



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**The Seventy Second Student Senate**

**Bill 8**

Sponsored by Senator England

**A revision to the Student Body Statutes**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE THAT:**

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes 807.4 Section C, Subsection 4 (See attached).

To lower the threshold required to remove a sitting PAC or RTAC Chair to be in line with removal from other positions within Senate. See attachment.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Time:

Referred to Committee: Finance & Judiciary

Committee Report: Passed in Finance 1/14 Passed in Judiciary 1/24

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Time: 1/29/2020

Senate Vote: Passed by unanimous consent

OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jack Denton*  
Student Senate President

Passed: 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020

**CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

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President of the Student Body

*02/05/20*  
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Date

*Daniel Mayasack*  
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Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

*2/5/2020*  
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Date

*Amy Hecht*  
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Vice President of Student Affairs

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Date

**Statute Number(s):** 807.4 Section C, Subsection 4

**Statute/Amendment Text**

**Construction of the Fund Distribution Committees**

Each Fund Distribution Committee will be made up of ten (10) students registered for six (6) or more credit hours in the Fall/Spring Semesters.

1. Senators may be allowed to count toward quorum for RTAC and PAC at the discretion of the Chair.
  2. There must be a minimum of three (3) members of the respective committee present for any official business to occur.
  3. Members of the Senate Finance Committee shall be excluded to count towards quorum on funding boards.
- 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 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 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 ~~Seante~~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.
    - a. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must email the Chair before the start of the meeting, providing information as to why they will not be present. The request shall be approved by a majority vote of the committee at the next meeting.
    - b. A lack of notification prior to the meeting shall be determined excused or unexcused at the discretion of the Chair.
    - c. Two (2) tardies shall count as an unexcused absence.
- C. The Chairs of the Program Allocations Committee (PAC) and the Resource for Travel Allocations Committee (RTAC) will be a Senator elected by the Senate as a whole. The Chair shall not sit on any other Senate Standing Committee. Once the composition of the committee is completed, the membership shall elect a Vice Chair.
1. The Chair of each committee shall be elected during Senate, the first week following the Spring Inauguration.
  2. The Chair shall:
    - a. Preside over all meetings of the Fund Distribution Committee.
    - b. Collect all Funding Request Forms from the Accounting Office or online.

- c. Represent the Fund Distribution Committee on all official business.
  - d. Be responsible for all official correspondence.
  - e. Call special meetings.
  - f. Act as a non-voting member, except in the case of a tie.
  - g. Shall not serve as the Chair of any other Fund Distribution Committee.
- 3. The Vice Chair shall:
  - a. Assume all duties of the Chair in their absence.
  - b. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings, hearings and deliberations.
  - c. Keep all records that pertain to official Fund Distribution Committee business.
  - d. Perform any other duties as designated by the Chair.
- 4. Removal from Office
  - a. The Student Senate may remove from office the Chair of either committee by a ~~four-fifths (4/5)~~ two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate at any time, with no less than three-fourths of the members of the Senate being present.
  - b. The Vice Chair of either committee may be removed from their position by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on at any time.
- D. The Chairs and members of each committee shall be installed into their roles at the first Senate meeting following the last meeting of their respective committee in the Spring semesters.
  - 1. The Chairs shall serve approximately one year
  - 2. In the event that the Chair is removed from Office, resigns their position as chair or discontinues their role as a Student Senator, an election will be held in the same manner described in 807.4 C, to fill the position. The newly elected Senator shall serve out the remainder of the time in office.
- E. Both Committees shall have a Student Senate liaison.

The Senator serving as Chair shall also assume the responsibility of the primary Student Senate Liaison. The primary responsibility of the Student Senate Liaison will be to author and sponsor any Resolutions that are in relation to their assigned committee and need to be approved by the Student Senate. The Senate President may appoint additional secondary liaisons to PAC and RTAC: these liaisons may serve in an advisory capacity to the committees.