

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

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Senate Bill 85

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Purpose & Description (Use back if more space is needed)

Statute Revisions regarding OGA
Office of Governmental Affairs

Approved for First Reading _____

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Senate Judiciary Chairperson
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Chapter 908 The Office of Governmental Affairs

History: Added by the 48th Senate Bill 129. Revised by the 49th Senate Bills 4, 51 and 62. Revised by the 50th Senate Bill 33. Revised by the 51st Senate Bills 34 and 47. Deleted by the 56th Senate Bill 83. Re-Added by the 58th Senate Bill 12. Revised by the 59th Senate Bill 32. Revised by the 61st Senate Bill 48. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bills 30 and 101. Revised by the 64th Senate Bills 2 and 63. Revised by the 65th Senate Bill 6

908.1 Creation and Purpose

A. Creation

This act shall be called the Student Government Association Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA).

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of OGA is to ensure the fair and appropriate representation and participation of the student body in local, state and federal government.
2. OGA will offer an opportunity for interested students to participate in legislative and other governmental processes. Furthermore, the OGA will promote civic engagement through mediums such as voter participation, testimony before governmental entities, communication with policy makers, the training of students in areas such as lobbying and organizing and other forms of governmental relations.
3. OGA shall work closely with the FSU Office of Governmental Relations to ensure appropriate representation of the student body as it relates to the focus of the University, to assist students with information and placement in governmental internship opportunities and to coordinate FSU Day at the Capitol.
4. OGA will assist with the creation and oversight of student activist components in major campus entities such as SGA agencies, RSOs, and other student initiatives, for the purpose of organizing and informing students about legislative agenda and governmental endorsements of SGA.

908.2 Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be responsible for determining policies dealing with the programming and activities of the Office of Governmental Affairs.

A. Membership of the Board

1. The Board shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members.
2. The voting members will consist of the Student Body President or his/her designee, the Senate President or his/her designee, the Speaker of COGS or his/her designee, nine (9) members-at-large, the Director and two (2) Assistant Directors.

3. Selection

- a. The Director will select the nine (9) members-at-large, to be then be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1

B. Powers and Duties of the Board

1. The Board shall set the legislative agenda for the student body for each legislative session.
2. The Board shall find affective means of educating the student body concerning voter turnout and voter registration.
3. The Board shall determine all of its rules and bylaws. The Board may remove the Director with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of no less than quorum. The Director shall not have a vote.
4. Should the student body contract a private lobbyist service, the Board will produce any documents or proposals related to the procurement of such services.
5. The Board will plan and hold trainings and programs to educate and engage students about specific governmental/legislative issues, which are endorsed by student body legislative agenda or resolution passed by the Student Senate relating to governmental relations and opportunities to get involved.
6. The Board will work to survey a diverse population of students to gain insight on concerns and opinions relevant to the mission of the office.

Meetings

908.3 Meetings

1. The Board shall meet at least twice a month. A report of this meeting shall be issued to the Executive and Legislative branches of the SGA. This report shall be given during the messages portion of the Senate Calendar.
- ~~2. All proposed changes to the Legislative agenda must be submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. This rule does not apply to Senate action, which may change the agenda without restriction. Senate shall approve the agenda, or change it, in the form of a resolution. These resolutions must be submitted 48 hours in advance.~~
3. All Board members shall be notified 48 hours in advance of any meeting. All meetings shall be noticed per the requirements of SGA in the Sunshine Statute. (Chapter 231.1)
4. The Director shall be in attendance at all meetings of the Board.

908.4 Director

A. Selection

1. The Director position shall be advertised for at least two weeks before interviews may be conducted. The position shall be advertised. The

applicants shall be interviewed and then appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.

2. Preference is to be given to a student with legislative knowledge and experience. This person shall be a student registered for at least six (6) credit hours in the Fall and Spring and three (3) credit hours in the Summer.

B. Powers and Duties

1. The Director of OGA shall be responsible for conducting a formal interview process for an Internal and External Assistant Director, and forward ~~two names~~ one candidate per position to the Student Body President for appointment.

2. The Director shall be responsible for the effective operations of OGA. This shall include the supervision of the Board, planning of legislative strategy for further student involvement, and providing direct service at the Legislature.

3. The Director shall report to the Student Senate at least twice a month.

4. The Director shall have the authority to form committees in support of the completion of specific tasks related to the operations of the OGA.

5. The Director of OGA shall be the student body representative to any private lobbying firm or interest group that is contracted by SGA.

6. The Director of OGA shall serve on the Florida Student Association Governmental Relations Council as long as the Florida State University remains a member of the Florida Student Association.

7. Should the student body contract a private lobbyist service, the Director shall serve on the Lobbyist Selection Commission.

908.5 Deputy Director

A. Selection

1. The Deputy Director position shall be advertised for at least two weeks before interviews may be conducted. The position shall be advertised on the SGA Page. The applicants shall be interviewed and then appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.

2. Preference is to be given to a student with legislative knowledge and experience. This person shall be a student registered for at least six (6) credit hours in the Fall and Spring and three (3) credit hours in the Summer.

3. In the absence or resignation of the Director, the Deputy Director shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Director. In such cases, the Deputy Director shall be given priority in filling the Director's position. During the absence or removal of the Director, the Deputy Director shall serve as Acting Director until a new director is appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.

