



The University of West Florida Student Government Association Sunshine Compliance and Ex-officio Membership

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Leonie Dupuis
Ms. Leonie Dupuis
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 16-17 Bill VI is hereby signed on _____.

X
Pass 10-24-2016 Veto
Date

[Signature]
Mr. Jacob Hebert
Student Body President

Section 1: Legislative Intent

In conference with the University of West Florida's legal counsel, it was discovered that ex-officio non-voting membership of a board is still viewed as official membership of that board. The ramifications of this understanding are relevant to the Sunshine open government laws of Florida. Due to this implementation of this wide-reaching law, all members of the Student Government Association are not able to speak to each other about any business that happens in SGA. As a result, nearly no progress would be able to be made in the organization.

This bill removes the President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Director of Governmental Affairs, Director of Communications, and Treasurer from ex-officio membership in the Student Senate.

Section 2: Tracked Changes

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, Treasurer, the Freshman Committee, and the Graduate Student Association President shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Senate.~~
- 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.