75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET February 8, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Samuel Diaz 75th Student Senate President Florida State University

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Senate Bill #: 7

Primary Sponsor: Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text. Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Purpose & Description: This bill brings Chapter 605 in line with the changes made to the election code by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate in Bill 82.

Statute Number(s): 605.5

Statute/Amendment Text:

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605.5 Election of Student Union Board Members

The names of the forwarded candidates shall be placed on the ballot pending an official declaration of candidacy. This provision may be altered pending conditions pursuant to Chapter 605.4 D (5).

Students will be instructed to vote for twelve (12) candidates from the total list and the twelve (12) with the highest number of votes will be confirmed to the Union Board.

Senate Bill #: 13

Primary Sponsor: Widmann Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: 01/26/2023

Purpose & Description: Changing statutory requirements for Senate Funding Boards in order to align with current practices.

Statute Number(s): 807.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

807.6 RTAC and PAC Guidelines

- A. Organizations which received funds in Student Academic Programs or any other A&S Funding Board, Committee, or line item in the annual budget except for PAC, RTAC, or Senate Projects shall be ineligible to receive funding from PAC or RTAC the same fiscal year in which they receive other funding. This does not apply to RSOs that received money from the organizational fund.
- B. Fund Distribution Committees shall not meet during any summer semesters.
 - 1. RSOs requesting funds to be used in May or June may request before the end of the Spring semester.
 - 2. RSOs requesting funds to be used after July 1 shall go directly to the Student Senate to ask for money out of Senate Projects. At the conclusion of the summer semester, the funds distributed to the RSOs out of Senate Projects shall be reimbursed from the respective fund distribution committee via a transfer bill up to \$2,000 per Committee.
- C. All organizations requesting funding must be financially certified prior to making REVISED/UPDATED January 2022 147 request. At least one financially certified officer must be present at the funding hearing.
- D. D. Committees will meet on Monday or Tuesday of each week, pending requests from RSOs.
 - 1. The Chair shall send out a notice of meeting time and location to RSOs via email. The notification must be sent out by the chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time.

- E. All submissions must be made prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the hearing. Submissions must include three (3) supporting/competitive quotes from approved vendors for each category the RSO is requesting funds or, or must include sufficient evidence, at the discretion of the Chair, of a satisfactory attempt to find three (3) or more quotes. Requests in the category of contractual services may be exempted from this rule if deemed necessary by the committee.
 - All requests must be submitted at least twenty-one (21) business days prior to event or activity to receive funding from PAC and at least thirty (30) business days prior to travel date to receive funding from RTAC. Any request submitted after the aforementioned dates may still be considered for funding at the discretion of the chair with the approval of the SGA Business Manager.
 - 2. 2. All requests must be of a line item nature with quotes (clothing costs, performer costs, reservation costs, equipment rental, facility rental, airline ticket quotes, rental car quotes, hotel quotes, etc.), and a letter of explanation of need attached to the request packet, along with an explanation of the benefits to the student body in general.
 - 3. Any amount requested by a single organization over \$2,000 requires atwethirds a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Fund Distribution Committee, a twothirds (2/3) vote the Senate Finance Committee, and a two-thirds vote of the committee Student Senate.
 - 4. RSOs can only request for funds that will be used within ninety (90) business days. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee can override this rule.
- F. There are limitations to multiple requests made by the same RSO in the same fiscal year.
 - 1. An organization may not be allocated funds from PAC more than twice per fiscal year. This rule may be waived by a two-third (2/3) vote of the committee.
 - 2. An organization may not be allocated funds from RTAC more than twice per fiscal year. This rule may be waived by a two third (2/3) vote of the committee.
 - 3. Organizations may only request clothing from PAC once per fiscal year. The clothing must be used to promote the organization which is requesting them.
- G. All events must be publicly advertised via either a flyer, social media, chalking on campus, etc. RSOs must submit an estimate of the number of FSU students that are likely to attend the event.
 - 1. The Committee shall not fund for events which are likely to only have group members attend and have no general benefit to the student body.
 - The Committee shall not fund for events which are exclusive to a club or organization's executive board. This rule may be waived by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of the committee.

