

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET June 21, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Joseph Cofer
75th Student Senate Summer President
Florida State University

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- **Bill 64, Sponsored by Senator S. White (P):** This bill specifies that RSOs who are given A&S monies must have a Senate transfer bill padded if they want to transfer funds which originate from A&S fees between budget categories.
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- **Resolution 50, Sponsored by Senators Hellman, Pedraja (P) Arellano, Kerley, Patel, S. White (Co):** This resolution acknowledges the significance of the Fourth of July as a national holiday in the United States, commemorating the Declaration of Independence. It emphasizes the importance of unity, reflection on the sacrifices made by the country's forefathers, and the promotion of civic engagement and historical consciousness among the student body at Florida State University. The resolution encourages the celebration and recognition of Independence Day, participation in local events, educational activities, and discussions, and calls upon the university administration to support and promote these initiatives while urging the community to reflect on upholding principles of liberty, justice, and equality.
- **Resolution 51, Sponsored by Senator A. White, Baez (P):** This resolution aims to support and enhance accessibility to EBT terminal locations for students in need on the Florida State University campus through clear advertisement and website descriptions.

- **Resolution 52, Sponsored by Senator Sparling (P):** To recognize and celebrate Juneteenth at Florida State University in the wake of anti-DEI Legislative attacks nationwide.

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Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 52

Primary Sponsor(s): Randall, Salazar

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: June 14, 2023

Purpose & Description: To remove from the position of Secretaries of Agencies and Bureaus from the list of Major Offices.

Statute Number(s): 100.5

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

100.1 Major Offices

A. Definitions

1. Director - The chief executive of an entity.
2. Assistant Director - The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
3. Treasurer - The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
4. ~~Secretary - The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.~~

B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.

C. Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Body Treasurer

4. Student Body Attorney General
5. Members of the Executive Office of the President
6. Cabinet Officers
7. Directors, Assistant Directors, **Secretaries**, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
8. Student Senators
9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
10. Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors excluding elected positions.
11. Union Board Members
12. Campus Recreation Board Members
13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
14. University Defenders
15. SGA General Counsels
16. Clerk of the Court
17. Supervisor of Elections
18. Deputy Supervisors of Elections
19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director
21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

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Senate Bill #: 56

Primary Sponsor(s): Cofer, Humberg
Co-Sponsor(s): Butrum, Gomez, Gorelick, Randall, Richards, Waller

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: SBS §603.2 (See attached).

Streamlining language pertaining to the FSU Panama City campus's election procedures, and allowing them to vote for Student Body Treasurer.

Read 1st Time: 04/19

Referred to Committee: Internal Affairs & Judiciary 04/19

Committee Report: Passed In: Internal Affairs 06/05 & Judiciary 04/20

Read 2nd Time: 06/21

Senate Vote: PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

PASSED: June 21st, 2023

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

President of the Student Body Date

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy Date

Vice President of Student Affairs Date

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

603.2 PCC Student Elections

A. Franchise

- to
1. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in the semi-annual PCCSGC elections. Students enrolled at the main campus are ineligible to vote in the semi-annual PCC-SGC elections.
 2. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in FSU-SGA Presidential, ~~and Vice Presidential, and Treasurer~~ elections and/or on Amendments to the Student Body Constitution, in the manner outlined by the FSU-SGA Supervisor of Elections in accordance with Chapter 700 of Student Body Statutes. ~~either by absentee ballot or by vote at a poll established at PCC by FSU-SGA. All sealed absentee ballots are to be delivered to the Commissioner of Elections by the day of voting at the Tallahassee campus.~~

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Senate Bill #: 64

Primary Sponsor: White

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: §803.2 (See attached).

This bill specifies that RSOs who are given A&S monies must have a Senate transfer bill passed if they want to transfer funds which originate from A&S fees between budget categories.

Read 1st Time: 05/31

Referred to Committee: Finance & Judiciary 05/26

Committee Report: Passed In: Finance 06/06 & Judiciary 06/07

Read 2nd Time: 06/21

Senate Vote: 30-0-1

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

PASSED: June 21st, 2023

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President of the Student Body Date

Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy Date

Vice President of Student Affairs Date

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

803 Transfer Requirements

- A. SGA branches, offices, agencies, bureaus, ~~and~~ affiliated projects, and recognized student organizations which are allocated A&S monies may only transfer A&S money between budgetary categories through the passage of a legislative bill. Such transfers shall also require the consent of the Director or chief executive of the entity within which the funds are being transferred.

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Senate Bill #: 65

Primary Sponsor: White
Co-Sponsor(s): Pedraja, Hellman, Kerley

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: SBS §300.4 (See attached).

To update the statues for the Student Body Treasurer to be able to have a greater opportunity to make a beneficial impact on the Student Body.

