



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

## 71st Student Senate

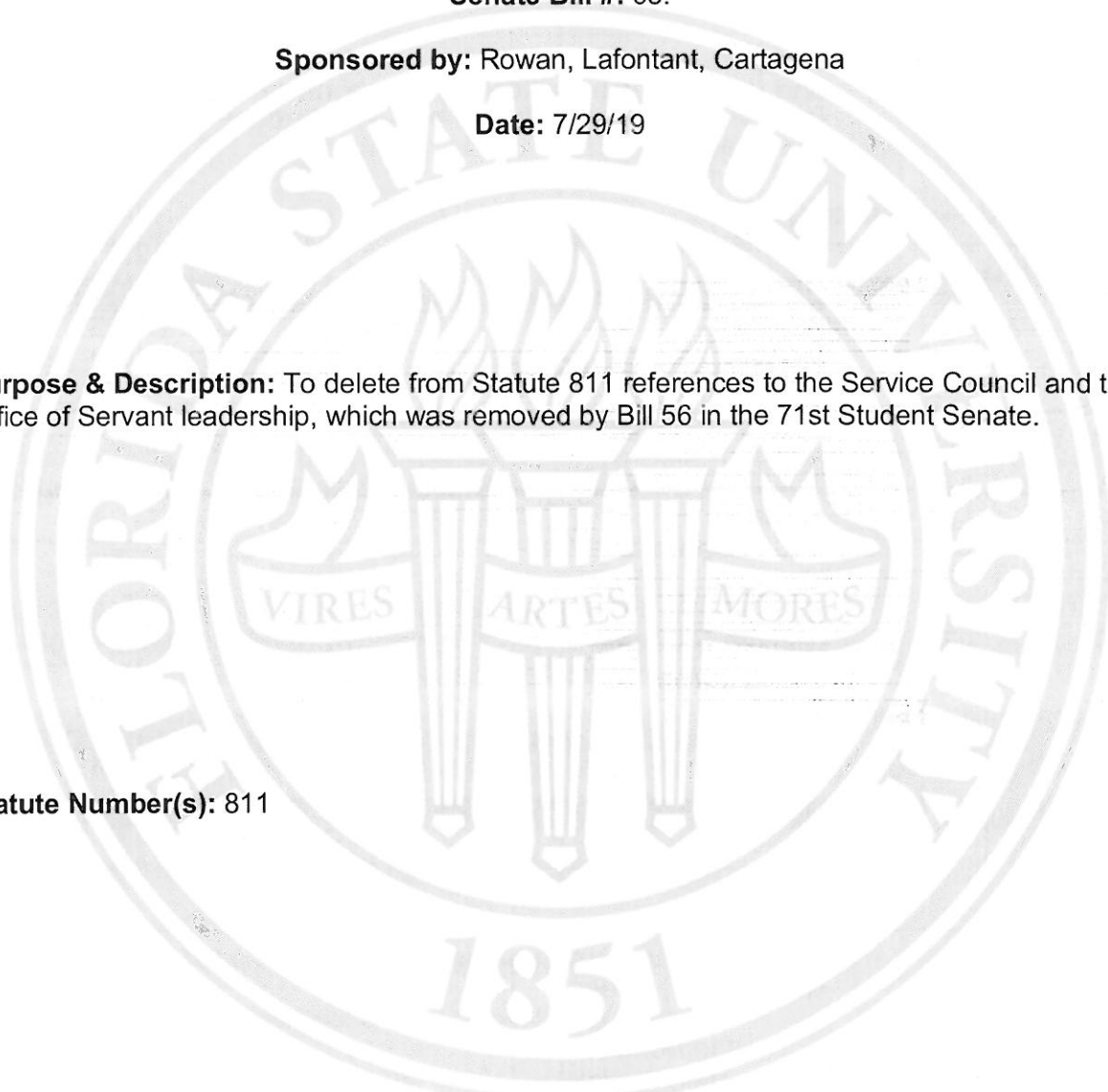
**Senate Bill #:** 68.

**Sponsored by:** Rowan, Lafontant, Cartagena

**Date:** 7/29/19

**Purpose & Description:** To delete from Statute 811 references to the Service Council and the Office of Servant leadership, which was removed by Bill 56 in the 71st Student Senate.

**Statute Number(s):** 811



## Chapter 811 The Service Funding Act of 2009

### 811.1 Title and Purpose

#### A. Title

This act shall be known as the Service Funding Act of 2009.

#### B. Purpose

The purpose of this act is to explicitly outline the process, rules, and regulations by which organizations whose primary mission is service will receive funds from the Student Government Association.

### ~~811.2 Service Council~~

~~A. The Service Council shall be an association under the purview of the Office of~~

~~Servant Leadership. It shall be composed of all Recognized Student Organizations whose primary mission is service. In order to be eligible to be in the Service Council, the organizations must:~~

~~1. Be a Recognized Student Organization with the Student Activities Center.~~

~~2. Have their President and Treasurer financially certified with the Student Government Association Accounting Office.~~

~~3. Submit an application to the Executive Board of Office of Servant Leadership and be granted admission by a majority vote.~~

~~4. Not receive funds through a line item in the annual budget.~~

~~5. Any organization denied membership to the Service Council may appeal the decision to the Student Senate, which can overturn the denial by a majority vote.~~

~~B. The Service Council shall have the power to call a meeting at any time. The~~

~~body serves solely as a way of classifying all service organizations and verifying that the mission of their organization is service.~~

### 811.3 Requirements for Funding

- ~~A. Recognized Student Organizations whose primary mission is service and are looking to receive money from the Fund Distribution Committees or Funding Board for the purpose of serving shall be required to meet the following guidelines:~~
- ~~1. Meet the requirements of, and be admitted to the Service Council.~~
  - ~~2. Show physical proof of an attempt to fund-raise for the event or trip.~~
  - ~~3. Meet all legal requirements to serve and receive proper background checks as necessary.~~
- ~~B. Organizations whose primary purpose is not service may be funded for service by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Fund Distribution Committee.~~

811.2 Service Travel

- A. Service organizations will only be granted funds for transportation and lodging as it relates to travel. A&S Fees may not be spent for any other purpose related to a service trip.
- B. International travel must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of any Fund Distribution Committee or Funding Board.
- C. Service organizations may apply for funding to attend relevant service, advocacy conferences.