- H. Every organization must submit a post event evaluation form, along with their receipts from the event, to the SGA Accounting Office, within ten (10) business days following the event.
- I. The information obtained at the committee meeting will be complied into a resolution by the committee Chair. This resolution will be presented at the next possible Senate Finance Committee meeting, and shall be discussed, debated, and voted on in compliance with the committee's rules of procedure. In order for an amendment to pass there must be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee. An amendment to the resolution may not be found friendly or unfriendly and must be debated with a period of questions and pro/con debate subject to the committee's rule of procedures. The resolution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate, and placed on the Consent Calendar.
 - 1. It shall be the job of the Senate Finance Committee, RTAC, and PAC to keep a working knowledge of their budgets and they shall not pass any Resolutions exceeding the possible allottable amounts as determined by the publicly accessible SGA website.
- J. Once on the Consent Calendar, the Resolution shall be presented to the Student Senate. The Student Senate President must read aloud the RSO name, and amount to be allocated, as approved by the Senate Finance Committee. A motion to confirm the decision of the Senate Finance Committee must be made and seconded for the Resolution to pass.
 - 1. Amendments to a Consent Resolution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.
- K. PAC and RTAC shall allocate up to 50% of their originally allocated budgets during the Fall semester. All unspent funds in the Fall can be spent in the Spring Semester.

Senate Bill #: 14

Primary Sponsor(s): Bettley, Chehaitli Co-Sponsor(s): Burton, Kariher, Maglin, LoBianco Date: January 31, 2023

Purpose & Description: To remove the Office of the Center for Participant Education as a budgeted bureau.

Statute Number(s): 900.7, Chapter 906

Statute/Amendment Text

900.7 The Bureaus

The following is a list of all SGA bureaus and corresponding chapter numbers that appear in Title IX.

A. Chapter 906 - Office of Center for Participant Education

Chapter 906 Office of the Center for Participant Education

906.1 Creation and Purpose

A. Creation

- This act shall create an bureau of the Student Government Association known as the Center for Participant Education (CPE).
- 3. Purpose
 - 1. CPE shall be a forum for progressive and alternative ideas on education, politics, and the arts.
 - 2. CPE shall provide an area where students and local citizens can initiate and enact new programs that interest them.
 - 3. CPE shall provide guest lectures, movies, classes, and other alternative programs to traditional programs.
 - 4. CPE shall provide these educational classes and programs without charging a fee for instruction.

906.2 Membership

Participation is open to students, faculty, and staff of the Florida State University and the Tallahassee community.

- 906.3 Board of Directors
 - A. Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) students. The student members shall be elected by the membership with the approval of the Student Body President.

B. Powers and Duties

The Board shall:

- 1. Assist the Director in managing the budget.
- 2. Assist the Director in planning and maintaining procedural bylaws operations.
- 3. Approve or reject proposed course offerings.
- 4. Be responsible for the final approval of CPE programs and catalogue.
- 5. Ensure that CPE complies with all relevant provisions of Chapters 304 and 900 as well as Title VIII (the Finance Code).
- 6. Reflect the wishes of the general membership in all decisions possible.

906.4 Meetings

- A. The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of one (1) meeting per month during the academic year.
- B. No official action may be taken by the Board unless a quorum is present.
- C. All meetings shall be publicly advertised.
- D. All Board members shall be notified at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the designated meeting.
- E. The Director shall ensure that minutes are taken at all Board meetings. A file containing the minutes of all past meetings shall be maintained.

906.5 Director

- A. Selection and Term of Office
 - 1. The Director shall be elected by the CPE Membership, with confirmation by the Student Body President and the Student Senate.
 - 2. The Director's term shall end at the close of the spring semester.
- B. Powers and Duties
 - 1. The Director shall be responsible for the efficient operation of the CPE Office on a daily basis.
 - 2. The Director shall carry out decisions assigned by a majority of the Board.
 - 3. The Director shall be responsible for all communications with the rest of the Executive Branch.

906.6 Assistant Director

- A. Selection and Term of Office
 - 1. The Assistant Director shall be elected by the CPE membership, confirmation by the Student Body President and the StudentSenate.
 - 2. The Assistant Director's term shall end at the close of the spring

semester.

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B. Powers and Duties

- The Assistant Director shall be responsible for assisting the Director in the operation of CPE.
- 2. The Assistant Director shall perform the duties of the director when the Director is absent.
- 3. The Assistant Director shall be responsible for maintaining a dialogue with Recognized Student Organizations.

906.7 Removal from Office

The Board may recommend removal of any of its members or the director by a twothirds (2/3) vote. Removal of any bureau officer shall occur only in accordance with Chapter 316 of the Student Body Statutes or by impeachment from the Senate.

906.8 Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled by the original process, and the person filling the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the term of office.

Senate Bill #: 15

Primary Sponsor: St. Hilaire Co-Sponsor(s): Folwell

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Purpose & Description: Clarifying the parliamentary procedure for objections to a PAC or RTAC consent resolution.

