the Freshmen Committee shall be recommended for appointment by the Student Government Association Vice-President. All vacancies shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Senate.

Chapter 808: Removal from Office

808.1 Motions to remove Freshmen Committee members can be made by any member of the Senate and Executive Committee.

808.2 A Freshmen Committee member may be removed from his or her position in accordance with Chapters 710 & 711. The member in question may produce defense in his or her behalf at the time of the Senate vote.