Subject: Senate President Election

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The University of West Florida Student Government Association

Legislation: 13-14 B XII

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University of West Florida Student Body Constitution.	
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Senate President Jordan Self Be it known that Student Government 13-14 B x T is hereby signed on 2-28-14 Pass: Veto: Christopher Hill Student Body President	

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senates of the Student Government Association.

SECTION 2: COMPOSITION

- A. Composition of the Pensacola Senate:
 - 1. An elected body of students who shall be known as Senators.
 - 2. The Senate President will be determined during the first Senate meeting after a Student Body Election. The previous Senate President shall preside over the meeting until the newly determined Senate President has been sworn in.

 The Senate President shall be elected in the student body elections by majority vote of the Senate. Any senator is eligible to run for Senate President. The Senate President is responsible for the duties outlined in this Constitution and the Student Body Statutes.
- B. Composition of the Emerald Coast Senate
 - 1. An elected body known as Emerald Coast Senators
 - 2. An Emerald Coast Student Senate President who is to be elected by the Student Body
 - 3. An Emerald Coast Senator shall be appointed by the Emerald Coast Senate President to the position of Senate Pro-Tempore. This person is responsible for the duties outlined in the Statutes.

SECTION 3: SENATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Pensacola Student Senate shall:
 - 1. Enact or amend, by two-thirds vote, the Student Body Statutes.
 - 2. Propose, by two-thirds vote, Constitutional amendments.
 - 3. Enact, by majority vote of the Senate, recommendations and resolutions on behalf of the Student Body.
 - 4. Confirm, by two-thirds vote, appointments to fill vacated elective offices

- and by requirements outlined in the Statutes for other appointments.
- 5. Impeach, by majority vote, all elected Student Government Association members and members of the Supreme Court.
- 6. Convict by three-fourth vote, all elected Student Government Association members and members of the Supreme Court.
- 7. Take final student action on the proposed Activity & Service Fee Budget.
- 8. Be required to attend all senate meetings. A Senator who acquires three absences [either Senate meetings or Committee meetings] per semester may be removed through formal removal proceedings as outlined in the statutes. Chairpersons that acquire three absences may be removed through formal removal proceedings as outlined in the statutes. The member in question may produce defense on his/her behalf at the time of the vote, but the member in question forfeits the right to vote on this particular issue.
- 9. Derive all other powers and responsibilities not specified in the Constitution from the Statutes.
- 10. Remove any member who holds an appointed position of the Student Government Association with majority vote of the senate, with exception of the Judicial Branch members.
- 11. Remove any senator who is in violation of the absence policy, as defined by the statutes.

B. The Emerald Coast Student Senate shall:

- 1. Enact or amend, by two-thirds vote, the Student Body Statutes.
- 2. Propose, by two-thirds vote, Constitutional amendments.
- 3. Enact, by majority vote of the Senate, recommendations and resolutions on behalf of the Student Body.
- 4. Confirm, by two-thirds vote, appointments to fill vacated elective offices and by requirements outlined in the Statutes for other appointments.
- 5. Impeach, by majority vote, Emerald Student Government Association members.
- 6. Convict by three-fourth vote, Emerald Coast Student Government Association members.

- 7. Be required to attend all Senate Meetings. A Senator who acquires three absences [either Senate meetings or Committee meetings] per semester may be removed by a majority vote of the Senate. The member in question may produce defense on his/her behalf at the time of the vote, but the member in question forfeits the right to vote on this particular issue.
- 8. Derive all other powers and responsibilities not specified in the Constitution from the Statutes.

SECTION 4: LIMITATION OF POWERS

- A. Legislation of the Student Senate shall be subject to limitations:
 - 1. Only by such officials authorized to do so by the Constitution of the University, by the Board of Trustees or by the President of the University.
 - 2. Only when it directly concerns student functions under University jurisdiction, namely: health, safety, public policy, maintenance of University property, academic policy, and public relations and in other areas specifically denoted in the University Constitution, by the Board of Trustees, or by the University President.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE POWERS

All Executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the President of the Student Government Association, assisted by the Student Government Vice-President and such administrative officers as the President shall appoint in accordance with this article.

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- A. The President, Vice President, <u>Treasurer</u>, <u>and Emerald Coast Governor</u>, <u>Treasurer</u>, and <u>Pensacola Senate President</u> shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast for each office.
- B. All Presidential/Vice-Presidential candidates are required to run on a two person ticket, with a clear distinction of which office each seeks.
- C. A vote for a Presidential/Vice-Presidential ticket will count equally for each candidate on that ticket.