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76th 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: Chapter 1113 (See attached).

This bill reforms the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission to become the Civic Engagement Forum.

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Chapter 1113 Civic Engagement Board Garnet & Gold Voting Commission

1113.1 Purpose and Creation

The Civic Engagement Board (CEB) shall be an affiliated project of the Student Government Association designed to engage and educate the campus community in the critical institutions within our local, state, and national political systems.

1113.2 Executive Board

A. Executive Director

The Executive Director of the Civic Engagement Board shall have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Serve as the primary external affairs officer and point of contact for the CEB.
2. Provide regular updates to the Student Senate.
3. Collaborate with the Executive Branch and other SGA entities as necessary.
4. Develops goals that guide board activities.
5. Guides priorities of the board and ensures goals are being met by regularly advising and supervising assistant directors in their work and providing aid when necessary.
6. Focuses on developing institutional changes to improve civic engagement at a foundational level.
7. Be financially certified.
8. Be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 304.

B. Deputy Director

The Deputy Director of the Civic Engagement Board shall have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Manage and supervise Director-level positions.
2. Serve as the Chair of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission.
3. Assist the Executive Director in their duties.

4. Serve as acting-Executive Director in the Executive Director's absence.
5. Be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 304.

C. Director of Finance

The Director of Finance of the Civic Engagement Board shall have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Serve as the chief financial officer of the CEB, and perform all duties necessary in the management of finances.
2. Collaborate with University faculty and staff for grant funding.
3. Be financially certified.
4. Be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 304.

D. Director of Communications

The Director of Communications of the Civic Engagement Board shall have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Coordinate information distribution across campus.
2. Coordinate with Leon County Supervisor of Elections office to receive and distribute voter information.
3. Run CEB social media accounts.

E. Director of Programming

The Director of Programming of the Civic Engagement Board shall have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Develops programming on behalf of the CEB and the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission.
2. Coordinate with relevant on-campus entities to increase collaboration and outreach in programming.
3. Coordinate with the Director of Finance to ensure the proper allocation of funds for events.

F. Director of Research

The Director of Research of the Civic Engagement Board shall

have the following privileges, responsibilities and duties:

1. Submit a report on the activities of the board at the end of each Calendar year.
2. Collaborate with on campus departments and faculty members on institutional research to collect information. This includes internal research and external research.

1113.3 Selection and Term of Office

- A. In the event of a vacancy of an Executive Board position, applications shall open and shall be have an individual selected to fill the vacancy within one month of the application opening.
- B. Upon the end of the Spring Semester, all Executive Board members shall vacate office.
- C. The Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Director of Finance must be selected by the Student Body President and forwarded to the Student Senate for confirmation in accordance with Chapter 304. Prior Executive Board recommendations ought to be taken into consideration in the selection of these three roles.
- D. All other Executive Board positions are not subject to confirmation and shall be selected by the Executive Director with assistance from the Deputy Director.
- E. In the event of a resignation, the resigning individual shall turn their resignation into the Executive Director. If the Executive Director resigns, they shall turn their resignation into the Student Body President.

1113.4 Garnet & Gold Voting Commission

- A. During the Fall semester of a Midterm or General Election, the CEB shall form the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission, which 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.
- B. 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, as an ex officio member;
 13. All members of the CEB Executive Board, as ex officio members.
 14. 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 CEB Executive Director, 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.
- C. Prior to the Fall semester in which the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall be formed, the Executive Director of the CEB shall call a meeting with the Student Body President, Student Senate President, and the SGA Advisor, in which they shall decide any Registered Student Organizations or Campus Entities that shall have a designee on the Commission.
- D. The Deputy Director of the CEB shall serve as the Chair of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission
- E. 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.
- F. 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.

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 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.~~