Statute Number(s): SBS §807.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

- I. The information obtained at the committee meeting will be complied into a <u>consent</u> resolution by the committee Chair. This <u>consent</u> resolution will be presented at the next possible Senate Finance Committee meeting, and shall be discussed, debated, and voted on in compliance with the committee's rules of procedure. In order for an amendment to pass there must be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee. An amendment to the resolution may not be found friendly or unfriendly and must be debated with a period of questions and pro/con debate subject to the committee's rule of procedures. The <u>consent</u> resolution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate, and placed on the Consent Calendar.
 - 1. It shall be the job of the Senate Finance Committee, RTAC, and PAC to keep a working knowledge of their budgets and they shall not pass any Resolutions exceeding the possible allottable amounts as determined by the publicly accessible SGA website.
- J. Once on the Consent Calendar, the <u>consent</u> <u>Rr</u>esolution shall be presented to the Student Senate. The Student Senate President must read aloud the RSO name, and amount to be allocated, as approved by the Senate Finance Committee. A motion to confirm the decision of the Senate Finance Committee must be made and seconded for the Resolution to pass. If objected to, the consent resolution shall be treated as any other piece of legislation, and shall require a majority vote for passage.
 - 1. Amendments to a Consent Resolution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.

Senate Bill #: 16

Primary Sponsor: Kariher

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text. Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Purpose & Description: Revising RSO Allocation Committee guidelines.

Statute Number: 807.6

Statute Text

807.6 RTAC and PAC Guidelines

K. PAC and RTAC shall not allocate up to more than 50% of their originally allocated budgets during the Fall semester. All unspent funds in the Fall can be spent in the Spring semester.

- Once 50% of the budget has been spent in the Fall semester, the committee shall dissolve until Spring semester begins
- Once all funds have been spent, the committee shall dissolve until the Fall semester begins MORE

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Senate Bill #: 17

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne, Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Anandjiwala, Boisvert, Carter, Chehaitli, Dale, LoBianco, Maglin, McEntyre, McMahon, St. Hilaire **Date:** February 7, 2023

Purpose & Description: This bill makes the willful misrepresentation of one's self in an official capacity as a representative or potential representative of the Student Government Association a violation of the SGA Code of Ethics.

Statute Number(s): 205.11

Statute/Amendment Text:

713.3 No individual shall willfully misrepresent themself or their office for personal, political, or professional gain. Willfully lying or otherwise being untruthful in any official capacity shall be considered malfeasance and a violation of this code. Candidates for Student Government office shall not intentionally misrepresent themselves nor their plans in their application, interview, or confirmation hearing. Willfully misleading the Legislative or Executive Branch in pursuit of any office shall be considered perjury and a violation of this code.

75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 18

Primary Sponsor: Barrett, Bettley Co-Sponsor(s): Dale Date: February 7th, 2023

Amount: \$1930.80

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Sustainable Campus

Purpose & Description: To fund 2 ADA accessible raised garden beds at the Seminole Organic Garden.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | VIRES | Description | MORES | Unit Price |
|----------|-------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| 2 | | 2 ADA accessible be | ed | \$1930.80 |
| | | | Total: 193 | 30.80 |
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75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 19

Primary Sponsor: Barrett, Bettley Co-Sponsor(s): Dale Date: February 7th, 2023

Amount: \$132.93

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Sustainable Campus

Purpose & Description: To fund 7 U-Bike Locks as part of Sustainable Campus' bike rental program. These locks will be available to rent at no cost by students already owning bikes.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | IRES ARTES MO | Unit Price |
|----------|---------------|------------|
| 7 | U-Bike Locks | \$18.99 |
| | Total: \$1 | 32.93 |
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Resolution #: 11

Primary Sponsor(s): Bettley, Chehaitli Co-Sponsor(s): Burton, Kariher, Maglin, LoBianco Date: January 31, 2023

Whereas: The Center for Participant Education is a budgeted bureau established in 1970 to promote and advocate for progressive and alternative political views, and

Whereas: Throughout its time as a Student Government bureau, the CPE has worked to sponsor free and inclusive events to spread awareness of social and political issues locally, on campus, and otherwise, and

Whereas: The Student Senate understands the importance of space for progressive and inclusive political discourse on and off campus to advocate for and empower the underprivileged communities that enrich our student body, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate commends the progressive and educational work of the Center for Participant Education in its time as an active bureau from 1970 to 2020, and

Be it further resolved that: This body acknowledges the mission of the CPE and encourages the Florida State University student body and Tallahassee community to continue its advocacy and voice for change, and to continue to foster an inclusive campus that fights for social justice, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement

Resolution #: 12

Primary Sponsor: Burton Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text. Date: February 1, 2023

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Government Association supports the following legislation filed for the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

