



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

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A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: 100.5, 908.2, 908.7 (See attached).

This bill makes several changes to statutes concerning the Office of Governmental Affairs, making Board of Directors no longer a major office, updating the Board of Directors Selection Process, and overhauling the Legislative Agenda process.

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100.5 Major Offices

A. Definitions

1. Director - The chief executive of an entity.
2. Assistant Director - The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
3. Treasurer - The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
4. Secretary - The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.

B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.

C. Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices:

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Body Treasurer
4. Student Body Attorney General
5. Members of the Executive Office of the President
6. Executive Cabinet Officers
7. Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
8. Student Senators
9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
10. ~~Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors~~
excluding elected positions. Office of Governmental Affairs Director, Deputy Director, and Internal Assistant Director
11. Union Board Members
12. Campus Recreation Board Members
13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
14. University Defenders
15. SGA General Counsels

16. Clerk of the Court
17. Supervisor of Elections
18. Deputy Supervisors of Elections
19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director
21. Directors of the Executive Institutes.
22. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

908.2 Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be responsible for determining policies dealing with the programming and activities of the Office of Governmental Affairs.

A. Membership of the Board

1. The Board shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members.
2. The voting members will consist of the Student Body President or a designee, the Student Senate President or a designee, the Speaker of COGS or a designee, nine (9) members-at-large, the Director, the Deputy Director, Internal Assistant Director. The OGA Senate Liaison shall act as an ex-officio non-voting member.
3. Selection
 - a. The Director, Deputy Director, Internal Assistant Director, along with any other board members or individuals deemed fit, will select the nine (9) members-at-large to then be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.

908.7 The Student Body Legislative Agenda

A. Creation of the Legislative Agenda

The Office of Governmental Affairs shall have the authority to create a legislative agenda for any session in the Florida Legislature. This agenda shall include policy proposals intended for submission in the Florida Legislature and any other necessary efforts to accomplish the stated purpose of the Office of Governmental Affairs and the current

administration's legislative goals.

B. Policy Proposal

The Office of Governmental Affairs may, where deemed appropriate, create a policy proposal to be submitted to the Florida Legislature. The process for the creation of this policy proposal shall occur in the following order:

1. The Executive Director of OGA shall work with FSU Administration and any additional relevant stakeholders to survey the Student Body in order to identify priorities from the students of FSU. This survey shall have an effort to be advertised to all FSU students, with no prejudice to lived experience, ideology, age, and any further factors, in order to be all-inclusive of the FSU Student Body.
 - a. The execution of this survey shall be at the discretion of the Executive Director, so long as the survey has the proper precautions to be inclusive of all FSU Students (which includes advertisement and time the survey is active, among other variables), and gives room for students to freely express their thoughts and concerns.
2. Following the closure of the survey, the OGA Board of Directors shall have a meeting properly advertised and open to the Student Body, in which they shall discuss the results from the survey and identify their specific legislative priorities for the incoming session.
 - a. While legislative efforts do not have to be solely based on the survey, they should take genuine consideration of student concerns and address them as best they are able, given other criteria laid out within statutes and the legislative ability of the OGA.
3. After legislative priorities are identified and chosen, the OGA Board of Directors shall meet in an official meeting and design an initial (Pre-Senate) draft of their policy proposal for the upcoming session. This can be contained in as few as a singular meeting to as many as the Board of Directors deems necessary.
4. The OGA Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, and any interested members of the Board of Directors shall bring and present their Pre-Senate draft(s) of their policy proposal to the Student Senate, who shall enter legislative roundtable with the present members of the OGA Board of Directors.
 - a. The Student Senate shall have the opportunity to suggest amendments to the OGA Board of Directors, who shall consider all suggested amendments in a later meeting, as detailed in part five (5) of this process.

- b. The policy proposal and subsequent legislative roundtable shall be heard in Special Introductions.
5. The OGA Board of Directors shall formally meet again, taking into consideration all recommendations given by the Student Senate. The Board of Directors shall make any changes deemed necessary, and shall take a vote on the finalized version of the policy proposal.
6. The OGA Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, and any interested members of the Board of Directors shall bring the finalized draft of the policy proposal to the Student Senate, where the Senate will take a vote to approve or disapprove of the policy proposal.
 - a. If the Senate chooses to approve the policy proposal, it shall serve as an indication that OGA can begin lobbying on the proposal as soon as possible, as well as any other necessary actions.
 - b. If the Senate chooses to disapprove the policy proposal, it shall be sent back to OGA to make amendments (step five of this process).
 - c. To be approved, a majority of the present Senate must vote in favor of approval. In the event of a tie, the presiding officer of the Senate shall serve as the tiebreaker.
 - d. This vote shall occur during Special Introductions, where the Executive Director (or, in their absence, the Deputy Director) shall present each piece of the policy proposal in the same manner that a bill would, except that no amendments shall be heard.
7. If approved, OGA shall work to submit and lobby on behalf of all applicable pieces of the policy proposal, including any necessary actions therein.

