



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 87

Primary Sponsor(s): Widmann

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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: 908.7 (See attached).

This bill amends current language pertaining to the SGA Legislative Agenda to better serve the student body within all branches of government.

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Senate Vote 41-0-0

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**PASSED:** October 11, 2023

### CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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**Statute/Amendment Text:**

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 of Local, State, or Federal legislative bodies, ~~in the Florida Legislature~~. This agenda shall include policy proposals intended for submission in their respective branches of government, ~~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~~ investigated 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.