



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Purpose & Description (Use extra sheet of paper if more space is needed)

See Attached.

*To add the Access Student Union
to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 1012*

(Statutes were emailed to Senate)

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Chapter 1012 Access Student Union

1012.1 Creation and Purpose

A. Creation

This act shall create an agency of the Student Government Association known as the Access Student Union (ASU).

B. Purpose

The Access Student Union shall represent students with disabilities at Florida State University and provide resources and programs addressing their needs. ASU shall promote awareness and inclusion for the student body of Florida State University by fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment in its center and also provide material geared towards issues that are pertinent to students with disabilities and allies. Furthermore, ASU will promote civic engagement for its members as well as engagement on FSU's campus and will continually promote increased involvement and representation for its members in the student body.

1012.2 Membership

No hazing or discrimination will be used as condition of membership in this organization. Membership shall include all students interested in advocating for fair treatment on campus for students with disabilities; creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students; and participating in activities and programming put on by ASU for students with disabilities and allies.

1012.3 Affiliate Membership

A. Affiliate Membership is available to all Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) that have an interest in contributing to the improvement of the quality of life for students with disabilities or work to bring awareness to disability related issues on campus.

B. Qualifications

RSOs seeking Affiliate Membership must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Copy of organization's Constitution

3. Copy of RSO re-recognition process approval
4. Presentation to current Executive Board

C. Approval

Once a RSO applicant is approved by a majority (50% plus one) vote of the Executive Board of ASU they will become an Affiliate Member subject to membership requirements.

D. Denial

If a RSO applicant is denied Affiliate membership, the RSO shall wait a full semester before re-applying. Basis for denial constitutes failure to meet the qualifications as stated in Article 1012.3, Section A and Section B.

E. Membership Requirements

Approved Affiliate member organizations are subject to the following requirements:

1. Attendance at all affiliate meetings, conducted once every month on a date to be set a week in advance.
2. Submission of Monthly Reports, which must include the following information:
 - a. Meetings/Events Held
 - b. Meetings attended
 - c. ASU events attended
 - d. Co-sponsorships sought and/or approved
 - e. Financial transactions made with ASU
 - f. Any additional comments, questions, or concerns

F. Membership Renewal

In order to maintain Affiliate membership, each organization must sign a Memorandum of Understanding at the beginning of the fall semester or when a new Affiliate President is elected/appointed during the academic year.

G. Revocation of Affiliate Membership

Revoked membership constitutes any Affiliate Member who is no longer in good standing and has failed to comply with the ASU affiliated requirements stated in Article

1012.3, Section E. A three-strike system will be implemented with the following course of action.

1. First infraction: Verbal warning.
2. Second infraction: Written notice and meeting with ASU Director and Assistant Director.
3. Third infraction: Meeting with the ASU Director, Assistant Director, Affiliate President, and Affiliate Advisor. If another infraction is committed, the organizations will be revoked of its Affiliate membership.

H. Resignation

Affiliate Members no longer wishing to be affiliated with ASU must submit a letter to the Assistant Director with any relevant information as well as schedule an Exit Interview with the ASU Director and Assistant Director.

I. Reinstatement

If an Affiliate Member has resigned or has had their membership revoked, the affiliate member must meet the qualifications stated in Article 1012.3, Section A and Section B. If approved, the RSO in question will be granted Probationary Affiliate Membership for one (1) full semester thereafter.

J. Probationary Affiliate Membership

Probationary Affiliate Membership shall be considered a period of time, to be determined either by statues herein or by the Executive Board of ASU, where if there is a failure to comply with ASU Affiliated requirements stated in Article 1012.3 Section E. The three-strike system of Revocation of Affiliate Membership will be bypassed and the RSO in question will be immediately revoked of its Affiliate membership.

K. Meetings

Meetings will be held on a monthly basis with the Assistant Director and the President of each Affiliate organization. If the President is unable to attend, he/she may appoint an officer within their organization to attend in their absence.