Read 1st Time: 06/21
Referred to Committee: N/A
Committee Report: N/A
Read 2nd Time: 06/21
Senate Vote: 29-0-0

OFFICIAL: _____
Student Senate President

PASSED: June 21st, 2023

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Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy Date

Vice President of Student Affairs Date

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Provide information and support to any organization, executive agency, bureau and funding board.
- B. Meet monthly with the director or financial officer of executive agencies, affiliated projects, bureaus, and funding boards individually to turn in monthly expenditure statements for review, address questions and/or concerns, and discuss upcoming funding opportunities.
- C. Review all A&S expenditures made by executive agencies, bureaus, student organizations (with the exception of COGS) and funding boards before the expenditures are submitted to the SGA Business Manager of SGA Accounting.
- D. Have forty-eight (48) hours to approve or reject any expenditure. After forty-eight (48) hours, the expenditure may be considered without approval of the Student Body Treasurer.
- E. Reject any expenditure; must have the approval and signature of the Student Body President.
- F. Assist all entities within the Executive Branch in the development of effective resource management techniques.
- G. Assist all entities within the Executive Branch with the correction of financial problems and developing techniques to avoid further financial problems.
- H. Assist the President in preparing the budget of the Executive Branch ensuring accuracy, transparency, and alignment with the goals and priorities of the student body.
- I. Defend the Executive Branch budget in meetings or discussions with relevant stakeholders, including university administration, funding boards, and external entities.
- H. Review the financial manual periodically and provide official recommendations for any necessary reforms or updates to ensure compliance with applicable regulations, enhance financial management practices, and promote transparency and accountability within the Executive Branch.
- K. Review the finance code in student body statutes and provide official recommendations to the student body Senate for any necessary reforms
- L. Represent the Executive Branch in financial discussions, meetings, or negotiations with external entities, such as RSOs. This includes advocating for the financial interests and needs of the student body, seeking additional funding opportunities, and collaborating with external organizations or institutions on matters related to the financial well-being of the Executive Branch.

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 44

Primary Sponsor: Salazar, White
Co-Sponsor(s): Bevis, Randall, Patel
Date: April 18, 2023

Whereas: The Internal Affairs often time gets overwhelmed by the amount of confirmation hearings that need to take place, and

Whereas: The Finance Committee, according to the Senate Rules of Procedure, maintains the oversight to “debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statutes,” and

Whereas: The Finance Committee should assume the responsibility of all financial nominations for agencies and bureaus, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: to help our committees work more efficiently that the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows

6.2 The Senate Finance Committee shall:

- a. Debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statutes.
- b. Review Chapter 800 of the Finance Code and suggest possible amendments.
- c. Conduct reviews and provide legislative oversight for all A&S fee recipients and expenditures as deemed necessary by the Student Senate President in consultation with the Chair.
- d. Review Senate Funds Distribution Committee consent resolutions, approve or disapprove nominations to the Funds Distribution Committees, and inform the Senate of any relevant actions.
- e. Forward or deny all **nominations for** agency, bureau, and affiliated project nominees for financial officers, **excluding Executive Cabinet officers.**

OFFICIAL:

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 30-0-1
PASSED: June 21st, 2023

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 46

Primary Sponsor: White
Co-Sponsor(s): Kerley, Randall
Date: May 1, 2023

Whereas: Florida State University has recently climbed 24 spots to be No.19 among U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges ranking of public universities, and has more than 30 graduate programs in the top 25 U.S. News and World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Graduate Schools", and,

Whereas: Florida State is known for its great value for students, striving to offer an affordable education for all, and was named the No. 11 Best Value College among public colleges and universities by the Princeton Review, and,

Whereas: Florida State University had a record 99 percent freshman retention rate between the fall and sophomore semester, and holds a 95 percent overall freshman retention rate, placing among the top 15 in the country, and,

Whereas: the university's acceptance rate recently dropped to 24 percent for the incoming class of 2026 2027, marking the most academically accomplished incoming class in Florida State's history, and,

Whereas: Florida State University offers more than 300 programs of study across 16 colleges and schools, including prestigious and widely respected colleges such as Florida State University's College of Business, FSU's Department of Psychology, The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, FSU's Department of Biological Science, and The Department of Computer Science at FSU, and,

Whereas: The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, environmental, computer, industrial, biomedical, manufacturing, and chemical engineering, representing one of the strongest and proudest partnerships of the university, as well as, a spirit of diversity that will only continue to deepen, and,

Whereas: Florida State University is respected nationwide for being a leading research university. Florida State University offers students the chance to participate in research with the Center for Research and Engagement, and offers undergraduates the ability to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and University of Florida are home to the strongest magnet in the world, is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of only a dozen such facilities in the world, and consistently provides unmatched research opportunities for students in condensed matter physics, geochemistry, and cryogenic physics, and,

Whereas: Florida State University has over 750 Recognized Student Organizations, over 40 Fraternity and Sorority chapters, 7 identity-based agencies, a thriving Student Government Association, and a consistently ranked top 20 best athletics program, on campus for students to explore, participate in and find a community in, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's football program has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles, has sent 293 players to the NFL, including 46 first-round picks, has had three Heisman trophy winning players, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's soccer program has a history of consistent excellence. With the program winning two NCAA championships, appearing in the College Cup 12 times, winning 19 ACC championships, and sending many players on to the US Women's National Team and other professional leagues, and,