811.3 Equipment, Supplies and Resources

- A. Any equipment used for service may be purchased by an individual organization, but equipment is the property of the Florida State University Student Government Association.
- B. Any equipment purchased must be reusable and long-lasting.
- C. Equipment purchased with funds granted by the Student Government Association and used for hard labor by service organizations must be permanently stored at the Center for Leadership and Social Change.
- D. Service organizations will be eligible for funds for business and office supplies to be used within the university. Office materials and supplies purchased with A&S

monies may not be used to fundraise.

- E. Service organizations will be eligible for funds for registration fees and training workshops costs.





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## 71st Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 69

Sponsored by: Senator Ready

Date: 8/29/2019

**Purpose & Description:** The Union Board is composed of 12 students each elected by the entire student body during the Spring Elections. The Union Board Chair forwards two members to serve on the Resource for Travel Allocations Committee and another two members to serve on the Programming Allocations Committee. Since Union Board members are duly elected by the Student Body, they need not be confirmed to their positions. This would allow the members to immediately take their position.

**Statute Number(s):** 807.4 Construction of the Fund Distribution Committees

- B. Students shall apply to be committee members through the online SGA Application. SOAR Board must forward two (2) members to be on each committee. The Chair of the Union Board must also forward select two (2) members to be on each committee. The remaining five (5) individuals will be members at large. The Student Senate President and Senate President Pro Tempore and the committee chair will select all at large members after an application process. The selected candidates shall be forwarded to the Finance Committee and then to the Senate as a whole for confirmation. If the forwarded candidates of the ~~Union Board or SAC~~ SOAR Board are not selected, the new candidates must be forwarded. Members selected from the Union Board need not be confirmed and will take their seats at the committee once the Student Senate President and Committee Chair receive the forwarding letter from the Chair of the Union Board.
1. Committee member's terms will last approximately one (1) fiscal year.
  2. No committee member may vote on funds for an organization that they are a member.
  3. Committee members will be allowed three (3) excused absences (as defined by Florida State University policy and two (2) unexcused absences, at which point the Chair may remove that member. If the member is from Union Board or Soar Board, the respective Board must forward another candidate.



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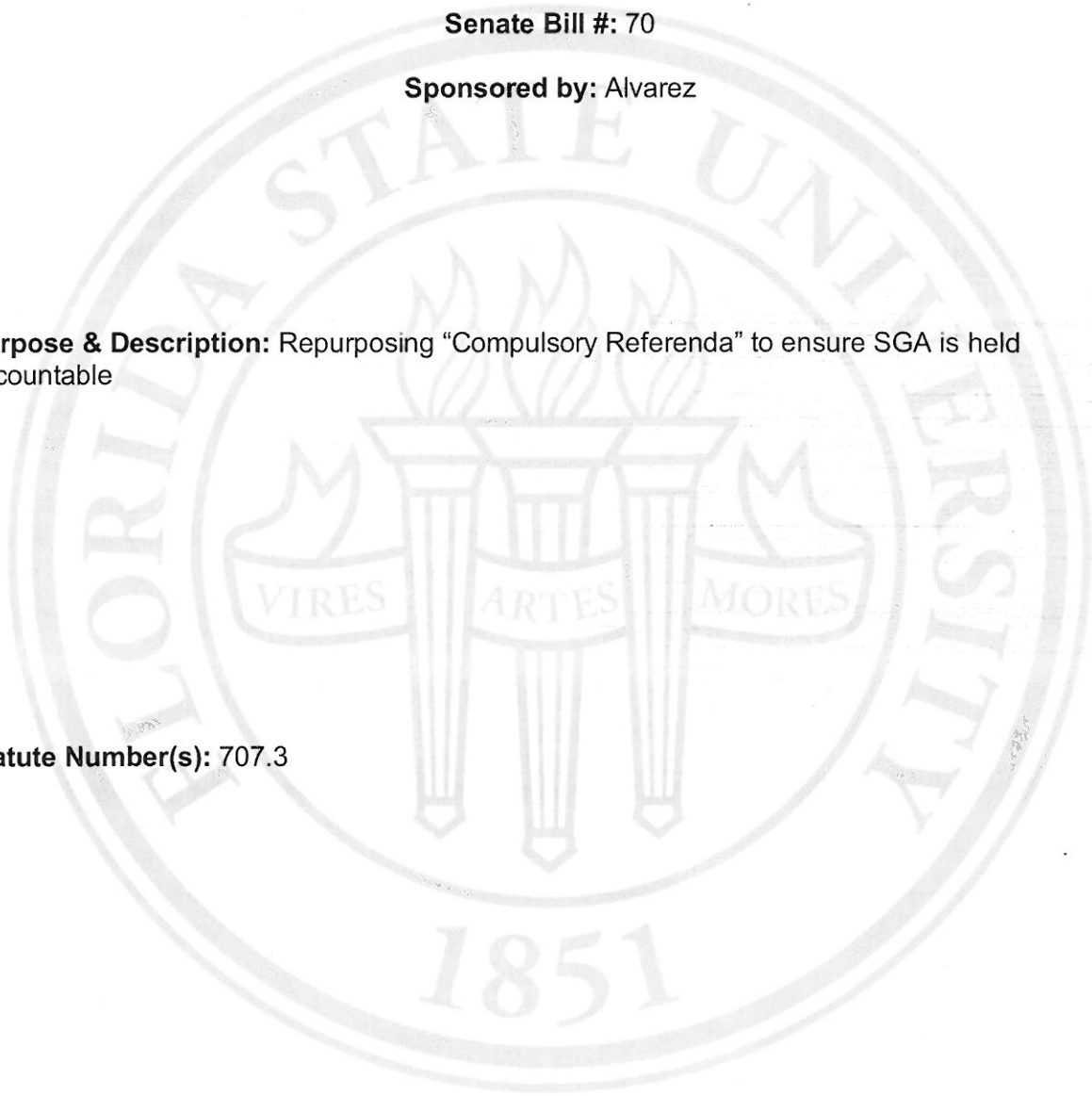
## 71st Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 70

