

To: Florida State University Student Senate

From: Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

CC: Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement, Andrew Johnson, Program Director for Student Government, Samuel Diaz, Student Senate President

Date: September 27, 2023

**Subject: Veto of Senate Bill 83** 

By the authority vested in me as Student Body President of the Florida State University, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Student Body, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 83, passed during the 75th Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

This bill would make changes to how students below 60 credits in the Colleges of Music, Motion Picture Arts, and Fine Arts are considered for the purposes of apportionment, by allowing *all* students in these programs to be considered as part of their college divisions instead of in Undergraduate Studies if they have less than 60 credits. I am incredibly excited for these changes, but they are already overridden by the passage of Senate Bill 81. Therefore, I find it to be unnecessary to sign this bill, and believe that if overridden, it may be confusing for the Student Body if this bill was posted onto the SGA website.

I am happy that these provisions have been implement this language into an amended version of Bill 81.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 83 and do hereby veto the Bill.

In Unconquered Pride,

Mack Hitchcock

Student Body President

## 75th STUDENT SENATE

## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 83

Primary Sponsor: Gummerman, Meier Co-Sponsor(s): Meunier Date: September 13, 2023

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy

Vice President of Student Affairs

**Statute/Amendment Text** 

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: §705.5 (See attached).

To ensure undergraduates in programs that require separate applications are appropriately represented in apportionment.

Read 1st Time: 9/20/23 Referred to Committee: Judiciary & R Read 2nd Time: 9/20/23 Senate Vote: 47-0-1	ules 9/20	
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President of the Student Body		Date

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## 705.5 Student Senate

- A. Each division shall be entitled to at least one (1) representative in the Student Senate.
- B. The number of seats allocated to the Student Senate shall be eighty (80). Each elected member shall serve a one-year term.
- C. Using the Student Data Base, the seats shall be apportioned each fall based on the percentages of students in each representative division. All students will be classified by their division and will be eligible to vote and run for seats in their respective division. All Special and Graduate Studies Students shall be eligible to be candidates for as well as vote for all seats in the Special Students division which shall be apportioned seats based on the number of students enrolled in the Graduate Studies and Special Student divisions.
  - 1. For the purposes of Senate apportionment, graduate and professional students will be considered members of the collegiate division that offers their course of study and not the Graduate School. Seats apportioned to any division aside from undergraduate studies shall be apportioned to reflect the percentage of the student boy engaged in an upper-division undergraduate, graduate, or professional course of study in that college.
    - a. Colleges that do not have students enrolled in undergraduate courses of study shall be apportioned seats in the same way as any other normal division.
    - b. Undergraduate Senators serving in an upper division seat when they graduate shall be allowed to retain their seat so long as they are enrolled in graduate courses in the same college that their seat represents the first semester following their graduation.
  - Notwithstanding the requirements of §705.5(C), students who have completed under 60 credit hours within the College of Fine Arts, the College of Motion Picture Arts, and the College of Music shall be counted within their respective division regardless of their classification.