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### A revision to the Student Body Statutes

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY THIRD STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision to amend Chapter 1000 of the Executive Agency Act by including Chapter 1008 to include text to reinstate the Jewish Student Union as an agency within the Student Government Association.

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## Chapter 1008 Jewish Student Union

*History: Revised by the 47th Senate Bill 15. Revised by the 49th Senate Bill 14. Revised by the 51st Senate Bill 66. Deleted by the 62nd Senate Bill 92. Revised by the 73rd Senate Bill 13.*

### 1008.1. Creation/Establishment and Purpose

#### A. Creation/Establishment

This act shall create an agency of the Student Government Association known as the Jewish Student Union (JSU).

#### B. Purpose

JSU is an organization of university students who come together to discover and celebrate the unique culture of Judaism while educating the student body. JSU shall create a welcoming environment to enhance open dialogue relating to the Jewish identity and culture.

### 1008.2. General Membership

#### A. Membership

Membership is open to any individual in the campus community interested in the Jewish identity, regardless of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, physical challenge, mental ability, or religious background. No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in the JSU. This organization agrees to adhere to the University non-discrimination statement: No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status.

#### B. General Body Meetings

General Body Meetings shall be held at least once per month with the date and time of each meeting advertised to the public.

### 1008.3. Executive Board

#### A. Membership

1. The Executive Board shall consist of a Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Outreach, Director of Programming, Director of Marketing.

2. There shall be a staff or administrative advisor of JSU. The advisor shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

#### B. Qualifications

The qualifications are as follows:

1. Students in good standing at FSU with a minimum 2.0 GPA

2. Have an interest in promoting and contributing to the Jewish culture and community on campus.

3. Any other qualifications listed either within the Jewish Student Union constitution or indicated in Student Body Statues.

#### C. Selection

The selection process is as follows:

1. Within four weeks after the Student Government Spring Inauguration, the current Advisory Council of the Jewish Student Union will open applications for all Jewish Student Union Executive Board positions. After reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and any other selection process that the Advisory Council deems fit, the Advisory Council will vote to select the next Jewish Student Union Executive Board. The winner of each election will be the candidate who receives the majority of the votes.
2. For the positions of Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary and any other positions subject to forwarding by the Student Body President and confirmation by the Student Senate, their election shall be considered as an official recommendation to the Student Body President for forwarding.
3. For all other elected Executive Board positions, their official term shall begin upon the senate's confirmation of the other positions on the Executive Board.

D. Powers and Duties of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall work towards identifying, developing, and monitoring programs and initiatives that address the needs of the Jewish community, thereby increasing the awareness of and sensitivity to issues among non-Jewish and Jewish students in accordance with but not limited to the Statement of Purpose as stated in Statute 1008.1, Section (b).

1. The Director shall:
  - a. Serve as the Chief Executive of all functions, meetings and any related activities concerning the JSU.
  - b. Assist the Treasurer in financial activities as needed.
  - c. Have the power to implement ad-hoc committees.
  - d. Oversee the appointment of all chairpersons and assign organizational duties as necessary.
  - e. Be in constant communication with the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association.
  - f. Act as an official representative of JSU to the campus community.
  - g. Serve as the Chair of the Advisory Council.
  - h. Be financially certified by SGA.
2. The Assistant Director shall:
  - a. Support the Director as needed.
  - b. Oversee educational programs and initiatives.
  - c. Become acting Director in situations where the Director is unable to serve.
  - d. Be financially certified by SGA.
3. The Treasurer shall:
  - a. Document and allocate money, keep accounts, deposit funds and make expenditures.
  - b. Oversee petty cash distributions and authorize disbursement of funds.

- c. Make regular budget reports at executive board and general body meetings.
  - d. Represent the JSU to the SGA in all budget and funding concerns, allocations, or presentations.
  - e. Oversee the budget of the Jewish Student Union.
  - f. Be financially certified via SGA.
4. The Secretary shall:
- a. Record all meeting minutes and distribute them as needed. This may include but is not limited to: Executive Board meetings, Advisory Council meetings, General Body meetings, and more.
  - b. Coordinate the transition of all Jewish Student Union Executive Board and Advisory Council appointments and elections.
5. The Director of Outreach shall:
- a. Recruit new members.
  - b. Serve as the point of contact between JSU and any individual or organization on campus.
  - c. Collaborate with the Director of Programming on co-sponsorship events.
  - d. Oversee the internal growth and external campus relations of the JSU.
  - e. Maintain relationships with the Jewish Alumni Network.
6. The Director of Programming shall:
- a. Plan all JSU events, travel, and programs.
7. The Director of Marketing shall:
- a. Create all promotional and branding materials.
  - b. Oversee all social media and advertising campaigns.
  - c. Coordinate with the Student Government Association Webmaster to keep the Jewish Student Union website current.

E. Board Meetings

- 1. Board meetings shall be held at least twice a month.
- 2. Board Meetings shall be called by the Director or upon written request by a majority of the Board.
- 3. Notification of all board meetings shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the designated meeting time.
- 4. The Board may take no official action unless quorum is met.