Sponsored by: Alvarez

**Purpose & Description:** Repurposing "Compulsory Referenda" to ensure SGA is held accountable

Statute Number(s): 707.3



707.3 Compulsory referenda

In addition to those referenda proposed pursuant to Section 2, Article VI, Student Body Constitution, and Student Body Statute 707.2, the following referenda shall automatically be submitted to the electors of the Student Body ~~for approval or rejection~~ during the fall and spring general elections as follows:

~~1. Non-Denominational Invocation at University Commencement Ceremonies~~

- ~~a. The question of whether the Student Body supports invocation exercises, or prayers led by student volunteers, to be conducted at the fall, spring, and summer commencement ceremonies, shall be submitted to the electors of the Student Body at each fall election.~~
- ~~b. The following statement shall be placed on the ballot:~~

~~Non-Denominational Invocation at University Commencement Ceremonies:~~

~~The invocation, or opening prayer, led by student volunteers, shall be conducted at the fall, spring, and summer graduation and commencement ceremonies for this academic year.~~

- ~~1. Each compulsory referendum shall require a majority vote of the electors of the Student Body to be approved.~~

1. Please answer Yes or No to the following questions

- a. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Government?
- b. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Senate
- c. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Executive Branch? (President, Vice President, etc.)
- d. Do you approve of the work by SGA Agencies/Bureaus? (Identity Student Unions, OGA, SCURC, etc.)



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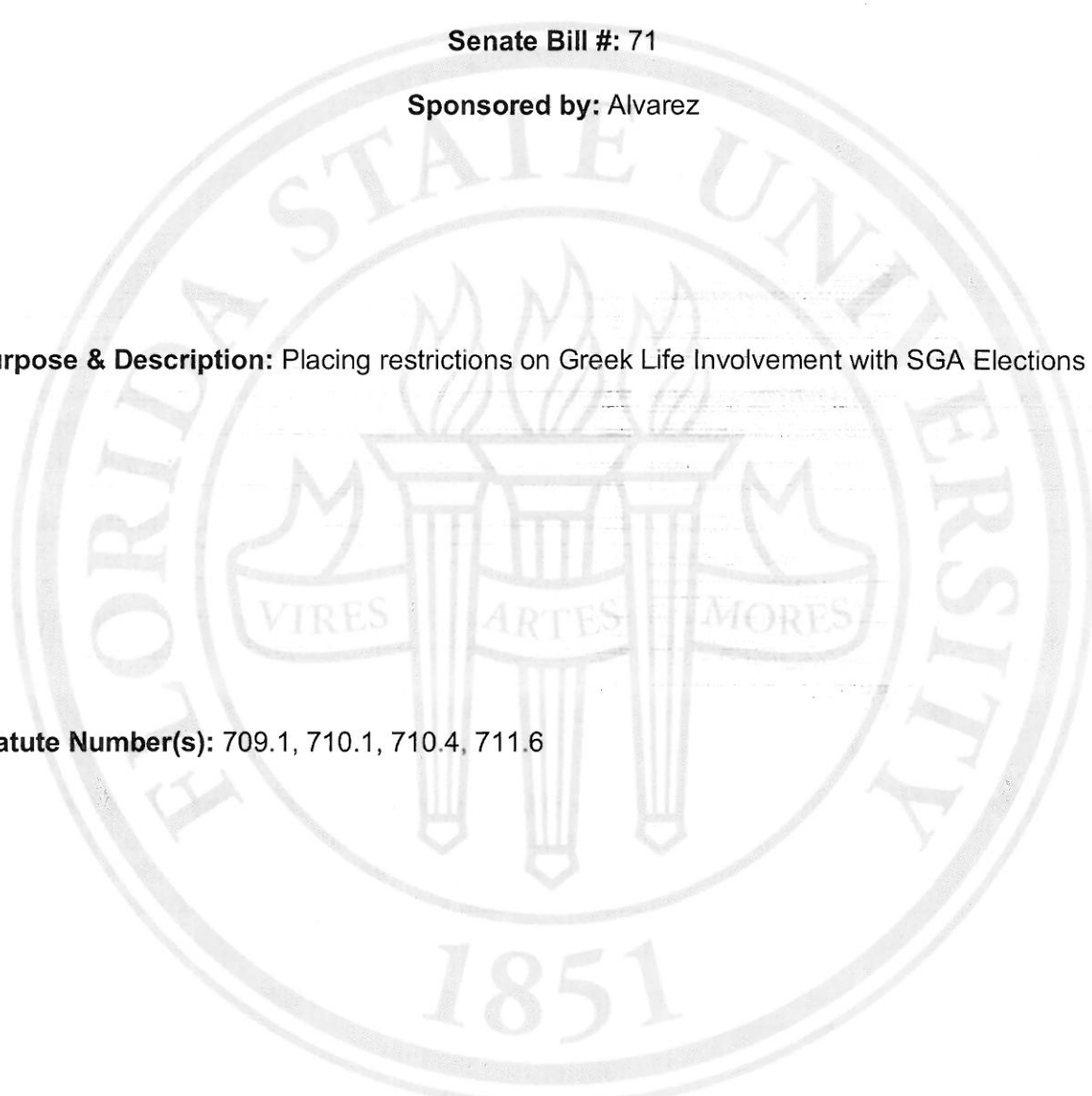
## 71st Student Senate

