



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The University of West Florida Student Government Association

Sweeping Statutes Bill

Legislation: 15-16 Bill VII

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Mr. Brandon Robinson
48th Senate President

Be it known that Student Government 15-16 Bill VII is hereby signed on

11-6-15

Pass

Veto

11-6-15

Date

Mr. Daniel McBurney
Student Body President

Section 1: Legislative Intent

Legislative Intent: This bill serves as a routine update to the SGA Statutes reflecting necessary or proposed changes gathered throughout the previous year. It also changes the requirements for legislation to be approved and put on the agenda for Senate, replacing the two sponsor system with the signature of the Rules and Statutes Chair or Committee. This is to clarify previous literature in the statutes that was not being properly followed and to assure a healthy process for creating legislation.

Section 2: Bill Contents

205.6

- A. Act as advisors to Student Government Association in all matters relating to information technology.
- B. Coordinate the development of information technology, in accordance with the wishes of the President and all executive members, in order to promote the efficiency and responsiveness of the Student Government Association.
- C. Facilitate the training of Student Government Association Members in the use of any information technology as necessary.
- D. Monitor and manage the Student Government Association website and all integrated services (blogs, calendars, etc) in order to streamline all communication efforts in a modern, timely and efficient manner.
- E. Implement all prepared content for the Student Government website with the direction of the Communications Director and according to the wishes of the President and executive members.
- F. Develop and maintain working relationships with any and all outsourced internet services (web developers, hosting providers, domain registrars, etc).
- G. Report directly to the Director of Communications and performs all other duties deemed necessary.

302.2

The Treasurer shall be responsible to the student body, the Student Senate, and the Student Body President for the accurate and current record-keeping of all transactions made. All such records shall be maintained by the Coordinator of Student Government Association, who shall keep the records on file in a secure

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central location and ensure that they are available for public inspection. The Treasurer shall be responsible for notifying the Student Body President and Student Senate of any irregularities.

304.4

Rules and Statutes Committee shall:

- A. Review any legislation that has been referred to them in their committee meetings. The committee shall make recommendations regarding legislation to the Senate by means of report. In addition, all legislation must be reviewed and signed by the Rules and Statutes Committee or the Rules and Statutes Chair. Once approved, the Rules and Statutes Chair will send the legislation to the Senate President to be put on the agenda. The legislation will then be made available to all Senate members for review at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled Senate meeting.
- B. Review the Statutes for contradiction, ambiguity, or unconstitutionality and to generate legislation regarding such matters with the purpose of correcting them. This legislation shall be written and sponsored by individual members of the Rules and Statutes Committee and submitted in bill form to the Senate.
- C. Be responsible for the orientation of new senators to Robert's Rule of Order and the responsibilities of Senate as a whole.
- D. Review member absences and make recommendations to the Senate President concerning removals.
- E. The Rules and Statutes Chairperson shall preside over Senate meetings in the absence of or at times deemed necessary by the Senate President.
- F. The Rules and Statutes Chairperson shall assist the Senate President in preparation and disbursement of any relevant material or handouts for the Senate.
- G. The Rules and Statutes Chairperson shall receive a stipend of \$2,200, which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of his/her term.

307.1

The Senate President shall file, in numerical order, all Senate Resolutions, Bills, and Recommendations. Each Bill, Resolution, and Recommendation will contain the following information: numerical designation, the Rules and Statutes Chair or Committee signature, author, date of passage and vote.

308.5

Each legislative action will require the signature of the Rules and Statutes Chair or Committee and the author of said legislation in order to be placed on the

agenda and heard in a Student Government Association meeting.

401.1 The following positions shall be elected in the Student Body Elections during Spring Semester.

- A. The Student Body President, Vice President, Treasurer, ~~Senate President~~, Emerald Coast Governor, Emerald Coast Senate President, and all Senators will be elected by a majority of votes.
- B. Senator positions will be determined based on representation from each college.
- C. The number of senator positions for each college will be determined by the Supervisor of Elections and SGA advisor at least two weeks prior to filing opening.
- D. Emerald Coast Senate designated campus positions shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast for the designated Emerald Coast representative seat. The Emerald Coast at large positions shall be filled by the candidates who received a plurality of votes that have not already filled a designated campus position.
 1. See Title IX Chapter 906.

500.3 Endorsement Form

- A. All candidates must collect student signatures showing support of their candidacy. The number of signatures required is as follows:
 - Senator – 75 signatures
 - Treasurer ~~and Senate President~~ – 125 signatures
 - President and Vice President Ticket – 250 signatures
- B. These signatures must be placed on the official SGA endorsement form. Endorsement forms must be turned into the SGA office by the close of filing or the candidate will be ineligible to run. Endorsement forms may be checked by the Election Commission for authenticity. Any invalid signatures may result in disqualification.

500.4 Qualifications for Running and Holding Leadership Positions

- A. President, Vice President, Treasurer, ~~Senate President~~, and Chairpersons must:
 1. Be enrolled at least half-time according to University policy during the fall and spring semesters.

2. Be enrolled in a least three credit hours during the summer semester.
3. Be in good standing with the University

602.4 The Supreme Court must inform the Senate by no later than the last Senate meeting of the fall and spring semester with a written report of the condition of the judicial system and recommend measures for the improvement of the administration of justice.

~~602.5 The Supreme Court shall issue formal written opinions of any legislation passed by the Senate within two weeks of final approval.~~

707.2 No expenditures for campaigning for or against an officer being recalled shall be made until the recall referendum date is publicly announced. Violations of this section will be considered an offense against the student body and as a student conduct offense against the University. Violators will be penalized according to established Student Government Association and University procedures. No person shall accept employment or payment, nor have another person accept employment or payment on their behalf for the circulation of recall petitions.

1000.2 Benefit:

No Student Government member shall participate in any Student Government Association activity or represent Student Government Association as a Student Government Member in any action or activity in which there may be a personal benefit made that conflicts with the interest and benefit of the student body.

1000.3 Misuse of Student Government Property:

No Student Government Member shall use, authorize to use, or condone in any way the wrongful use of Student Government Association property or funds as determined by a Student Government Association Advisor.

1000.6.1 Fraud:

A. No Student Government Member shall willfully misrepresent himself or herself while acting in his or her official capacity.

- B. No Student Government Member shall cover up evidence or misrepresent a fact pertaining to a violation. Student Government members must disclose all knowledge of Student Government corruption.
- C. No Student Government Member will bring false charges or provide false or misleading evidence against another officer, employee or student.
- D. No Student Government Member shall misuse his or her title for personal gain.

1000.7 No Student Government Member shall allow a conflict of interest or personal benefit to influence a vote.

1205.1 All funds remaining in A&S funded accounts shall be swept into the main A&S Fee non-recurring account except:

- A. Funds left in the Student Government Association accounts shall be transferred into the Student Government Association contingency account.
- B. Funds left in the Recreation Administration umbrella of accounts, shall be transferred into the Recreation contingency account.
- C. Funds left in the UCSA Administration and UCSA general umbrella accounts shall be transferred into the Commons contingency account.
- D. Funds left in any Salary account for any A&S funded, non-student positions shall be transferred into the Salary Contingency account.
- E. Funds left in small departments with base budget shall be transferred to their contingency accounts.
- F. If the Budget and Allocations Committee approves a carry forward request from a RSO or department, the funds approved shall be carried forward into that RSO or departments account for the next fiscal year.
 - i. A through F above may be overturned by a Three-Fourths Vote of the Budget and Allocations Committee.