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THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# 75th STUDENT SENATE
# Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

**Senate Bill #:** 22

**Primary Sponsor:** Folwell
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann

**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 Chapter SBS §1113 (See attached).

This bill codifies the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission as a biannual affiliated project of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

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**Passed: February 22nd, 2023**

**CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

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1113.1 Purpose and Creation

The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall be an affiliated project of the Student Government Association that shall occur every other year, aligning with any school year that is an election year. The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall engage key stakeholders to strategically increase civic engagement and voter turnout among the FSU Student Body for each election year through programming, education, and action.

1113.2 Board of Directors

A. The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall have a Board of Directors responsible for the operation of the Commission. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following members:

1. A designee of the SGA Executive Branch;
2. A designee of the Student Senate;
3. A designee of the Office of Governmental Affairs;
4. SGA Attorney General;
5. A designee from each SGA Agency;
6. A designee of the Interfraternity Council;
7. A designee of the Multicultural Greek Council;
8. A designee of the National Panhellenic Council;
9. A designee of the Panhellenic Association;
10. The Student Body President, as an ex officio member;
11. The Student Senate President, as an ex officio member;
12. The Supervisor of Elections or a designee;
13. A designee from any other relevant Registered Student Organizations or Campus Entities that may prove beneficial to the mission of the Commission, which shall be chosen by the Student Body President, Student Senate President, and SGA Advisor prior to the opening of the Commission. Ideological organizations may be permitted, but they must be evenly divided between conservative and liberal organizations.

B. At the first meeting of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission, the members shall take an anonymous vote to elect a Chair of the affiliated project, who shall preside over all meetings of the Commission. The Chair shall not vote on any matters except in the event of a tie, in which

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case their vote shall act as the tiebreaking vote.

C. Following the opening of the Commission, all organizations shall send the Student Body President their designees no later than two weeks following the Commission's opening. Designees shall not require Senate confirmation nor a forwarding letter.

1113.3 Opening of the Commission

A. The Student Body President, prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester of any school year which has an election, shall call a meeting with the Student Senate President and the SGA Advisor in order to organize the opening of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission. During this meeting, the three shall decide any Registered Student Organizations or Campus Entities that shall have a designee on the Commission.

B. During the first week of the Fall semester that contains the election, the Student Body President shall issue an executive order that shall formalize the Opening of the Commission. This executive order shall detail the list of organizations which shall require a designee, as well as the timeline to submit them.

C. Upon the appointment of all designees, the Student Body President shall make it public the composition of the committee.

1113.4 Operations

A. The Commission shall work with campus and community partners to maximize the voter turnout of the FSU Student Body during the relevant election. These partnerships may include, but are not limited to, voter registration drives, voter education events, social media campaigns, and any other efforts that would increase civic engagement.

B. The Commission may make and publish recommendations to the Student Government Association on how to best further civic engagement on campus.

C. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than once every two weeks between the appointment of all designees and the end of the relevant election. These meetings shall be open to the public and subject to all requirements of SGA meetings. The Chair shall schedule these meetings, with consent of the Board of Directors.

D. Following the end of the election, the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall present a report of voter turnout and civic engagement to the Student Senate.