C. Legislative Stances

In addition to a policy proposal, OGA shall form a list of stances on legislation that it feels concerns the Student Body. It shall adhere to the following processes:

1. Following the close of the survey created for the OGA policy proposal, the OGA Board of Directors shall compile legislative stances (support or opposition to policies, specific bills, etc.) that it feels concerns the Student Body, especially in areas where a policy proposal was not created.

- a. In the event that the OGA Board of Directors chooses, for whatever reason, to not create a policy proposal, they shall create a survey to the specifications detailed for the policy proposal, in order to facilitate this point.
 - b. Additional considerations beyond the survey may be taken into account, where deemed appropriate.
2. The Senate Liaison for the Office of Governmental Affairs shall compile these legislative stances into a resolution to be introduced to the Student Senate.
3. The resolution containing the legislative stances shall go through the proper processes as with any other legislation.
4. Upon the final vote for the resolution, legislative stances shall be finalized.
 - a. Should the resolution be adopted, the OGA may lobby for the items thereof at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The OGA shall not be bound to advocate for any of the stances laid out, but they have the official authority to do so if they wish to.
 - b. Should the resolution not be adopted, the resolution may be reintroduced at a later date, at the discretion of the OGA Executive Director and the OGA Senate Liaison.
5. Additional stances may be added to this resolution through submission of an additional resolution by the Student Senate, which shall go through the same process as the original resolution.

D. Time Sensitivity

1. The OGA Board of Directors shall take the utmost caution to perform all duties as it relates to the legislative agenda with enough time to achieve all necessary goals prior to any relevant deadlines.
 - a. Should any immediate actions concerning lobbying efforts need to be taken by the Student Senate, the OGA Executive Director shall inform the Student Senate of these actions.
2. In the event that the OGA Board of Directors has failed to maintain adequate time before any relevant deadlines, the following alterations to the processes may be taken, if agreed to by both the Student Senate President and the OGA Executive Director:

- a. For policy proposals, the initial Pre-Senate draft may be immediately voted upon without additional time for consideration of Senate suggestions. In other words, steps four (4) and five (5) may be skipped.
 - b. For legislative stances, the resolution may be immediately brought to the floor to be voted upon.
3. Negligence leading to failure to host proper lobbying efforts by the OGA should be properly investigation in order to prevent future nonfeasance.

E. Post-Lobbying Report

1. Following the conclusion of OGA lobbying efforts, the OGA Executive Director (or, if necessary, the OGA Deputy Director) shall present a report detailing relevant statistics and details of their lobbying efforts for the session and/or year. This shall be heard during the relevant time for OGA Members to speak.
2. Following the passage of any policy proposals written by OGA and submitted, the Student Senate shall be notified by the OGA Board of Directors.

~~For the purposes of 908.7 the phrase "Time Sensitive" shall be defined as the need to pass during the next Student Senate Meeting~~

~~For the purposes of 908.7 the phrase "Legislative Agenda Caucus" shall be defined as a caucus within the Student Senate which will enable the OGA Executive Director to give a formal opinion on the amendment containing the proposed changes.~~

~~F. Adoption~~

- ~~1. This agenda shall be compiled and approved by the Board of Directors.~~
- ~~2. The agenda shall be forwarded to the Student Senate for adoption by means of resolution at the discretion of the Senate President in consultation with the Executive Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs.~~
 - ~~a. Contingent on the Legislative Agenda being time sensitive if there is an amendment on the floor of the Student Senate there shall be a motion to enter the Legislative Agenda Caucus. All amendments should be filed before entering the Legislative Agenda Caucus. If the OGA Executive Director approves the changes the amendment shall require a majority vote by the Student Senate in order to pass. If the~~

~~OGA Executive Director opposes the changes the amendment shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass. The OGA Director shall have no more than five (5) minutes to speak on each proposed amendment to give a formal opinion.~~

~~b. If the Legislative Agenda is not deemed time sensitive, amendments to change the Legislative Agenda must be submitted 24 hours prior to the Board of Directors meeting. The board shall give a formal opinion on the amendment containing the proposed changes. If the Board approves the changes the amendment shall require a majority vote in order to pass. If the Board opposes the changes the amendment shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass. Amendments will not be made on the floor of the Senate.~~

~~3. The Legislative Agenda shall be the official policy preferences endorsed by the student body.~~

~~G. Post Adoption - Senate Action~~

~~1. Once the Legislative Agenda is approved by the Student Senate in the form of a resolution, all proposed changes to the Legislative Agenda by any member of the Student Senate shall be submitted in the form of resolution and placed on first reading with no committee referral. Each resolution shall only contain one potential agenda item. Within a week, the proposed changes shall be sent to the Board of Directors.~~

~~2. The Board shall give a formal opinion on the resolution containing the proposed changes. If the Board approves the changes the resolution shall require a majority vote in order to pass. If the Board opposes the changes the resolution shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass.~~

~~H. Post Adoption - Board of Directors Action~~

~~1. Once the Legislative Agenda is approved all proposed changes to the Legislative agenda by any member of the Board of Directors must be submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. If the amendment to the Legislative Agenda is approved the Student Senate shall change the Legislative Agenda in the form of resolution and be placed on first reading with no committee referral.~~