**Senate Bill #: 71**

**Sponsored by: Alvarez**

**Purpose & Description:** Placing restrictions on Greek Life Involvement with SGA Elections

**Statute Number(s):** 709.1, 710.1, 710.4, 711.6



## Chapter 709 Campaigning Rules and Finances

### 709.1 Regulation of Campaign Material and Other Activities

- A. Campaign materials may be placed in University owned academic buildings in places provided for general information such as billboards. Any marking of other university property must be approved by the proper university authority or authorities.
  - 1. Campaign materials shall not exceed 11x17 inches in/on an academic buildings.
  - 2. No adhesive-backed material may be used in academic buildings, excluding tape.
- B. Location of Off-Campus Posters
  - 1. Campaign material is prohibited on any privately-owned property, except that candidates may post materials on private property should they obtain the consent of the property owner or manager. Campaign materials posted on private property must still be in compliance with all applicable provisions of this code, including the time in which campaigning is allowed. Privately owned vehicles shall be deemed the property of their owners for the purposes of this Election Code.
- C. All material and activity in the Union and on FSU campuses shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of Oglesby Union policy.
- D. There shall be no campaigning via email to the electorate, faculty, and staff employed by the Florida State University with the exceptions of:
  - 1. Independent candidates or political parties shall not be prohibited from contacting party officers, candidates, and members of the electorate who have opted into an internal data system used for electronic communication in an electronic form created by the Supervisor of Elections.
- E. There shall be no campaign materials posted within campus owned residence halls.
- F. Campaigning inside of university owned libraries, dining halls and the dining establishments located in the Union is strictly prohibited.
- G. There shall be no campaign materials posted within properties associated with organizations governed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
- H. Campaigning inside of properties associated with organizations governed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is strictly prohibited

## Chapter 710 Campaign Finances

### 710.1 Campaign Expenses

- A. Fair Market Value of a single item shall be defined as the retail (non-discounted) value of that single item, with applicable taxes.
  - 1. All items posted prior to the beginning of campaigning that do not call for the action to vote shall not constitute a campaign expense. This shall include all campaign materials.
- B. Discounted items that are available to all persons and parties at the time of purchase shall be exempted from fair market value criterion.
- C. Cash expenditures are defined as all monies spent for the purpose of campaigning.
- D. Discounts and donations are defined as the receipt of anything of marketable value used for the purpose of campaigning and including but not limited to, campaign materials, professional service, or the donation of billboards or radio advertisements, or their equivalent.
- E. The Supervisor of Elections shall rule on all questions of value regarding campaign expense.
- F. Total campaign expenses shall not exceed \$12,000 for all candidates of a party in any one general or special election. Party expenses shall be attributed to each candidate of the party.
- G. Campaign expense limits of independent candidates shall be as follows:
  - 1. President and Vice President: \$7,000
  - 2. Senate Candidates: \$500
  - 3. Union Board or Recreation Board Candidates: \$1,000
  - 4. All other elected offices: \$500
  - 5. Student Body Treasurer Candidates: \$3,000
  - 6. Senior Class President and Vice President: \$3,500
  - 7. Senior Class Treasurer: \$1,000
  - 8. Senior Class Secretary: \$1,000
- H. All expenditures of any candidate shall be paid by the campaign (party or independent) manager and/or treasurer.

- I. Candidates shall not receive contributions of any kind from Student Government Association organizations- or organizations governed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- J. For the Black Student Union, the following expense limits shall be in effect during their campus-wide elections:
  - 1. Political parties: \$3,500.
  - 2. Independent Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the same ticket: \$2,000.
  - 3. Independent Secretary and treasurer candidates: \$1,000 each.

#### 710.2 Expense Statements

- A. In all elections, sample(s) of all campaign materials must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than twenty-four (24) hours after distribution. Said sample campaign material shall become public information upon submission. All sample campaign materials are defined in 701.1E. Any time someone purchases campaign materials it must be accompanied by the purchase receipt, and, if applicable, a written statement listing any gifts received – including discounts in procurement of materials.
- B. Final expense statements shall be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Friday following any election, and shall include:
  - 1. A statement of the cumulative campaign expenditures based on the fair market value, signed by the candidates and/or party chairman.
  - 2. An itemized list of all expenses.
  - 3. A signed statement provided by the Supervisor of Elections attesting to the validity of the total campaign expenses and contributions, and that all campaign contributions were collected in accordance with Student Body Statutes.
  - 4. An itemized report containing the full name, residence, or business address of each person who has made one or more contributions in any form to the campaign.
  - 5. Campaign Contribution Statement, A copy of all account statements, check stubs, deposit slips, and any other financial documents shall be submitted on the first Wednesday of active

campaigning as well as in the candidate or party's final expense statement.

