



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 26.

Primary Sponsor(s): Linsky

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 § 203 (See attached).

To amend the statute to ensure that records of official SGA meetings are kept, maintained, and publicized.

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CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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Chapter 203 The Florida State University Student Government Association in the Sunshine Law

History: Revised by the 59th Senate Bill 85. Revised by 60th Student Senate Bill 60. Revised by the 72nd Student Senate Bill 40. Revised by the 73rd Student Senate Bill (#)

- 203.1 This Act is to be entitled the "Florida State University Student Government Association in the Sunshine Act of 2021", referred to hereafter as the "Sunshine Act."
- 203.2 Definitions
The following definitions shall be fully applicable for the purpose of this act.
- A. "The Public" shall be defined as any member of the Student Body who is neither an officer nor candidate for office in the Student Government Association, as well as University faculty and staff unaffiliated with Student Government, as well as any person not affiliated with the Florida State University or the Student Government Association.
- B. "Student Government Association Affiliates" shall be defined as all officers and candidates for office in the Student Government Association, as well as all staff members of the same.
- C. "Official Acts" shall be defined as:
- i Formal actions taken by an SGA body or its members. This includes, but is not limited to:
- 1 Legislative acts;
2 Allocation of funds;
3 Passage of resolutions;
4 Passage of executive orders;
5 Presidential vetoes;
6 Presidential appointments;
7 Presidential dismissals;
8 Adoption of rules; and
9 Execution of projects funded by SGA
- ii Deliberations around the taking of formal actions by either an SGA body or its members.
- 203.3 All meetings held under the auspices of Student Government Association, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, at which official acts are to be taken, are declared open to the public at all times.
- 203.4 Student Government Association Affiliates shall be entitled to attend all meetings held under the auspices of the Student Government Association except as provided for in these statutes, the Constitution, ~~in~~ the Student Senate Rules of Procedure, or any other duly authorized Rule of Procedure regardless of whether official acts are being taken.
- 203.5 There shall be no less than two (2) minutes per person reserved at the beginning of any meeting held under the auspices of Student Government Association, in which official acts take place, for members of the public and all Student Government Association affiliates to address those assembled upon application by any member of the Student Body.
- a In cases where the assembled body deems necessary, the body may vote to place a time restriction of no less than two minutes on members of the public and all Student Government Association affiliates who wish to address those assembled. This motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 203.6 The minutes of any meeting held under the auspices of the Student Government Administration, regardless of whether official acts are taken, shall be recorded at the time of the meeting and such records shall be open to the public and to Student Government Affiliates and be submitted to the SGA Webmaster for



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publication within two (2) business days following the meeting. The Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of this chapter upon application by any member of the Student Body.

A. Minutes shall be written to reflect any and all business conducted within a meeting. This includes any discussions, deliberations, and decisions made.

1. Deliberations shall, at the very least, include a summary of the reasoning behind all decisions.

- 203.7 Any person may be requested to leave any meeting held under the auspices of Student Government Association; however the person must be explicitly informed of their access rights granted under the Sunshine Act.
- 203.8 No provision within this Act shall be construed so as to prohibit the chair of a meeting from maintaining decorum necessary to the facilitation of business, nor to waive any officer's right to call upon law enforcement officials in the event of a criminal disturbance.
- 203.9 Any meeting in which official acts are to take place held without twenty-four (24) hours prior public notice shall be considered in violation of the provisions of this chapter.
- 203.10 Public notice shall consist of an announcement on the SGA website of the meeting time, place, and purpose. Social media posts shall not serve as official public announcements.
- 203.11 No card or written notice of intent to comment may be required in any meeting (Executive, Senate committee, etc.) to speak, except regular Senate meetings, unless the presiding officer wishes to do so and gives adequate notification to those wishing to speak. Presence at the beginning of a non-Senate meeting (including Senate's Committees) can indicate intent to comment. Nothing here shall prohibit the presiding officer of a meeting from maintaining order or facilitate the allowing of student comments in an organized system.
- 203.12 Any actions taken at meetings found in violation of this act are to be declared null and void.