



The University of West Florida
Student Government Association

Sunshine Restructure Bill

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First Reading: _____	Second Reading: _____
Yes: _____	Yes: _____
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Ms. Bayla Bessemer
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 17-18 Bill X is hereby signed on _____.

Pass Veto

Date

Mr. Kishane Patel
Student Body President

Legislative Intent

The University of West Florida Student Government Association serves as an advisory board, not a legitimized government. For this reason, UWF SGA is not mandated by law to follow the Sunshine Law although we may voluntarily subject ourselves to it (as was the case previously). This bill proposes changing the verbiage of UWF SGA Statutes to remove ourselves from the Sunshine Law while maintaining a high level of “openness in government or business”, which is the purpose of the Sunshine Law.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA STUDENT BODY STATUTES

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

Chapter 100: The Student Body Statutes
Chapter 101: Definitions
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TITLE II: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Chapter 200: Presidential Duties and Authority
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Chapter 202: Treasurer Duties and Responsibilities
Chapter 203: The Executive Committee
Chapter 204: The President’s Cabinet
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Chapter 208: Assistant to the President
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TITLE III: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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Chapter 301: Senate Duties and Responsibilities
Chapter 302: Senate Leadership
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Chapter 306: Numbering of Bills, Resolutions, and Recommendations
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TITLE IV: THE STUDENT BODY ELECTION CODE

Chapter 400: The Elections Commission
Chapter 401: Officers to be Elected
Chapter 402: Special Elections
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Chapter 404: Filing for Candidacy
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Chapter 406: Election Appeal
Chapter 407: The Official Ballot Form
Chapter 408: Campaign Expenses, Contributions, and Expense Infractions
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Chapter 410: General Election Procedure
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Chapter 601: Chief Justice Duties and Responsibilities
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Chapter 702: Impeachment from office

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Chapter 704: Referendum and recall
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Chapter 800: Structure
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TITLE IX: EMERALD COAST SENATE

Chapter 900: Emerald Coast Governor
Chapter 901: Structure of the Emerald Coast Senate
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TITLE X: CODE OF ETHICS

Chapter 1000: General Code of Ethics
Chapter 1001: Procedures and Penalties
Chapter 1002: Anti-Discrimination Policy

TITLE XI: ~~The UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE LAW~~ MEETING TRANSPARENCY

Chapter 1100: ~~Sunshine Law~~ Meeting Regulations

TITLE XII: ACTIVITY AND SERVICE FEE

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Chapter 1201: Explanation of Activity & Service Fee
Chapter 1202: Awarding the Activity & Service Fee
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Chapter 1204: Interim Accounts
Chapter 1205: Excess Funds
Chapter 1206: Declaration of Audit Rights

TITLE XIII: CAMPUS COLLABORATION BOARD

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Chapter 1300: Intent
Chapter 1301: Scope and Structure
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TITLE I: DEFINITIONS, INTERPRETATIONS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES

Chapter 100: The Student Body Statutes

The following shall be the system of the Student Body Statutes to be observed by the Student Senate in enacting Statutes and in exercising statutory revision.

100.01 Each title dealing with the related topics which are composed of numerically designated chapters shall be as follows:

TITLE I (100-199)	Definitions, Interpretations, Construction and Statutory Compliance
TITLE II (200-299)	The Executive Branch
TITLE III (300-399)	The Legislative Branch
TITLE IV (400-499)	The Elections and Election Procedures
TITLE V (A - Z)	Addendums
TITLE VI (600-699)	The Judicial Branch
TITLE VII (700-799)	Student Government Officer Accountability & Removal Act
TITLE VIII (800-899)	Freshmen Committee
TITLE IX (900-999)	Emerald Coast Branch Student Government Association
TITLE X (1000-1099)	Code of Ethics
TITLE XI (1100-1199)	The University of West Florida Student Government in the Sunshine Law Meeting Transparency
TITLE XII (1200-1299)	Activity and Service Fee Manual
TITLE XIII (1300-1399)	Campus Collaboration Board

TITLE XI: THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE LAW MEETING TRANSPARENCY

Chapter 1100: ~~Sunshine Law~~ Meeting Regulations

- 1101.01 All Student Government Association meetings must be open to the Public; otherwise, any formal action shall not be considered binding.
- 1101.02 Anyone shall have the option to attend all meetings held under the patronage of Student Government Association except as provided for in these statutes.
- 1101.03 Anyone shall have the right to speak at all meetings held under the patronage of Student Government Association, so long as they have been recognized by the Senate President.
- 1101.04 All Minutes, voting records and forms of correspondence related to the Student Government Association are public records, available upon request.
- 1101.05 Any person may be requested to leave any meeting held under the authority of the meeting's presiding member; ~~however they must be explicitly informed of their respective rights under the Sunshine Law.~~
- 1101.06 No provision of this section shall be construed to prohibit the presiding member of a meeting from maintaining decorum necessary to the facilitation of business, nor to waive anyone's right to call upon law enforcement officials in the event of a criminal disturbance.
- 1101.07 Public notice shall consist of ~~an announcement~~ **notifying the SGA Executive Board, Graduate Assistant, and Advisors** of the meeting time, place and purpose. ~~Any meeting held without prior, twenty-four hour public notice shall be considered in violation of the provisions of this title.~~ **Formal meetings, which include Senate, Committee Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, and Staff Meetings, must provide public notice. Meeting details may requested by any individual by emailing sga@uwf.edu.**