4. The Deputy Director will focus on the off-campus initiatives of OGA, including the act of providing representation of the student body in national and local government. The Deputy Director will also serve as the liaison to

the Governmental initiatives of other universities around the state. The Deputy Director shall also be the primary assistant of the Director.

908.6 Internal Assistant Director (IAD)

A. Selection

1. The Internal Assistant Director (IAD) position shall be advertised for at least one week before interviews may be conducted. The position shall be advertised on the SGA Page. The applicants shall be interviewed and then appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.
2. The Internal Assistant Director will serve as a direct liaison between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of SGA. The IAD will recommend legislation on behalf of the Executive Branch and work with Student Senators to give Executive insight to legislative initiatives.
3. The Internal Assistant Director will focus on the on-campus initiatives of OGA, as well as the training and placement of students interested in governmental affairs.

B. Powers and Duties

The Internal Assistant Director and the Deputy Director shall assist the Director in the effective operation of OGA.

908.7 Student Body Legislative Agenda

1. This agenda shall be proposed by the Board of Directors. The agenda shall be forwarded to the Senate for adoption by means of resolution.
2. Changes to said agenda shall be forwarded to the Senate to be adopted in the same manner.
3. All proposed changes to the Legislative agenda must be submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. This rule does not apply to Senate action, which may change the agenda at any time without submitting a proposed change to the Board. Senate shall approve the agenda, or change it, in the form of a resolution. These resolutions to change the Legislative Agenda must be submitted 48 hours in advance.
- ~~3-~~ 4. The Legislative Agenda shall list the official policy preferences endorsed by the student body.

THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Resolution 60

Sponsored by: Senator Forst

WHEREAS: The Hispanic Latino Student Union is having their Summer Pool Party, and

WHEREAS: They would like to hold this event off campus at the Osceola Apartments on Saturday, July 27 from 2-5 p.m., and

WHEREAS: They are co-sponsoring this event with other HLSU affiliates and cultural organizations, and

WHEREAS: A Senate resolution is needed to have an event off campus, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTH FIFTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

HLSU is granted permission to have their Summer Pool Party off campus

The Sixty Fifth Student Senate

Resolution 61

Sponsored by Senators Emanuello and Mishra

WHEREAS: Graduate Assistants represent the single largest working group at Florida State University, and provide the majority of instruction and great deal of research which make this a preeminent institution, and

WHEREAS: Most Graduate Assistants are financially independent and purchase their own health insurance, and

WHEREAS: The health insurance mandate significantly limits the kinds of health plans they may buy, and

WHEREAS: The health plan offered by the university will cost \$1680 for domestic Graduate Assistants and \$1848 for international Graduate Assistants for the 2013-2014 academic year, and

WHEREAS: A low cost of attendance is essential to recruiting the best and brightest Graduate Assistants, and

WHEREAS: Currently, the university will provide a subsidy of \$900 for half-time appointees and \$450 for quarter-time appointees to pay for the university plan, and

WHEREAS: Graduate Assistants with appointments at or above the quarter-time level at the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University receive a subsidy which fully pays for their health insurance, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State University is the only preeminent institution in the state which requires an employee contribution for health insurance.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT: We support the efforts of United Faculty of Florida- Florida State University- Graduate Assistants United to eliminate the employee contribution for health insurance for Graduate Assistants with appointments at or above the quarter-time level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:

Rosalia Contreras, Student Body President

Allen Bense, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Kathryn Ballard, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Edward E. "Ed" Burr, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Joseph L. Camps, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Emily Fleming Duda, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Joseph Gruters, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Wm. Andrew Haggard, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Mark Hillis, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Leslie Pantin, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Margaret A. "Peggy" Rolando, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Brent W. Sembler, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Gary Tyson, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Resolution 62

Sponsored by: Senator Forst

WHEREAS: The Student Academic Programs funding committee was allocated \$35,000 in the annual Activity & Service Fee Budget, and

WHEREAS: The Student Academic Programs hearings were held on Monday, July 15, 2013, and

WHEREAS: The World Affairs Program and FSU Forensics came forward to request funding, therefore

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

The Senate approves the allocation of \$17,500 to The World Affairs Program and \$17,500 to the Forensics Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The following Proviso Language is attached:

Both the World Affairs Program and the Forensics Team must attend Senate meetings twice a semester and it is recommended that they seek alternative funding sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution is sent to SGA Advisor Ms. Vicki Dobiyski and Student Body Treasurer Blake Kurleman.

The Sixty-Fifth Student Senate

Resolution 63

Sponsored by Senators Hackett and Butler

WHEREAS: The Florida State University and The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's main campuses are separated by less than one mile, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State University and The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University have Student Government Association that advocates for the rights and advancement of their respective student body, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State University and The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University hold mutual interest with regards to local, state, and federal policy, and

WHEREAS: Improved communication and cooperation between our two universities' Student Government Association are desired, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

THAT: The Student Senates at the Florida State University and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University will collaborate to address any issue that has a direct impact on college students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Florida State University and The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University will co-sponsor a service project for the Tallahassee community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Student Senates at the Florida State University and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University will conduct a joint senate meeting at a time and location mutually agreed upon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: A copy of this resolution be sent to: Rosie Contreras, Florida State University Student Body President, Brandon Eisaman, Florida State University 65th Student Senate President, Ms. Vicki Dobiyski, Florida State University SGA Director of Student Affairs, Tonnette Graham, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 43rd Student Senate President, and Anthony Siders, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Body President