6. Final Expense Statements shall be matched to financial records kept by the Supervisor of Elections to verify accuracy.
- C. Expense statements shall be submitted only on the official forms as prescribed by the Supervisor of Elections.
  - D. Social media, radio, or television advertisements shall be considered a campaign expense only if free equal time is not made available for each candidate for a particular office.
  - E. A final expense statement must be filed by candidates/political parties that have no expenditures.
    1. If a candidate or political party spends no money on campaigning, a sworn statement to that effect, made available by the Supervisor of Elections, shall be accepted as an official final expense statement. This documentation must be submitted in the same manner as a traditional final expense statement.
  - F. A Complete Final Expense Statement will be defined as a Final Expense Statement that includes every point listed in Student Body Statutes 710.2 B, or the provisions as outlined in 710.3 E. (1).
  - G. An Incomplete Final Expense Statement will be defined as inconsistent, or not including every point listed in Student Body Statutes 710.3 B (1) through 710.3 B (6). Failure to submit a complete Final Expense Statement by 12 p.m. the Friday following the elections, will be considered incomplete. Failure to submit a verifiably complete final expense statement by 12 p.m. the Friday following the election will constitute a Schedule I Violation, consistent with 711.6 B11. The Supervisor of Elections must notify by email and publicly post online whether the final expense statement is complete or incomplete by 5 p.m. Friday.
    1. Upon notice of a final expense statement being incomplete, the political party or independent candidate has until 4 p.m. the following Monday. Failure to rectify a verifiably incomplete financial statement by 4 p.m. the following Monday will constitute a Schedule 4 Violation, consistent with 711.6E.
    2. If the individual or political party has not rectified a verifiably Incomplete Final Expense Statement by 4 p.m. the following Tuesday the individual or political party will be immediately disqualified.



- H. If the Supervisor of Elections fails to notify an individual political party or candidate, and the notice of Incompleteness is not posted online, this offense is grounds for immediate termination as decided by the Student Body President.

### 710.3 Campaign Treasuries

- A. All political parties as well as independent candidates shall have a designated campaign treasurer, if money is spent on their campaign. Candidates running individually, without the aid of a political party are exempt from this rule.
- B. Campaign treasuries shall be placed in a non-personal bank account; this bank account must be used only for party and campaign treasuries. Independent candidates are exempt from this non-personal bank account provision.
- C. The Campaign Contribution Statement and any other financial documents shall be submitted on the first Wednesday of campaigning and in the independent candidate or political party's final expense statement. This shall be submitted on a form produced by the Supervisor of Elections.

### 710.4 Campaign Contributions

- A. Political parties and candidates must be able to account for all contributions. The contribution shall be a part of the campaign contribution statement and final expense statement, and must detail which individual donated the campaign contribution.
- B. Campaign contributions may not be collected from individuals seeking an A&S Fee contract with SGA within the next calendar year. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit current students holding or seeking an OPS position from contributing to campaigns.
- C. In cases where campaign materials are sold (i.e. shirts, cups, etc.) to raise funds for a political party or candidate, individual records in accordance with 710.4 A, must be kept when the profit per unit equals or exceeds five (5) dollars. Regardless of profit or involvement of campaign goods, anytime "Membership" is extended in return for dues or fees, the donating individual must be recorded.
- D. No money may be accepted by a campus political party or candidate from any SGA entity or other A&S funded RSO of any sort, regardless of whether the funds are Activity and Service Fee-based or self-generated.
- E. Campaign contributions may not be collected from individuals who are members of any organizations governed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

1. Candidates for office who are also members of any organization governed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life are still permitted to personally donate to their own individual campaign or to their affiliated party.

## Chapter 711 Violations and Penalties

### 711.6 Violations of the Code

- A. No violations will contest or come in contradiction with Section 711.4L.
- B. Schedule 1 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:
  1. Removing, obscuring, or damaging another candidate's or political party's campaign materials within a given space such as a bulletin board or general flyer area.
  2. Campaigning within a polling site perimeter. Such a violation may only be alleged by the Supervisor of Elections, who must ensure that polling site perimeters are clearly marked on the day of an election.
  3. Using band or audio amplification within one hundred (100) feet of a polling site.
  4. Using materials larger than 11" X 17" in academic classrooms.
  5. Using adhesive-backed material in an academic building, excluding tape.
  6. Having any posted campaign flyers in a classroom.
  7. Using Residence Halls for campaigning purposes and being within fifteen (15) feet of entrances or exits for campaigning purposes.
  8. Using chalk in any form for campaigning as defined in Section 701.1 A.
  9. Engaging in any action against Chapter 709 and Chapter 710 of the Student Body Statutes, including but not limited to violations of posting policies.
  10. Failing to remove campaign materials within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of the polls.
  11. Submitting an incomplete financial statement, consistent with 710.2 G.

C. Schedule 2 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:

1. Bringing false or malicious charges against another candidate or political party.
2. The issuing or utilization of any newspaper article, social media posting, video, posters, placards, signs, signboards, leaflets, folders, handbills, flyers, banners, t-shirts, buttons, pain, handwritten announcements, audio announcements, or circulars of any size and consistency that is publicly libelous against a candidate for an elected office of the student body.
  - a. This shall apply to political party's executive board members, candidates, and/or dues-paying members in the current semester.
3. Defacing or damaging poll booths or University election related material.
4. Campaigning prior to one (1) week before the election.
5. Performing an activity that would place another party in violation.
6. Offering goods or services in exchange for votes, not including campaign materials as specified in Chapter 701.1 E of the Student Body Statutes.
7. Using the past and/or present SGA logo on campaign items.
8. Utilizing any Student Government equipment or resources for endorsement or support for or against any candidate, platform, political party, or ballot item.
9. Utilizing any equipment, resources, or labor from organizations, and members thereof, affiliated with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for endorsement or support for or against any candidate, platform, political party, or ballot item.
- ~~9-10.~~ Vandalism or any unauthorized marking of university or private property for campaign purposes, other than poll booths or election related materials.
- ~~10-11.~~ Exceeding the number of votes cast on a single non-University owned computer as specified by Chapter 713.4 H.
- ~~11-12.~~ Students will not be able to install a de-facto polling site with multiple computers not supervised by SGA for the purpose of garnering votes on or off campus.



