



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 5

Primary Sponsor: Gonzalez

Co-Sponsor(s): Hunter

Whereas: In its seventy-four years of existence, the Florida State University Student Government Association has greatly expanded in order to provide a wide array of services to the student body, such as emergency medical care, a place of community for several identity groups on campus, resources for undergraduate research, funding for Registered Student Organizations, to name a few, and

Whereas: This expansion has unintentionally created a complex web of bodies that causes confusion for many students inside and outside of SGA and has led to many instances in which arcane statutes were violated due to their incompatibility with the modern day, and

Whereas: There has not been an overarching reassessment of the bodies and processes of SGA in recent memory, and

Whereas: The COVID-19 Pandemic, and the ways in which it has permanently changed our lives, has caused many to consider how our institutions can be more efficient in their work, and

Whereas: The time has come for a thorough look at how our SGA works and how it can work better for the student body, which we serve, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: A Commission on Student Government be convened, and

Be it further resolved that: The Commission shall be charged with examining, gathering evidence, and providing recommendations on every entity in SGA to determine whether the entity should be retained, reconstructed, or otherwise improved; the position of graduate students within the legislative process; the structure of the executive branch; the composition of the Judicial Branch; the appointments process; the financial processes and revenue streams for SGA; and such other agenda items as agreed to by the Commission, and

Be it further resolved that: The Commission shall hold its first meeting no more than two (2) weeks after the passage of this resolution, if school holidays and academic breaks permit, and shall continue to meet until the submission of a Commission Report to the Student Body President, Student Senate President, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Vice President of Student Affairs or the end of the Summer 2022 academic term, whichever comes first, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate President shall appoint six (6) commissioners, the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students shall appoint three (3) commissioners, the Student Body Vice President shall appoint six (6) commissioners, the Chair of the Commission shall appoint five (5) commissioners, and the Chief Justice shall appoint one (1) associate justice and one (1) Elections Commissioner as commissioners, and

Be it further resolved that: The President of the Panama City Campus Student Government Council shall have the option of appointing one (1) commissioner and, only if such commissioner is appointed, the topic of the position and composition of the Student Government Council shall be in order for discussion, and

Be it further resolved that: These appointments shall be made by memoranda sent to the Chair of the Commission and posted on the SGA website, such memoranda shall include the names and FSU email of each commissioner, and their subcommittee preference, and appointments shall seek to bring in students from many different offices of SGA, as well as bringing in those outside of SGA, and

Be it further resolved that: The Chair of the Commission, the Secretary of Internal Affairs, shall be responsible for setting the agenda for plenary meetings of the Commission, presiding over and ensuring order and decorum during plenary meetings of the Commission, appointing commissioners to and selecting chairs and vice-chairs for subcommittees, as needed, setting the time and place for all plenary meetings of the Commission, and any other such powers granted to a presiding officer in the controlling governing authorities, and

Be it further resolved that: A Vice Chair shall be appointed by the Chair and shall take minutes for all plenary meetings of the Commission, ensure that all minutes from the Commission and its subcommittees are duly posted on the SGA website, shall take the chair permanently if the Chair resign any other duties as prescribed by the Chair, and

Be it further resolved that: The Commission shall have the following subcommittees: The Subcommittee on Finance and Elections, which shall review and make suggestions on revisions to the respective Codes, The Subcommittee on Agencies, Bureaus, Affiliated Projects, and Appointments (ABAPA), which shall seek to standardize the structures of the aforementioned entities while respecting their uniqueness as well as reforming the appointments process, and the Subcommittee on Checks and Balances, which shall review the structures of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch, the Graduate Student System, and the Panama City Student Government Council, should a commissioner be appointed by the SGC President, as well as any other subcommittees that the Chair deems necessary, and

Be it further resolved that: The Commission shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and

Be it further resolved that: The Commission is strongly encouraged to seek testimony from all groups and entities affected by their recommendations, and

Be it further resolved that: The Senate requests that the Senate President grant the Commission use of the Senate Chambers for meetings, so long as they do not conflict with a Senate meeting, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to:
Abril Hunter, Student Senate President,
Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate President Pro-Tempore,
Gaurav Harshe, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students,
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President,
Colbi Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President,
Kahleel Gray, Student Body Treasurer,
Julie Ducey, Student Supreme Court Chief Justice,
Lillian Garner, President of the Panama City Campus Student Government Council,
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs,
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy.

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Student Senate President

**Senate Vote: UNANIMOUS CONSENT
PASSED: January 26th, 2022**