-HB 303: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program,

-HB 99 and SB 200: Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights,

-HB 139: Benefits, Training, and Employment for Veterans and Their Spouses,

-HB 417: State Lottery Funding for Veterans' Assistance Education Programs,

-HB 33 and SB 56: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact,

-HB 39: Emergency Opioid Antagonists, and

-HB 291 and SB 436: 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators;

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Government Association supports amending the following legislation filed for the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature to apply to the Florida State University System:

-HB 389 and SB 334: Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools;

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Government Association supports the following legislation filed for the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, but would oppose any amendment that allows for the proposed financial aid to be used for anything other than the current specified purpose:

-HB 191: Financial Aid for Female Victims of Rape, Incest, Domestic Violence, or Human Trafficking;

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Government Association takes no position on the following legislation filed for the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, but would oppose any amendment that broadens the scope of permit less carry to apply to campuses of the Florida State University System:

-HB 543: Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms Without a License;

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: Pursuant to Student Body Statutes §908.7, this resolution is formally adopted as the Florida State University Student Government Association's Legislative Agenda for the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature;

Be it further resolved that: This resolution is sent to the following: Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs, Florida State University Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer, Florida State University Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President, Florida State University Jason Puwalski, Executive Director, Office of Governmental Affairs at Florida State University

Resolution #: 15

Primary Sponsor: Bettley, Chehaitli Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Folwell, Kariher, LoBianco, Maglin, McFarlane, Salazar, St. Hilaire Date: February 6, 2023

Whereas: On January 31st, 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis released information on the proposed Higher Education Reform plan, and

Whereas: The proposal briefs methods aimed at Westernizing curriculums and eliminating efforts to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Florida colleges and universities, and

Whereas: This limit on diverse education and acknowledgement of the struggles of global and national minorities throughout history and in modern times is a dangerous promotion of ethnocentrism through a Western lens in academic institutions, and

Whereas: The Higher Education Reform proposal would pose challenges to students pursuing majors in the humanities and social sciences as funding redistribution efforts that require "institutions to prioritize graduating students with degrees that lead to high-wage jobs, not degrees designed to further a political agenda" assigns an unjust weight to STEM majors that would filter low-income students from pursuing work in political fields, and

Whereas: The reference to DEI statements as "political filters" ignores and vilifies the importance of ensuring racial equity on university campuses that have a history of excluding minorities, and

Whereas: The commitments of Fortune 100 companies to promoting DEI will place Florida graduates at a disadvantage in the hiring process due to lack of expertise on and experience with DEI initiatives should they be removed, and

Whereas: Distribution of post-tenure review power to university Boards of Trustees will grant an unchecked power to university authority to terminate faculty and administrative entities at any time, and

Whereas: The pursuit of higher education at the college level is not mandated by any institution of the state, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate condemns these proposed reforms of higher education in Florida, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes the promotion of this agenda as a threat to minorities on Florida campuses, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate considers higher education an opportunity to pursue academia at a level that is beyond state mandates and should thus be expansive and exploratory in nature, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate finds these potential reforms to be a devastating risk to the reputation of Florida State University as a respectable and scholarly institution as well as to its nationally recognized ranking, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate Manny Díaz Jr., Education Commissioner of Florida

Resolution #: 16

Primary Sponsor: Barrett, Bettley Co-Sponsor(s): Dale Date: February 7th, 2023

Whereas: It is important that the Student Senate maintains a long-standing relationship with both Sustainable Campus and the FSU Food for Thought Pantry, and

Whereas: Sustainable Campus is committed to "incorporating sustainable practices into all University activities", through academic culture and student life, and

Whereas: The FSU Food for Thought pantry provides meals to hundreds of FSU students each semester, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

2.9 The Student Senate President shall have the authority to assign Senators to serve as liaisons to campus entities.

- a. During the 2nd Senate after Fall inauguration the Student Senate President shall announce open liaison and designee positions.
- b. During the 3rd Senate after Fall inauguration the Student Senate President shall assign Senate liaisons to campus entities. Liaisons can be replaced, or added at any time through the authority of the Senate President.
- c. The list of all Senators who serve as liaisons shall be published on the SGA website.

d. The Student Senate President shall, at minimum, assign a liaison to the Executive Branch, the Congress of Graduate Students, SGA agencies, SGA Bureaus, and the Childcare Center, Sustainable Campus, and the FSU Food for Thought Pantry. They may also assign a liaison to any other on-campus entities, at their discretion.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Richard McCullough, , Florida State University President Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President Haley Gentile, Case Manager for the Department of Student Support and Transitions Elizabeth Swiman, Director of Sustainable Campus