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## 71st Student Senate

**Senate Bill #: 72**

**Sponsored by: Weber**

**Date: 3/22/197/1/19**

**Purpose & Description:** To Update Election Code Statutes in Chapter 700 in accordance with University Policies. An act to create a Senate Legislation Writing Workshop

**Statute Number(s):** 207.7 Senate Legislation Writing Workshop

- A. After the New Senator Orientation the Senate Pro Tempore shall conduct a seminar for all new senators, and any returning senators who wish to join, for guiding legislators in how to properly draft, edit, and submit all types of Senate legislation including but not limited to: allocation and transfer bills, resolutions, statute revisions, and constitutional amendments. This workshop should take place within three weeks of fall and spring inauguration, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- B. The Senate Pro Tempore may enlist the aid of experienced senators in helping the Pro Tempore educate and guide new senators in crafting legislation.
- C. This workshop shall not be the only opportunity that newly sworn-in senators can seek aide from the Senate Pro Temp. The Senate Pro Temp will make themselves available for any senator who requests reasonable assistance in drafting, editing, or revising legislation of any kind.



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## 71st Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 73

Sponsored by: Alvarez

**Purpose & Description:** Clarifying the procedures for filling Vacancies for the office of Elections

**Statute Number(s):** 702.1

### Chapter 702 Supervisor of Elections Office

702.1 Selection Process

A. Supervisor of Elections

1. A Supervisor of Elections shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by majority vote of the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 405.2 A of Student Body Statutes.
2. A Supervisor of Elections must be appointed no later than the last week of the Spring semester four (4) weeks prior to an election and confirmed by the Senate no later than the first Student Senate meeting of the fall semester. three (3) weeks prior to that election.
  - a. If the there is no Supervisor of Elections leaves office within three (3) weeks of an election, a Deputy Supervisor of Elections must be appointed by the Student Body President immediately subject to Senate confirmation. If this is not done, the Student Senate shall be empowered to interview and choose its own candidate for the position.
  - b. Should the Senate choose its own candidate, the President must notify the Senate within one (1) week of the certification of that given election if they will seek to nominate a new Supervisor or retain the one chosen by the Senate for the remainder of their term



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## 71st Student Senate

**Amendment #: 4.**

**Sponsored by: Alvarez**

**Purpose & Description:** Ensuring the current Student Constitution is Gender Neutral

**Statute Number(s):** Article 3 Section 2 C and D, Section 3 D and I, Section 4 A, Article 4 Section 3 B§2 and §3, Section 5 A§5, Section 7, and Article 7 Section 1 of the Student Constitution

### **Statement of Intent**

The purpose of this Amendment is to replace existing instances within the Student Body Constitution of "He, Him, His, She, Her, Hers" with "They, Them, Their, Theirs".

**Article III THE EXECUTIVE**

**Section 2 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS**

- C. There shall be a Student Body Treasurer who shall be elected by plurality of those voting in the student body elections. The Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to ~~him or her~~ them by statute
- D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to ~~him or her~~ them by statute.

**Section 3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT**

- D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to ~~him or her~~ them by statute
- I. Remove, at ~~his~~ their discretion, any officer whom ~~he has~~ they have appointed to a position in the Executive Branch.

**Section 4 DUTIES OF THE OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- A. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in ~~his or her~~ their absence or upon ~~his or her~~ their request.

**Article IV JUDICIARY**

**SECTION 3 SUPREME COURT**

- B. Procedures
  - 2. The Chief Justice shall preside over sessions of the Supreme Court. If the Chief Justice, in ~~his~~ their absences, fails to designate an Acting Chief Justice, then the Student Body President shall designate an Associate Justice to be acting Chief Justice.
  - 3. The Clerk shall keep records of the Court, shall cause all decision except privileged matter to be made available to members of the Student Body, and shall deliver into the hands of ~~his~~ their successor all permanent records of the Court.

**SECTION 5 SELECTION AND VACANCIES**

- A. Justices shall be appointed by the Student Body President confirmed by Student Senate as follows:
  - 5. All Justices of the Student Supreme Court must have completed the Evidence courses at the College of Law before taking office. A Justice may also sit on the Student Supreme Court if ~~he/she is~~ they are currently taking these courses during the semester in which ~~he/she is~~ they are confirmed by the Student Senate.



## **SECTION 7 CONTEMPT**

The Supreme Court shall have the power to cite the defendant's counsel, the opposing counsel, all parties at interest, a witness or spectator for contempt of court and shall have the power to try ~~him/her~~ them for this offense and issue punishment thereof. This punishment shall be defined as a reasonable penalty that the Supreme Court deems appropriate for the particular case.

## **Article VII RECALL OF STUDENT BODY OFFICIALS**

### **SECTION 1 METHOD OF RECALL**

Every elected official of the Florida State University Student Body is subject, as herein provided, to recall by the legal voters of the Florida State University Student Body. The person or persons demanding recall shall set forth in a petition the reasons for the demand of recall. If the elected official in question offers ~~his or her~~ their resignation it shall be accepted and take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law. If ~~he or she does~~ they do not resign within thirty days an election will be held to determine whether the people will recall the officer. On the sample ballot at the election shall be printed in not more than two hundred (200) words the reasons for demanding recall and in not more than two hundred (200) words the officers justification of ~~his~~ their course in office. ~~He or she~~ They shall continue to perform the duties of ~~his or her~~ their office until the results of ~~his or her~~ their official election shall be officially declared. The recall petition shall be filed with the officer with whom the petition for nomination to such office should be filed, and the same officer shall order the special election when it is required. No such petition shall be circulated against any officer until ~~he or she has~~ they have actually held office for three months. After one such petition and special election, no further recall shall be filed against the same officer during the term for which ~~he or she was~~ they were elected.





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**71st Student Senate**

**Amendment #: 5**

**Sponsored by: Alvarez**

**Purpose & Description:** To ensure future amendments to the Constitution are Gender Neutral

**Statute Number(s):** Article VI of the Student Body Constitution

## **Statement of Intent**

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that future amendments made to the Student Body Constitution are gender neutral. While Student Government Statutes mandate Statute revisions to remain gender neutral, no such requirement exists for the Student Body Constitution.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT PROCESS AND REFERENDUM ELECTIONS**

### **Section 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate, or by petition of 1,500 members of the Student Body, and shall become part of this Constitution upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in an election of the Student Body, provided that the proposed amendments have been published in a campus newspaper at least one week prior to the vote of the Student Body.

