



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 81

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Anand, Crocker, Kariher, McMahon, Rivers, Roogow, Schindler, Vollick

Date: October 11, 2022

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FOURTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes 304.3 (See attached).

This bill formally grants the Student Body President and Agency and Bureau leadership the right to forward candidates for different positions from those that candidates applied for.

Read 1st Time: 10/12/2022

Referred to Committee: Student Life, Internal Affairs, and Judiciary 10/12

Committee Report Student Life 10/14 and passed in Internal Affairs 10/14 and passed in judiciary 10/18

Senate Vote: **PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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Abriel Hunter

10/28/2022 | 3:07 AM EDT

Student Senate President

Passed: October 19th, 2022

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10/31/2022 | 1:01 PM EDT

President of the Student Body

Date

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Dr. Felicia Williams

11/3/2022 | 11:57 AM EDT

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

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Vice President of Student Affairs

Date

Statute/Amendment Text:

304.3 Candidate Screening Process

- A. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant position in Student Government Association, a screening process shall be overseen by the Student Body President to determine the most qualified candidate.
- B. The Candidate Screening Process shall take no longer than ten (10) school days from the end of the candidate search period.
- C. The Candidate Screening Process, conducted by the Chief of Staff shall include the following.
 - 1. The Chief of Staff shall interview all candidates.
 - 2. All candidates shall provide the appropriate application as defined in Chapter 307.3, in completed format, demonstrating their qualifications for the position.
 - 3. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates, and shall draw at least five interview questions from the forwarding interview questions published on the SGA Website.
 - 4. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 - 5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Student Body President shall forward the candidate deemed most qualified to the Student Senate for confirmation.
- D. The Student Body President may forego the candidate screening process with the exception of Chapter 304.3, subsection C, subsection 5, in cases where the candidate is forwarded to the Student Body President, with a written notice of a proper interview being conducted, by the Agency or Bureau to which the candidate is applying for a position.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Student Body President and the Chief of Staff to ensure that this process is carried out in a fair and constitutional manner. To that end, both shall recuse themselves from the Candidate Screening Process and the processes of determining the most qualified candidate in situations where a candidate for any position has a conflict of interest with the President or Chief of Staff. They shall select, for that particular set of candidates, a non-biased actor or actors to interview candidates for said office and deem the most qualified of those candidates to then be forwarded by the President.
 - 1. The forwarding letter sent to the Senate must include a notice when any recusal occurs for any selection of Officers, stating that there was a recusal and a signed statement from the non-biased actor(s) of their lack of conflict of interest.

- F. If during the candidate screening process, the Student Body President finds that a candidate is better suited for another position within the same Student Government entity to which the candidate applied, the Student Body President may reserve the right to forward the candidate, with their consent, for another position for which they meet all Constitutional and statutory requirements.
1. If a candidate is forwarded to the Student Body President by an agency, bureau, or other SGA entity for confirmation pursuant to Section 304.3(D), any changes to the position for which a candidate is being forwarded to Senate shall also require the consent of the head of the respective SGA entity.
 2. Agency, Bureau, and SGA entity heads may also reserve the right to change the position that a candidate is being forwarded for with the consent of the applicant before forwarding the candidate to the Student Body President pursuant to Section 304.3(D).
 3. The forwarding letter sent to the Senate must include a notice in all cases when candidates are forwarded to the Senate for positions that are different from those which they applied for.