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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FOURTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes § 908 (See attached).
To amend statutes to reflect the mission and operations of the Office of Governmental Affairs more accurately.

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908.1 Creation, Purpose, and Mission Statement

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, participations, and advocacy for and of the student body within the university and 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.

C. Mission Statement

The mission of the Student Government Association's Office of Governmental Affairs is to provide Florida State University students with representation and advocacy within the university community and at all levels of government. Special emphasis is placed on monitoring the Florida Governmental process from which the University receives a majority of its funding. In addition, the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors is committed to informing the student body of key Governmental issues of interest and impact.

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 a designee, the Student Senate President or a designee, the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students or a designee, nine (9) members-at-large, the Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and the Assistant Director.

3. Selection

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

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 execute effective 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 recommend removal of the Executive Director by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members. The Executive Director shall not have a vote. Removal of any bureau officer shall occur only in accordance with Chapter 405 of the Student Body Statutes or by impeachment by the Student Senate.

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 ~~government~~—at 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.

908.3 Meetings

- A** 2. The Board shall meet at least once per 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.
- B** 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)

908.4 Executive Director

A. Selection

1. Forwarding of candidates for the Executive Director position shall be in compliance with Student Body Statutes 202.1, 304.2, and 304.3.
2. Preference is to be given to a student with legislative knowledge and experience.

B. Powers and Duties

1. The Executive Director of OGA shall be responsible for conducting a formal interview process for a Deputy Director and an ~~Internal~~ Assistant Director, and forward one candidate per position to the Student Body President for appointment.
2. The Executive 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 Executive Director shall have the authority to form committees in support of the completion of specific tasks related to the operations of the OGA.

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

5. The Executive Director 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.

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

7. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the management of the bureau's budget with a majority vote of approval of the OGA Board of Directors.

8. The Executive Director shall be responsible for seeing that the bureau is in compliance with all guidelines outlined in Title VIII (Finance Code).

908.5 Deputy Director

A. Selection

1. Forwarding of candidates for the Deputy Director position shall be in compliance with Student Body Statutes 202.1, 304.2, and 304.3

2. In the absence or resignation of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director. During the absence or removal of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director shall serve as Acting Executive Director until a new Executive Director is appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate in accordance with Chapter 202.1 A.

3. 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 Executive Director.

908.6 Assistant Director

A. Selection

1. Forwarding of candidates for the Assistant Director position shall be in compliance with Student Body Statutes 202.1, 304.2, and 304.3.

2. The Assistant Director will serve as a direct liaison between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of SGA. The Assistant Director will recommend legislation on behalf of the Executive Branch and work with Student Senators to give Executive insight to legislative initiatives.

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

908.7 Student Body Legislative Agenda

For the purposes of 908.7 the phrase "Time Sensitive" shall be defined as the need to pass during the next Student Senate Meeting

For the purposes of 908.7 the phrase "Legislative Agenda Caucus" shall be defined as a caucus within the Student Senate which will enable the OGA Executive Director to give a formal opinion on the amendment containing the proposed changes.

A. Adoption

1. This agenda shall be compiled and approved by the Board of Directors.

2. The agenda shall be forwarded to the Student Senate for adoption by means of resolution at the discretion of the Senate President in consultation with the Executive Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs.

a. Contingent on the Legislative Agenda being time sensitive if there is an amendment on the floor of the Student Senate there shall be a motion to enter the Legislative Agenda Caucus. All amendments should be filed before entering the Legislative Agenda Caucus. If the OGA Executive Director approves the changes the amendment shall require a majority vote by the Student Senate in order to pass. If the OGA Executive Director opposes the changes the amendment shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass.

b. If the Legislative Agenda is not deemed time sensitive, amendments to change the Legislative Agenda must be submitted 24 hours prior to the Board of Directors meeting. The board shall give a formal opinion on the amendment containing the proposed changes. If the Board approves the changes the amendment shall require a majority vote in order to pass. If the Board opposes the changes the amendment shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass. Amendment's will not be made on the floor of the Senate.

3. The Legislative Agenda shall be the official policy preferences endorsed by the student body.

B. Post Adoption - Senate Action

1. Once the Legislative Agenda is approved by the Student Senate in the form of a resolution, all proposed changes to the Legislative Agenda by any member of the Student Senate shall be submitted in the form of resolution and placed on first reading with no committee referral. Each resolution shall only contain one potential agenda item. Within a week, the proposed changes shall be sent to the Board of Directors.

2. The Board shall give a formal opinion on the resolution containing the proposed changes. If the Board approves the changes the resolution shall require a majority vote in order to pass. If the Board opposes the changes the resolution shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to pass.

C. Post Adoption - Board of Directors Action

1. Once the Legislative Agenda is approved all proposed changes to the Legislative agenda by any member of the Board of Directors must be submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. If the amendment to the Legislative Agenda is approved the Student Senate shall change the Legislative Agenda in the form of resolution and be placed on first reading with no committee referral.

908.8 Policy on SGA Communication with State & Elected Officials

This section shall contain Florida State University Student Government Association procedures, and guidelines pertaining to SGA entities and affiliates contacting current & former; local, state, and federal government officials and agencies in order to enhance the effectiveness of governmental communication, and to facilitate coordination and communication within SGA.

A. Legislative Agenda & SGA Policy Endorsements

1. All Recognized Student Organizations and SGA entities & affiliates must gain permission to lobby on behalf of the Legislative Agenda and the official policy preferences endorsed by the student body through the OGA. The Executive Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs may aid SGA affiliates and entities in communication with state, local, and federal government officials and agencies to ensure success and inclusivity.
2. Only individuals authorized by the Executive Director of Governmental Affairs or the Student Body President are authorized to represent the Student body's or Student Government's interests.

B. Invitations of Government Officials to Visit Campuses

1. Invitations by SGA to local, state, & federal elected or appointed officials in their official capacity are to be conducted by the Office of Governmental Affairs in conjunction with the SGA entity soliciting the invitation.

908.9 Agency Advisory Committee

There shall be an advisory committee within OGA comprised of SGA Agencies called the OGA Agency Advisory Committee.

A. Membership of the Committee

1. The Committee shall consist of one representative from each SGA Agency (1000.7 The Agencies)
2. Each representative shall be chosen from the internal procedures of each Agency

B. Purpose of the Committee

1. This committee will serve to increase the amount and level of cooperation and interdependency between OGA and SGA Agencies and aid in organizing and informing students about the legislative agenda and governmental endorsements of SGA, in order to aid the purpose and mission of OGA.
2. The Committee shall aid the Board of Directors in fulfilling the Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors and aid each SGA Agency as the Chair and Advisory Committee see fit.

C. Meetings:

1. The committee shall meet at least once a month. Minutes shall be recorded and kept on file by the Executive Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs.

2. 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)