### **Section 2 REFERENDUM**

The Student Body may demand a referendum election upon the properly signed petition of at least five hundred (500) students. The Student Body President can also demand a referendum election with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The result of the election shall serve as a mandate for the Student Body Government provided that ten percent (10%) of the Student Body shall have participated in the election. At no time shall a referendum election demand any result that would violate the provisions of the Student Body Constitution or any result contrary to federal, state, local or university law.

### **Section 3**

In cases where Senate votes on a budget that would result in an A&S Fee increase greater than five percent (5%) over that of the previous year (subject to later approval by the Activity and Service Fee Committee) it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass such a budget. This must be done by a roll call vote, and is a special type of referendum election that is uniquely carried out by the Senate.

### **Section 4**

- A. It shall be possible to place questions on the ballot to determine student opinion on issues.
- B. Such questions shall be placed on the ballot in the same manner as referenda, although they shall only require a properly signed petition of at least two hundred (200) students, or a majority vote of the Senate at the request of the Student Body President. However, they may only be used to access student opinion on issues and shall not be binding on Student Government, nor subject to Court Review before being placed on the ballot.

## **SECTION 5 GENDER NEUTRALITY**

Amendments to this Constitution, either through the Student Senate or Referendum, must use gender neutral language.

1. Gender neutral language shall be defined as the pronouns "they, them, and their(s)"



## Senate Resolution

71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 61

Sponsored by: Alvarez

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 4 of the Student Body Constitution states that opinion questions placed on SGA election ballots “may only be used to access student opinion on issues and shall not be binding on Student Government, nor subject to Court Review before being placed on the ballot”, and

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 704.5 of the Student Body Statutes states that “All questions of opinions, compulsory referenda, constitutional amendments, and other ballot provisions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections from the President of the Student Senate stating the Senate’s approval...”, and

**WHEREAS:** The stated purposes of the Student Government Association are “to provide an official voice through which the opinions of the student body may be expressed” and “to ensure the greatest participation by students in the immediate governance of and policy development for The Florida State University at all levels”, therefore,

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

These opinion questions are to be placed on the ballot for the Fall 2019 election:

- 1) Do you believe that SGA is effective?
- 2) Do you follow SGA on social media?
- 3) Do you approve of the work by the Student Senate?
- 4) Do you approve of the work by the Student Body President and Vice President?
- 5) Would you describe the Student Government as trustworthy?
- 6) Would you describe the Student Government as transparent?
- 7) Would you describe the Student Government as accessible?

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

A copy of the resolution be sent to the following:

David Higgins, Student Senate President  
Evan Steinberg, Student Body President  
Stephanie Lee, Student Body Vice President  
Jayne McLaughlin, Chief of Staff  
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster



## Senate Resolution

71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 62

Sponsored by: Alvarez

**WHEREAS:** Article II, Section 5, (A).15 states, "(Senate shall) Have the power to submit referenda to the Student Body upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote.", and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 2 states, "The result of the election shall serve as a mandate for the Student Body Government," and

**WHEREAS:** Student Body Statute 712.2 A states, "All ballot questions proposing constitutional amendments and referenda shall display a "Statement of Intent" to be placed above the amendment or referenda text.", and

**WHEREAS:** Student Body Statute 712.2 B states, "The provisions of Chapter 712.2 apply to both measures proposed by the Senate and by the petition process as enumerated in Article VI of the Student Body Constitution.", therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

The following Statement of Intent and Referenda be placed on the Fall 2019 Ballot:

**Statement:**

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council passed a resolution in 2013 stating that, "The Seminole Nation condemns the use of all American Indian sports team mascots in the public school system, by college and university level and by professional teams"

While FSU currently has an official relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, a federally recognized tribe with over 4,000 enrollees, to allow the University to utilize imagery associated with the Seminole people, there's no such relationship with the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, a federally recognized tribe with over 18,000 enrollees, and the University should seek their consent.

**Referenda:**

- 1) Should FSU increase dialogue with the Seminole Tribe of Florida?
- 2) Should FSU seek consent from other Seminole Tribes/Nations?
- 3) Should FSU reconsider the use of imagery of indigenous peoples?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** A copy of the Statement of Intent and listed Referenda is sent to the sitting Justices of the Student Supreme Court, pursuant to the "Court Review Act" (Student Body Statute, Chapter 506) for a written opinion within seven (7) days of receipt

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** A copy of the Statement of Intent and listed Referenda is also sent to the following:

Marcellus W. Osceola Jr, Chairman of the Seminole Tribal Council of Florida  
Greg Chilcoat, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** A copy of this resolution is sent to the following

Evan Steinberg, Student Body President  
Stephanie Lee, Student Body Vice President  
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster  
John Thrasher, FSU President





## Senate Resolution

**Senate Resolution #: 63**

**Sponsored by: Warren**

**Whereas:** The Black Student Union is holding their annual Bridge the Gap Pep Rally, and

**Whereas:** The Black Student Union needs permission to have their event off campus on Thursday, September 26th, from 6:30pm-9:00pm, and

**Whereas:** The event will take place at Cascades Park, and

**Whereas:** This event is to showcase music and live performances from Florida A&M University and Florida State University students, to help bridge the community between both universities, and

**Whereas:** Permission from the Student Senate is needed to have an event off campus, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University**

**that:** The Seventy-first Student Senate grants the Black Student Union to have their event off campus on Thursday, September 26th from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Cascades Park

