THE SIXTY SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE

Bill 28

Sponsored by: Senator Moorhead

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTH SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 400. (See attached).

The purpose of this revision is to clarify the role of the Senate Clerk.

Verified:

SGA Interim Director Student Affairs

OFFICIAL:

Student Senate Program Assistant

PASSED: 8th of April, 2015
A bill to be entitled, An Act

IN THE SENATE

A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 400, to clarify the role of the Senate Clerk.

Read 1st Time 3-25-15
Read 2nd Time 4-8-15
Read 3rd Time ________

with _____ For, and ______ Against

Introduced by Senator(s) Moorhead
and sponsored by Senator(s) Moorhead

Referred to Committee on 3-25-15

Voted For _____ X _____ Against ________

Report: Favorable ______ Unfavorable ______

With Amendments Substitute ______

Without Recommendation ______

Date ____________________________

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

President of the Senate ___________________ Date 4-9-15

Program Assistant to the Senate ___________________ Date 4-10-15

President of the Student Body ___________________ Date 4/16/15

Vice President for Student Affairs ___________________ Date 4-16-15

The Senate amended the bill and sent Bill 28 back to the SBP. 4/16/15
Chapter 400 Organization of the Senate

400.2 Senate Officers

The Senate President shall be responsible for the duties of all vacant Senate Officers.

A. There shall be a President of the Senate who shall be elected by majority vote of the Senate from its membership immediately following fall inauguration. The Senate President shall be the chief legislative officer of the Student Body and shall perform duties as provided by law and Senate Rules of Procedure.

B. There shall be a Senate President Pro-Tempore who shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate from its membership immediately following fall inauguration. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall assist the President of the Senate and perform duties as provided by law and by Senate Rules of Procedure.

C. There shall be a Senate Program Assistant. The Senate Program Assistant shall perform duties as provided by law, Senate Rules of Procedure and as directed by the President of the Senate.

D. There shall be a Parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Senate, from outside the membership of the Senate and who shall serve at Senate President's discretion. The Parliamentarian shall, upon request, give advice on parliamentary procedure and any applicable law(s).

E. There shall be a Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be appointed by the Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Senate, from outside the membership of the Senate and who shall serve at the Senate President's discretion. This individual shall attend the Senate meetings and maintain order under the direction of the Senate President or Presiding Officer. The Sergeant at-arms shall endorse enforce strictly the rules relating to the privileges of the chamber.

F. There shall be a Senate Clerk, who shall be appointed by the Senate President, subject by the confirmation of the Senate who shall serve at Senate President's discretion. The Senate Clerk shall attend the Senate during its meetings and mainly be responsible for distributing legislation, ballots, messages and other literature to Senators within the Chamber. The Senate Clerk should be...
responsible for maintaining the Senate social media presence and creating a weekly calendar of Senate funded or related events. The Senate Clerk shall have the responsibility for taking notes on the major points of debate and any other points of interest to be included in a Legislative History Report. In the event that there is no Senate Clerk employed at the time, the Senate President may choose a Senator to take comprehensive notes on the debate. The Clerk shall also perform any other duties that the Senate President shall determine to be necessary for these purposes.

4. The Senate Clerk shall record and publish the votes of all Senators. Rules and Procedure of the Senate shall be amended to ensure that all Senator’s votes on all bills in final form shall be recorded in an honest way. The Senate Clerk shall compile the votes into a chart illustrating how each Senator voted on all bills. The Clerk shall then forward this to the SGA Webmaster for posting on the SGA Website. Attendance at Senate meetings shall be recorded and published. The highest ethical standards shall go into the Clerk’s role of recording votes and attendance for publishing to the website. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall be the immediate supervisor for the collecting and publishing of Senator’s votes.

G. During the summer meetings of the Senate, the Senate President may select a temporary replacement for any appointed officer, if that individual is absent during the session.

H. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur immediately after the reading of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment or departure of a sitting Chair and Vice Chair.

1. A chair or vice chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on; only those who have served on the committee for minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote.

I. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.2 G H
Revisions: Chapter 400 and 800

J. No Senator may serve on more than one standing committee, at the same time, except that they may serve on Rules and Calendar in addition to being a Chair of their committee.

K. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.

Chapter 411 Senator's Committee Rights

a. D. Committee members will be allowed two (2) three (3) unexcused absences, after which point the chair must call for a motion to remove the Senator from the committee. Such a motion will require a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the committee that they were on. Only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote. If the motion passes the Senate President must be immediately notified at the conclusion of the meeting where the motion takes place.

1. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must email the vice chair at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or, in the event of an unforeseen circumstance on the day of the meeting, 24 hours after the meeting providing information as to why they were not present. The request shall be approved by a majority vote of the committee at the next meeting. All excused absences must comply with the Florida State University policy.

2. Two (2) tardys shall count as an unexcused absence.

3. Once a Senator has been notified of removal from their assigned committee they will have two (2) business days to submit their availability and request for a new committee assignment to the Senate President.