1012.4 Executive Board

A. Membership

1. The Executive Board of ASU, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", shall consist of seven (7) student members and shall include the Director, Assistant Director, Director of Finance, Director of Administration, and three (3) additional board members whose roles shall be defined by the Director. All members of the Board shall be voting members, with the exception of the Director, who will vote only when a tie exists.
2. There shall be a staff or Administrative advisor of ASU. The advisor shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board.

B. Qualifications

1. Students in good standing at the Florida State University with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
 - a. The minimum GPA qualification for Executive Board applicants may be waived by the current Executive Board by a majority (50% plus one) vote.
2. Have a strong interest in promoting and fostering a community of inclusion for students with disabilities on campus.

C. Selection and Term of Office

1. Selection

All applications for all positions will be opened the Monday before Spring Break and will be received by the current Executive Board no later than the second week following Spring Break. Interviews will be set by the current Executive Board once all applications have been received.

a. Director and Assistant Director

The Director and Assistant Director shall be nominated with a majority (50% plus one) vote by the previous Executive Board and appointed by the Student Body President. If a current Executive Board Member is running for a position on the following year's Board, that individual may not be present at any interviews for the position that individual is running for and shall not cast a vote.

- b. The newly appointed Director and Assistant Director shall interview applicants and forward nominees for Director of Finance, Director of Administration, and three (3) additional Board Members to the Student Senate for confirmation.

2. Term of Office

- a. The Director shall serve a one (1) year term, with the option of the summer session. The Director may be re-nominated at the end of the term of office by the Board and may be reappointed by the Student Body President for a second term of office. The Director shall serve a limit of two (2) terms of office.
- b. The term of office for the Board members shall be one year. Board members other than the Director shall not be limited to a number of terms they may serve. After a term has been served, to be reappointed, members must reapply for the Board position in accordance with the initial procedures.

D. Powers and Duties of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall approve decisions on policy, procedure, and activities as suggested by the Director.
2. The Director shall preside over the Executive Board. In the Director's absence, the Assistant Director shall preside over the Executive Board.
3. All event co-sponsorship proposals must receive a majority vote (50% plus one) of the Executive Board prior to any expenditure of ASU money, resources, or use of the ASU logo or seal.

E. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of each respective Board Member shall include, but not be limited to the following:

The Director shall:

1. Represent the interests of ASU on the campus of the Florida State University in accordance with the Statement of Purpose.
2. Be responsible for the agency's daily operation.
3. Be the Executive head of all functions, meetings, or any related activities concerning ASU, with the approval of the Board.
4. Create ad hoc and standing committees as needed to deal with specific needs.
5. Make and execute decisions on policy, procedure, programs, and activities with the advice of the Board.
6. Preside over all Board, informational, and general membership meetings and shall have the authority to call such meetings.
7. Have the authority to appoint and remove staff members.

8. Execute and be responsible for submitting in a timely manner, all budget requests and other forms, documents, and reports as required.
9. Reserve the right to delegate responsibilities to other Board members, within their respected positions, necessary for the growth of ASU.

The Assistant Director shall:

1. Exercise the authority and duties of the Director in the absence of the Director.
2. Assist the Director with the agency's daily operation.
3. Update the Board with any new information and changes concerning ASU-related activities, functions, and meetings.
4. Sign official documents along with the Director as required in their respective capacity.
5. Work with affiliate leadership and conduct monthly meetings set at least a week in advance.

The Director of Finance shall:

1. Keep up-to-date records regarding the financial affairs of ASU.
2. Monitor and report the financial status of ASU to the Board.
3. Create budget reports at the beginning of each Fall and Spring semester and as requested by the Director, Assistant Director, and/or Florida State University faculty/staff advisor.
4. Prepare and present any bills, resolutions, or requests dealing with ASU finances approved by the Board to the Student Senate.
5. Complete a monthly Financial Report to be included in the Agency Monthly Reports. This is to be turned in to the Director of Administration.
6. Complete an Annual Report of all financial information at the end of the fiscal year. This is to be turned in to the Director of Administration.

