



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE

Senate Bill #: 6
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A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY THIRD STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes 400.2 (See attached).

To amend the appointment process for Senate officers in Chapter 400.2 and establish the Office of the Senate President.

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400.2

Office of the Senate President

The Office of the Senate President shall consist of the Senate President, Senate President Pro-Tempore and the Officers of the Senate, hence referred to as Senate Officers. The Student Senate President shall be responsible for the duties of all vacant Senate Officers.

- A. There shall be a President of the Student Senate who shall be elected by majority vote of the Senate from its membership immediately following fall inauguration. The Student Senate President shall be the chief legislative officer of the Student Body and shall perform duties as provided by law and Student Senate Rules of Procedure.
- B. There shall be a Student 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 Parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate, from outside the membership of the Senate and who shall serve at Student Senate President's discretion. The Parliamentarian shall attend the Student Senate meetings and upon request, give advice on parliamentary procedure and any applicable law(s). This individual shall maintain order under the direction of the Student Senate President or Presiding Officer. The Parliamentarian shall endorse strictly the rules relating to the privileges of the chamber.
- D. There shall be a Senate Clerk, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject by the confirmation of the Student Senate, from outside the members of the Senate and who shall serve at the Student Senate President's discretion. The Senate Clerk shall attend the Student Senate meetings and mainly be responsible for distributing legislation, ballots, messages and other literature to Student Senators within the Chamber. The Clerk shall also perform any other duties that the Student Senate President or President Pro-Tempore shall determine to be necessary for these purposes.
- E. There shall be a Senate Press Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate, from outside the members of the Senate and who shall serve at the Student Senate President's discretion. The Press Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Senate social media presence and outreach and create a weekly calendar of Student Senate funded or related events. The Press Secretary shall work with committee chairs to help inform the student body on committee meeting information. The Press Secretary shall also perform any other duties that the Student Senate President or President Pro-Tempore shall determine to be necessary for these purposes.
 - 1. The Senate Press Secretary shall attend a training session with the SGA Webmaster to ensure that postings are within the Florida State University communications guidelines. This shall ensure that the social media properly represents the Student Senate.
- G. During the summer meetings of the Senate, the Student Senate President may select a temporary replacement for any appointed officer, if that individual is absent during the session.
- H. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant appointed position as defined by statutes 400.2 C, 400.2 D, and 400.2 E in the Office of the Senate President, a screening process shall be overseen by the Senate President to determine the most qualified candidate. The process shall be defined by the following:
 - 1. All candidates must receive an interview.
 - 2. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates.
 - 3. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 - 4. No officer position shall be filled until it has been advertised properly in accordance with Chapter 404.2 A.

- a. All positions shall be advertised for at least one week on the SGA Website in accordance with Chapter 404.2 C.
5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Senate President may appoint and forward a candidate, who they deem most qualified, to the floor of the Student Senate for confirmation.

Chapter(s) 400.3 - 400.6

400.7 Senate Committees

- A. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur the first meeting after the allocation of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment, or departure of a sitting Chair and/or 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 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.
- B. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.7 A.
- C. 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.
- D. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.