



The University of West Florida  
Student Government Association

Senate Vacancy Bill

Legislation: 16-17 Bill XVIII  
Author(s): President Herbert

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Ms. Leonie Dupuis  
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 16-17 Bill XVIII is hereby signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Date

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Mr. Jacob Hebert  
Student Body President

## Legislative Intent:

Allow for a more open procedure for filling Senate vacancies.

### Chapter 311: ~~Appointments~~ Vacancies

~~311.1 Senate appointments shall be permitted and each appointed senator shall be expected to complete the unexpired term of his position. In the event a Senate seat becomes vacant, or is not filled by the results of an election, a student can petition to become a member of the Senate.~~

~~311.2 In the event that a vacancy exists, a reasonable effort should be made to fill said seat with a student from the college which has a vacant seat. However, if a student from the college which has a vacant seat is unable to be found, a student from any college may fill the vacant seat. Petitioning for a seat:~~

- ~~A. In order to claim an open seat, a candidate must:
  - a. Meet with the Supervisor of Elections, or another person designated by the Student Body President.
  - b. Collect 150 signatures endorsing them to represent their college.
  - c. Collect 200 signatures endorsing them to represent a college other than their own. Only Supervisor of Elections or the Student Body President can make determination that a member of another college can claim a vacant seat for that college.~~
- ~~B. Upon verification by the Supervisor of Elections or Presidential designee the validity of the signatures, that student becomes a Senator for the designated college.~~

~~311.3 All appointees nominated by the Student Body President shall be present during their Senate confirmation and be confirmed by a Two-Thirds Majority Vote. Being endorsed for a seat:~~

- ~~A. Any single senator can submit a name to the Senate Pro-Tempore for nomination to fill a vacancy.~~
- ~~B. The Senate Pro-Tempore should meet with the nominee to ensure eligibility for membership and understanding of Senatorial responsibilities.~~
- ~~C. The candidate should then be put in front of the Senate for questioning.~~
- ~~D. The candidate will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote approval from the Senators of that College present and voting.~~

- E. The candidate will require a majority vote confirmation from the Senate.
  - a. If there are no Senators from the college in question present at the Senate meeting, the candidate requires only a 2/3 vote of the Senate.