The Director of Administration shall:

1. Record the meeting minutes for all ASU meetings.
2. Maintain a collective set of minutes of ASU meetings to be turned over to the new Director of Administration following the appointment of officers.

3. Maintain a membership roll and record of the attendance at Board Meetings as well as the membership roll of each active ASU affiliate.
4. Keep a visual record documenting all ASU-related meetings, functions, and activities including, but not limited to photographs, documentaries, videos, scrapbooks, and any other means of documentation.
5. Update the ASU Webpage with details of upcoming events and a review of past ASU sponsored activities.
6. Serve as a liaison to the Student Disability Resource Center.

Three (3) additional Board Members shall:

1. Have their specific role and responsibilities determined by the newly appointed Director with a recommendation provided by the previous Board.
2. Play an active role in advancing ASU and coming up with innovative ways to further engage students through programming, outreach, and public relations.
3. Attend all Board meetings and be voting members.

1012.5 Removal from Office

A. Executive Board

All Board members are subject to removal at any time by two thirds (2/3) vote of all Board members.

B. Director

The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, recommend the removal of the Director to the Student Body President and only then will the Student Body President decide upon the dismissal of the Director.

1012.6 Vacancies

A. Executive Board

Any position made vacant shall be advertised for no less than five (5) school days. The applicants shall be interviewed by the remaining Board members and selected by a majority vote. If there should be a tie, the Director shall break the tie with their vote and shall forward the individual to the Student Senate for confirmation. Should the Board fall below quorum, the Board may meet only for the purpose of selecting new members.

B. Director

Upon vacancy of the Director's position, the Assistant Director shall assume the office. The Assistant Director position will then be advertised for no less than two (2) weeks where the applicants shall be interviewed by the new Director and Board and upon approval forward the individual to the Student Senate for confirmation.

1012.7 Temporary Vacancies

Upon temporary vacancies of the Board (e.g. summer vacancy), the Director shall appoint a temporary Executive Board member to serve in the position until the original member returns to reassume the position.

1012.8 Meetings

A. Board Meetings

1. Board meetings shall be held at least twice a month.
2. Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Director or upon written request of at least a majority of the Board members.
3. Notification of all ASU Board meetings shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the designated meeting time.
4. The Board may take no official action unless a quorum is present.

B. Regular Information and General Body Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held once a month, to be determined by the Board.
2. Meetings are to be open to the general public and the time and date shall be publicly advertised.

1012.9 Finances

A. Spending

For the protection of the organization and its officers it is required that two authorized signatures sign all purchase requests. Only the Director, Assistant Director, and Director of Finance can be signers on the organization's account. Organizational funds may be spent on items such as office supplies, events/activities, publicity, travel expenses, conference fees, etc., but will not be used for anything illegal under University, local, state, and federal laws.

B. Certification

The Director, Assistant Director, and Director of Finance must be financially certified through the Student Government Association.

The Sixty Eighth Student Senate

Resolution 15

Sponsored by Senator Scott

Whereas: The Florida State University is responsible for cultivating and maintaining a strong relationship between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and this collegiate institution, and

Whereas: The Florida State University received the declaration of support from the Seminole Tribe in 2005 to use the Seminole name, logos and images, and

Whereas: The university seeks to ensure all images and actions used to depict the tribe are authentic and reflect what we value as an institution, and

Whereas: The university has agreed to not engage in any activity that does not have the approval of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and

Whereas: Florida State University fans are allowed to bring headdresses that do not depict the Seminole Tribe of Florida to athletic events, and

Whereas: The Seminole Tribe has expressed its distaste for this appropriation of culture, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The wearing of any Native American headdresses shall no longer be permitted into athletic arenas and Florida State University administration makes it a priority to enact this change for the sake of honor and respect of the Seminole Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

President John Thrasher, Florida State University

President Nathan Molina, Student Government Association

Vice President Mary Coburn, Student Affairs

President Scott Atwell, Alumni Association

President Andy Miller, Seminole Boosters

Stan Wilcox, Director of FSU Athletics

Vicki Dobiyski, Dean of Students