



The University of West Florida Student Government Association

Governmental Affairs Restructuring

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Ms. Noemi Gaytan
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 19-20 Bill XIV is hereby signed on _____.

Pass

Veto

Date

Ms. Zenani D. Johnson

Student Body President

Legislative Intent:

- An Office of Governmental Affairs, with two employees;
- Director of Internal Affairs, tasked with local lobbying, civic engagement, and internal election prep work;
- Director of External Affairs, tasked with state lobbying, Rally in Tally, etc.

Chapter 204: President's Cabinet

204.01 The President's Cabinet shall be composed of:

- A. The primary cabinet positions of Chief of Staff, Director of Communications, ~~Director of Internal Affairs~~, Director of External Relations ~~Affairs~~, and Director of Diversity Initiatives.
- B. Other extended cabinet offices which the president deems necessary.
- C. The president may at their discretion appoint as President Emeritus any currently enrolled former Student Body President from the University of West Florida.

Chapter 207: Office of ~~Governmental Affairs~~ External Relations

207.01 There shall be a ~~Director of Internal Affairs~~, a ~~Director of External Affairs~~, ~~Director of External Relations~~, a Governmental Affairs Coordinator, and a Supervisor of Elections.

207.02 Office of ~~Governmental Affairs~~ External Relations shall:

- A. Remain updated with state, local, national and university affairs.
- B. Maintain a working relationship with The Florida Student Association.
- C. Maintain a working relationship with **state elected** representatives in Tallahassee and Washington D.C.
- D. Work with **the** University of West Florida administration.
- E. Be responsible for overseeing the election process and any other referendum election.
- F. Work with Chief of Staff to maintain student representation on university

Standing Committees.

G. Gather student input through the Student Affairs Committee regarding university, state, national, and local issues.

H. Assist the President and other staff with regards to speechwriting, presentation creation, project research, program analysis, and other clerical tasks that would help support good external relations.

~~H-I.~~ Perform all other duties deemed necessary by the Chief of Staff.

207.03 Director of External ~~Affairs Relations~~ shall:

A. Be responsible for ~~state and national~~ lobbying on behalf of the students.

B. Plan lobbying trips for SGA leadership to attend, including the Florida Student Association's Rally in Tally and UWF Day at the Capitol.

C. Keep up to date with matters pertaining to the Florida Student Association.

~~D. Arrange Town Hall meetings when relevant to state and national governmental — issues.~~

~~D.~~ Serve as the primary liaison to community organizations, campus partners, and other external entities with which SGA collaborates.

~~E.~~ E. Report directly to the Chief of Staff and perform all other duties deemed necessary by the Chief of Staff.

~~F.~~ F. The Director of External ~~Affairs Relations~~ shall receive a stipend of ~~\$750~~ ~~\$1250~~, which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term.

207.04 The ~~Director of Internal Affairs-Governmental Affairs Coordinator~~ shall:

A. Research issues affecting Escambia County and the University of West Florida and inform the Senate of such findings.

B. Assist lobbying efforts on behalf of Pensacola and the University.

~~C. Help the Chief of Staff with maintaining representation on standing — committees.~~

D. Work with the Director of External ~~Affairs Relations~~ to put on events such as Rock the Vote during elections.

- E. Arrange Town Hall meetings when relevant to ~~local~~ governmental issues.
- F. Report directly to the ~~Chief of Staff~~ Director of External Relations and perform all other duties deemed necessary by the ~~Chief of Staff~~ Director of External Relations.
- G. The ~~Director of Internal Affairs~~ Governmental Affairs Coordinator shall receive a stipend of ~~\$1,000-\$500~~, which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term.

207.05 The Supervisor of Elections shall:

- A. Organize the general elections in the spring semester in accordance with Title IV.
- B. Organize referendum elections when necessary.
- C. Maintain and inform the Senate and student body of any open seats or positions open within Student Government Association.
- D. Oversee the interview and application process of all of Student Government Association.
- E. Report directly to and perform all other duties deemed necessary by the ~~Director of Governmental Affairs~~ Student Government Advisor.