Whereas: FSU baseball has a long history of success, with a winning tradition that spans over 70 years, including 57 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, the longest active streak in the nation, in addition to 18 conference championships, 23 College World Series appearances, and the development of several Major League Baseball Hall of Famers, and,

Whereas: Florida State University softball program has been one of the most successful softball programs in the history of collegiate softball, they have one 19 ACC Championships, advanced to the Women's College World Series 12 times, honored 36 players as All-American's, and never endured a losing season, and,

Whereas: Florida State University perfectly represents the idea of work hard, while creating a fun and scholarly environment for its students that will serve to build lifelong connections and skills for all its students, and,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the hard work by students, faculty, and alumni alike to move our university forward is recognized, appreciated, and commended. Additionally, the Student Senate recognizes the work that is still needed to elevate our university, provide opportunities to all students, create a community of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, and,

Be it further resolved that: the Student Government Association is committed to provide the resources and support needed to make Florida State University the best academic institution in the state of Florida, become recognized as the best public university in the nation, raise our national rankings, and,

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes the Student Body President's commitments to the objectives stated above, and looks forward to the work their office intends to complete towards these goals, and

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President
Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President

OFFICIAL:

Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 21-7-3
PASSED: June 21st, 2023

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: Do not fill.

Primary Sponsor: Hine

Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Butrum, Chehaitli, Gomez, Gorelick

Date: June 12, 2023

Whereas: The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in 1969 and to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQIA+) individuals, and

Whereas: On June 6th, 2023, the Human Rights Campaign officially declared a state of emergency for LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States following what it deems an unprecedented and dangerous spike in anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, and

Whereas: The Human Rights Campaign notes that 2023 has been a record-breaking year for anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, as over 525 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills were introduced in 41 states, with 76 of those being signed into law as of June 5th, 2023, and

Whereas: The organization furthers that as of May 2023, the Florida legislature has passed six laws deemed anti-LGBTQIA+, more than the last seven years combined, and

Whereas: With the growing number of anti-LGBTQIA+ laws, students across the country have expressed that they feel unsafe and unrepresented in schools through petition, protest, and other avenues, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union, located on the third floor of the FSU Student Union, stands to advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights on campus, and has expressed the worry of LGBTQIA+ people at FSU and their ability to stay safe on campus, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate condemns these legislative attacks against LGBTQIA+ individuals across the United States, acknowledging their impact on members of our own University's student body, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate stands in support of Florida State University's LGBTQIA+ students as well as members of the community across the country who feel the impacts of this wave of legislation, and

Be it further resolved that: This body encourages Florida State University to speak out against all types of identity-based discrimination, and to promote its resources available for the LGBTQIA+ community, including the Pride Student Union, a University entity whose mission statement is “to advocate for, empower, and provide community spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people within both the FSU and Tallahassee communities,” and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy
Nicole (Nick) Fernandez-Greene, Executive Director, Pride Student Union
Ripley Melvin, Assistant Director, Pride Student Union
Elias Goeckel, Center Director, Pride Student Union

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 50

Primary Sponsor: Hellman, Pedraja
Co-Sponsor(s): Arellano, Kerley, Patel, White
Date: June 8, 2023

Whereas: the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, is a significant and cherished national holiday in the United States, commemorating the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776; and WHEREAS, the Fourth of July holds deep historical and cultural importance for Americans, symbolizing the birth of the United States as an independent nation, founded upon the principles of liberty, democracy, and equal rights for all; and

Whereas: the Fourth of July is a time for citizens across the country to come together in celebration, fostering a sense of unity and pride in our shared heritage as Americans; and

Whereas: the Fourth of July provides an opportunity for reflection on the sacrifices made by our forefathers, who fought valiantly for our freedom and laid the foundation for the democratic principles that we hold dear; and

Whereas: Florida State University (FSU) values and embraces diversity, promoting an inclusive environment that encourages cultural understanding and appreciation; and

Whereas: the Student Senate recognizes the importance of commemorating and celebrating significant national events to foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among its students, faculty, and staff; and

Whereas: the Student Senate seeks to promote a spirit of patriotism, civic engagement, and historical consciousness among the student body; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: we celebrate and recognize America's Independence Day on July 4th, 2023, with great enthusiasm and pride; and

Be it further resolved that: that the Seventy-fifth Student Senate encourages all members of the FSU community to observe and honor Independence Day, whether through participation in local parades, fireworks display, community events, or personal reflection on the significance of this historical milestone; and

Be it further resolved that: that the Seventy-fifth Student Senate encourages student organizations, campus departments, and residence halls to organize educational activities, cultural events, or discussions that explore the history, values, and impact of the Declaration of Independence and the subsequent establishment of the United States of America; and

Be it further resolved that: that the Seventy-fifth Student Senate calls upon the university administration to support and promote these activities and events, ensuring their accessibility and encouraging wide participation from the Florida State University community; and

Be it further resolved that: that the Seventy-fifth Student Senate urges the Florida State University community to approach Independence Day as an opportunity to reflect on our shared responsibility in upholding the principles of liberty, justice, and equality that define the United States, and to actively engage in conversations about how we can continue working towards a more inclusive and equitable society.

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