F. Vacancies

Any position made vacant shall be advertised for at least ten (10) business days. The applicants shall be interviewed in accordance with Statute 1008.5 (c).

1008.4. Committees

A. Membership

Committees shall be open to all Jewish Student Union members. The Committees shall be formed at the discretion of the Jewish Student Union Executive Board, with Chairs appointed to lead a committee through an application process. Committees may include:

The Cultural and Spiritual Experiences Committee  
The Service Committee  
The Social Committee  
The Education Committee  
The Outreach Committee  
The Political Action Committee  
Ad Hoc Committees created as needed

B. Committee Chairs

1. Qualifications

- a. All Committee Chairs must be currently enrolled students at the Florida State University.
- b. No member of the executive board may be Chairperson of a Committee.

2. Powers and Duties

- a. Preside over committee meetings.
- b. Create a typed agenda for every committee meeting.
- c. Turn in a report monthly to the Secretary of JSU regarding all activities the committee discussed or participated in during the past month.
- d. Notify committee members at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the designated meeting time.
- e. Take minutes and attendance of all meetings and turn in a copy of both the agenda and minutes to the Secretary of JSU within forty-eight (48) hours following the meeting.

C. Selection and Term of Office

Chairpersons shall be selected by the Executive Board at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters or as needed.

D. Meetings

Individual committees shall meet at least three times a semester. A record of attendance and committee business shall be kept at all committee meetings.

E. Powers and duties of Committees

1. The Cultural and Spiritual Experiences Committee

- a. Explores the cultural side of Judaism and provides spiritual engagement for members.

2. The Service Committee

- a. Seeks and organizes activities which serve the student community, the City of Tallahassee, and other groups as needed.
3. The Social Committee
  - a. Promotes and organizes social activities for students.
4. The Education Committee
  - a. Plans educational programs and initiatives to share the history and meaning of Judaism with the Student Body.
5. The Outreach Committee
  - a. Coordinates recruitment events throughout the year.
6. The Political Action Committee
  - a. Be informed of all Student Government Association (SGA) legislation, initiatives, and events, and relay such information to the Executive Board.
  - b. Be informed on any Jewish issues in local, state and national government.
7. Ad Hoc Committees
  - a. Shall be formed as needed to advance the purpose of the JSU as stated in Statute 1008.1, Section (b).

1008.5. The Advisory Council

A. Purpose

The Advisory Council's purpose is to ensure the success of and foster collaboration among all Jewish student organizations.

B. Composition:

1. The Advisory Council shall consist of all the Executive Board members of the Jewish Student Union and representatives from an RSO that are approved for membership.
2. The Director of the JSU shall serve as the Chair of the Advisory Council.
3. Any Recognized Student Organization (RSO) that has an interest in contributing to the Jewish culture and community on campus may submit a written request to the Director to become a member of the Advisory Council.
  - a. Approval: RSO applicants shall be approved by a majority (50% plus one) of all existing Advisory Council representatives. Upon approval, one member from the approved RSO will be appointed to the Advisory Council.
  - b. Denial: Denied RSO applicants shall wait a full semester before re-applying.

C. Membership Term Length

Members of the Advisory Council shall serve from when they are admitted on the Council to the end of the current JSU Executive Board's term, after which they can apply to renew their membership.

D. Membership Requirements

1. A representative of the member RSO must attend at all Advisory Council meetings. If they are unable to attend, they should notify the Chair of the Advisory Council 24 hours in advance.
2. Member RSOs must submit a report each semester that includes an update on their activities and any additional comments, questions or concerns relating to the JSU.

E. Membership Renewal, Revocation, and Resignation

1. Renewal

In order to maintain their seat on the Advisory Council, each RSO member must email the Director of the JSU within four weeks of the start of their term with their intent to remain a member of the Advisory Council.

2. Revocation

Any RSO member of the Advisory Council who has failed to comply with Statute 1008.5 (d) may have their membership revoked through a majority vote of the Council and in consultation with the JSU advisor.

3. Resignation

Any RSO no longer wishing to be a member of the Advisory Council must submit a letter to the Director of the JSU with any relevant information.

4. Reinstatement

If an RSO has resigned or had their membership revoked from the Advisory Council and wishes to be reinstated, the RSO may be reinstated per Statute 1008.5 (b) no less than one semester after leaving the Council.

F. Meetings

1. The Advisory Council shall meet at least once each semester on a date to be set at least a week in advance.

1008.6. Removal from Office

A. Non-Confirmed Executive Board Member

1. All Executive Board members not confirmed by the Student Senate are subject to removal at any time by a majority vote of all Executive Board members or a 2/3 vote of the Advisory Council.

B. Confirmed Executive Board Members

1. The Executive Board may, by a majority vote, recommend the removal of the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other confirmed member of the Executive Board to the Student Body President. The Advisory Council also may, by a 2/3 vote of its members, recommend the removal of the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other confirmed member of the Executive Board to the Student Body President.
2. The recommendation provided to the Student Body President for removal must be in writing and include reasons for the removal.