**Be it further resolved that:**

A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

David Higgins, 71st Student Senate President  
Wendy Edwards, Black Student Union President  
Kaitlynn Baird, Black Student Union Vice President  
Ebony Guidry, Black Student Union Adviser  
Dr. Danielle Acosta, Director of Student Governance & Advocacy



## Senate Resolution

### 71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 64

Sponsored by: Weber

**Whereas:** It is the duty of the Student Government Association to recognize outstanding individuals who have faithfully served the Florida State University, and,

**Whereas:** Their service has touched the lives of students, faculty, and staff in an unprecedented way, and,

**Whereas:** The Florida State University is made a better place due to their undying commitment and embodiment of the true values of a Seminole, and,

**Whereas:** This individual has performed their job with unparalleled service in unwavering commitment throughout forty-four years of employment to the Florida State University, and,

**Whereas:** This recognition should come from the representatives of the student body she has served with the utmost care, respect, and love, and,

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate of the Florida State University that:** The Student Senate shall recognize, commend, and graciously thank Ms. Eva Killings for all that she has done in service of the Seminole community.

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Ms. Eva Killings, Seminole Dining Ambassador,  
Mr. John Teeple, District Manager,  
Mr. Eddie Rivera, Operations Manager: Suwannee Room,  
Ms. Donna Jones, Manager: Suwannee Room,  
Mr. Ed Belford, Manager Suwannee Room,  
Mr. Evan Steinberg, Student Body President,  
Mr. John Thrasher, Florida State University President.



## Senate Resolution

**Senate Resolution #: 65**

**Sponsored by: Warren**

**Whereas:** The Hispanic/Latino Student Union (HLSU) is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, and

**Whereas:** The keynote speaker will be hosted on September 24th, 2019, and

**Whereas:** The event will be held in the University Ballroom at 6:15pm and is open to the FSU community and the general public, and

**Whereas:** Heritage Month showcases various forms of art and history by members of the Florida State University Community in order to promote awareness and participation for the Hispanic and Latinx community, and

**Whereas:** National Hispanic Heritage Month is one of HLSU's biggest events of the year, and

**Whereas:** HLSU is booking Latinx speaker, Kat Lizo to be their keynote speaker, and

**Whereas:** Kat Lazo would aid in spreading awareness and knowledge of Hispanic and Latinx culture to the Florida State University Community, and

**Whereas:** HLSU is spending \$4,000 on Kat Lazo, and

**Whereas:** According to statute 803.6, A&S Fees that are used for contractual services that exceed \$3,000 requires Student Senate approval via resolution, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University that:** The Hispanic/Latino Student Union can spend \$4,000 from their Contractual Services to pay for their keynote speaker for National Hispanic Heritage month, Kat Lazo.

**Be it further resolved that:**

A copy of the resolution is sent to  
David Higgins, 71st Student Senate President  
Kristian Diaz, Hispanic/Latino Student Union Director  
Alexa Isaac, Hispanic/Latino Student Union Assistant Director  
Christian Sam, Hispanic/Latino Student Union Treasurer  
Caleb Dawkins, Student Body Treasurer





THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**Senate Resolution**

**71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate**

**Senate Resolution #: 66**

**Sponsored by:** Senator Denton

**Whereas:** Student Body Statutes 705.5 A. states "each division shall be entitled to at least one (1) representative in the Student Senate", and

**Whereas:** Student Body Statutes 705.5 B. states "the number of seats allocated to the Student Senate shall be eighty (80)", and

**Whereas:** Student Body Statute 705.5 C. states "using the Student Data Base, the seats shall be apportioned each fall based on the percentages of students in each representative division...", and

**Whereas:** Student Body Statutes 705.5 D. 1. states "no division shall have a difference in allocated seats greater than one from one semester to another", and

**Whereas:** Student Body Statutes 705.5 D. 2. states "in the event that a division contains an odd number of seats, the greater number of seats shall be up for election in the Fall", therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University that:** The reapportionment of the Senate seats are approved, and

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this Resolution is sent to: Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta, Director of Student Governance & Advocacy; Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs; John Thrasher, President of Florida State University; Evan Steinberg, Student Body President; Adam O'Neill, Speaker, Congress of Graduate Students; Zachary Bethel, Editor in Chief of the FSView; and Ben Young, Webmaster.



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<b>Senate Apportionment - Fall 2019</b>			
<b>College or School</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Total</b>
College of Applied Studies	1		1
College of Arts & Sciences	6	5	11
College of Business	3	3	6
College of Communication & Information	1	1	2
College of Criminology & Criminal Justice	1	1	2
College of Education	1		1
College of Engineering	1	1	2
College of Fine Arts	1		1
College of Human Sciences	1	1	2
College of Medicine	1		1
College of Motion Picture Arts	1		1
College of Music	1		1
College of Nursing	1		1
College of Social Sciences & Public Policy	3	2	5
College of Social Work	1		1
Dedman School of Hospitality	1		1
Graduate Studies	8	7	15
Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship	1		1
Special Student / Unclassified	1		1
Undergraduate Studies	12	12	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>80</b>

<b>COGS Apportionment - Fall 2019</b>	
<b>College or School</b>	<b>Total</b>
College of Applied Studies	1*
College of Arts & Sciences	6
College of Business	3
College of Communication & Information	3
College of Criminology & Criminal Justice	1
College of Education	4
College of Engineering	1
College of Fine Arts	1
College of Human Sciences	1
College of Law	3
College of Medicine	3
College of Motion Picture Arts	1
College of Music	2
College of Nursing	1
College of Social Sciences & Public Policy	3
College of Social Work	3
Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship	1
Special Student	1
Graduate Student Housing Advocate	1
International Student Advocate	1
Minority Student Advocate	1
Panama City Campus Representative	1
Students with Disabilities Advocate	1
Veteran's Advocate	1
LGBTQ+ Student Advocate	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>