



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Date: January 28, 2017

Senate Bill: 21

Sponsor(s) Gaston

Hill

Purpose & Description (Use extra sheet of paper if more space is needed) Revising the Black Student Union Chapters 1003. 1, 1003. 2 and 1003.3. to clean up their statutes.

Approved for First Reading _____

Statute Number _____ Strike _____ Statute Number _____

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1003.1 Creation and Purpose

A. Creation

This act shall create an Agency of the Student Government Association known as the Black Student Union (BSU).

B. Purpose

The BSU shall serve primarily to promote and provide for the social welfare of the Black Student Body at the Florida State University. The BSU shall be limited neither to the aforementioned objectives nor to the Florida State University in scope. The BSU shall also strive to provide and promote economic, political and academic enrichment through its activities, and it shall serve as a catalyst to the enlightenment of the Florida State University community to the distinct and proud cultural heritage of ~~Black people in America~~ African Americans in the U.S. as well as on the African continent. Finally, it shall be a source of edification of the Black experience at Florida State University.

1003.2 Membership

Membership shall include all students who take an active role in the furtherance of the cause of justice and equality for ~~Blacks~~ African Americans without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

1003.3 Board of Directors

A. Membership

The Board of Directors, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Board", shall consist of chairs and co-chairs of respective BSU committees, of which four (4) shall be elected officers of the BSU, hereinafter referred to as "officers", and shall consist of staff which includes the house manager, or any other positions created by the elected officials.

B. Term of Office and Elections

1. BSU elections shall be run in accordance with Title VII of the SGA Student Body Statutes with the exception of the rules of procedure outlines in 1003.3 B (3) and 1003.3 B (6).
 - a. For the purpose of BSU elections, an academic week shall be defined as a calendar week during a semester which ~~class~~ classes are in session.
2. The BSU shall have four (4) elected officers. The elections shall take place the first Wednesday in April each year. Following the election, elected officers shall officially take office the first week of the summer session. The elected members of BSU (whose roles are defined in 1003.3 C) are the Director (President), ~~Vice~~

President Assistant Director (Vice President), Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. Any candidate wishing to run for the office of Director (President) and/or Assistant Director (Vice President) must have served on the agency's executive board for a minimum of two consecutive semesters
3. A ~~student-run~~ Black Student Union election shall not exceed three (3) academic weeks and must start the first academic Wednesday of March. During these three (3) academic weeks the BSU election shall follow the rules and procedure as outlined in Title VII, with the exception of the declaration of candidacy and party registration, which are outlined in 1003.3 B (5).

Senate Resolution 15

Sponsored by: Senators Pimentel, Kreutzer, Spear, Bousbar, Billisi, and Theodore

WHEREAS, Florida State University prides itself in being a University renowned for welcoming students, faculty, and staff from all over the world. Including those 7 countries barred by the United States' recent immigration ban by executive order.

WHEREAS, Florida State University is an equal opportunity employer and educational provider committed to a policy of non-discrimination for any member of the University's community on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veterans' status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other legally protected group status.

WHEREAS, according to 8 U.S. Code § 1152: "*No person shall receive any preference or priority or be discriminated against in the issuance of an immigrant visa because of the person's race, sex, nationality, place of birth, or place of residence.*"

WHEREAS, an estimated 17,000 international students in the U.S. are from the seven nations covered by the entry ban.

WHEREAS, currently, there are at least 60 FSU students who are affected by the executive order, one of them being an FSU graduate student who had gone home to Iran and is currently stranded, and will not be able to return until the ban has expired

WHEREAS, diversity and Inclusion have long been a part of the operating philosophy at the Florida State University. Here, valuing diversity means a workplace that respects and includes differences, recognizes the unique contributions that individuals with many types of differences can make, and creates a work environment that maximizes the potential of all employees and students.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY NINTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT,

We stand in solidarity with our fellow Seminoles and FSU community affected by this executive order and express deep concern for the consequences arising from this action. We urge President Donald Trump to reverse this action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

Florida State University continues to welcome the most talented individuals from all countries to study, teach, and carry out research and scholarship at our university.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution will be sent to the following:

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Mary Coburn, Vice President of Student Affairs
Vicki Dobiyaniski, Dean of Students
Susan Priorito, President of the Faculty Senate
Nathan Molina, Student Body President

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution will be sent to the following:

Donald Trump, President of the United States
John F. Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security