

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1022

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CHAPTER 307 SG OFFICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REMOVAL ACT (98-115, 2004-116, 2007-104, 2008-131, 2015-109)

- 307.41 Any SG official may be immediately suspended from office if ~~he or she is~~ they are convicted or found civilly liable pursuant to section 307.31, 307.32, or 307.33, notwithstanding any potential or pending appeal from said conviction or civil finding, by the Student Body President, or in case the affected officer is the Student Body President, by the Student Senate, based upon the best interests of the student body.
- 307.411 Prior to any suspension, the affected SG official shall be given an opportunity to Present ~~his/her~~ their case for why it is not in the best interests of the student body, as enumerated in 307.44, that ~~he/she~~ they be suspended to the Student Body President, or in the case the officer is the Student Body President, to the Student Senate. Prior to this presentation, the prosecuted official shall be presented with the names of any witnesses who will (have) appear(ed) in support of suspension. Further, any supportive evidentiary documents shall be turned over in a reasonable time prior to the presentation. Case presentation shall be of a reasonable duration.
- 307.42 Should the Student Body President, based upon the best interests of the student Body, elect to suspend an SG official pursuant to the terms of this chapter, the Student Body President will notify the affected officer and the Student Senate, in writing, of the suspension and the grounds thereof. The suspension will take effect immediately, should there not be an appeal as stated in 307.45, and remain in effect until revoked by the Student Body President or until the conviction or civil finding is reversed, vacated, or set aside by the appropriate administrative body, at which point the affected official will immediately be reinstated to ~~his or her~~ their SG office.

307.43 Should the Student Body President be convicted or found civilly liable pursuant to 307.31 or 307.32, notwithstanding any potential or pending appeal from said conviction or civil finding, the Student Senate may, based upon the best interests of the student body, elect to immediately suspend the Student Body President from office by no less than a three-fourths vote of the entire seated membership of said body. The Senate President will notify the Student Body President and the University of Florida President, in writing, if the Student Body President is suspended from office pursuant to this chapter. The suspension of the Student Body President will take effect immediately and remain in effect until revoked by the Student Senate, the University of Florida President, or until the predicate conviction or civil finding is reversed, vacated or the Student Body President is otherwise cleared of wrongdoing in the predicate criminal or civil matter, at which point the affected official will be immediately reinstated to ~~his or her~~ their office.

307.44 Standards for determining the “best interests of the student body” should include but are not limited to the following, whether the conduct:

1. will diminish ~~his or her~~ their ability to effectively carry out the duties and obligations of the elected office; or
2. will result in a loss of confidence by ~~his/her~~ their elected colleagues within SG in ~~his/her~~ their ability to be an effective voice for representing ~~his/her~~ their constituents; or

307.48 If the suspended official’s predicate conviction or civil finding is reversed, vacated or the official is otherwise cleared of wrongdoing in the predicate matter, the Student Body President or Student Senate will forthwith revoke the suspension and restore such official to office, and the official will be entitled to and be paid full back pay and such other emoluments or allowances to which ~~he or she~~ they would have been entitled for the full time period of the suspension. If, during the suspension, the term of office of the official expires and a successor is either appointed or elected, such back pay, emoluments or allowances will only be paid for the duration of the term of office during which the official was suspended under the provisions of this chapter, and ~~he or she~~ they will not be reinstated.

307.52 A petition to recommend to Student Government the removal of any SG official must comply with the following:

5. Each constituent signing an individual petition must sign ~~his or her~~ their name in ink or indelible pencil as it is registered with the University Registrar and must state on the petition ~~his or her~~ their constituency and student identification number. Each petition must also contain an oath, to

be executed by the circulator thereof, verifying the fact that all signatures appearing thereon are genuine signatures of the students they purport to be, and that all the petitions were signed in the presence of a circulator on the date indicated.

8. Any student constituent who signed in the original two percent (2%) or 500 signatures presented with the original copy of the petition which was turned in to the Chief Justice will have the right to demand in writing that his or her name be stricken from the petition. A written demand signed by the constituent must be filed with the Chief Justice or Supervisor, and upon receipt of the demand, either must strike the name of the constituent from the petition and place ~~his or her~~ their initials to the side of the signature stricken. However, no signature may be stricken after the Chief Justice has delivered the signed copies of the "Petition" and "Defense" to the Supervisor for counting.

307.61 If the SG official whose recall from office is sought files, with the Chief Justice, ~~his or her~~ their written resignation, the Chief Justice will at once notify the Student Body President and the Student Senate, and the resignation will be irrevocable. A permanent successor will assume the vacated office as provided by the Student Body Law. If no provision for filling a permanent vacancy in such office is provided by student body law, the permanent vacancy will be filled by the appointment of the Student Body President, or in case of a vacancy in the office of the Student Body President, by the Student Body Vice President who will immediately succeed to the Student Body Presidency

307.62 Any SG official who resigns under 307.61 may not be appointed to the office that ~~he or she~~ they vacated.

307.81 No student will impersonate another, purposely write ~~his or her~~ their name or constituency in the signing of any petition for recall or forge any name thereto, or sign any paper with knowledge that ~~he or she is~~ they are not a constituent of the SG official whose removal from office is sought.

CHAPTER 322 APPORTIONMENT (67-107, 72-118, 72-172, 72-183, 75-184, 77-123, 79-127, 80-180,81-142, 82-147, 83-176, 84-104, 84-149, 87-150, 87-156, 87-164, 88-122, 89-122, 90-124, 90-149, 91-107, 91-131, 92-105, 92-129, 94-114, 94-115, 94-122, 95-121, 96-107, 96-130, 97- 134, 98-102, 98-118, 99-101, 99-123, 2000-133, 2001-129, 2002-147, 2004-127, 2004-128, 2005- 126, 2005-129, 2005-132, 2005-143, 2007-140, 2007-143, 2008-110, 2008-141, 2009-124, 2010- 114, 2011-124, 2011-125, 2012-112, 2013-113. 2014-116, 2014-117, 2015-109, 2016-118, 2016- 119, 2017-111, 2017-112, 2018-121, 2018-122, 2019-1092, 2019-1093).

322.41 A Senator must be enrolled in the college which ~~he/she represents~~ they represent at the time of ~~his or her~~ their election.

CHAPTER 323 SENATE ATTENDANCE (73-150, 74-133, 75-182, 76-204, 76-206, 76-245, 77- 118, 80-180, 81-112, 82-177, 82-122, 82-170, 83-111, 83-115, 88-133, 94-114, 97-108, 98-100, 98-119, 2000-146, 2002-128, 2002-159, 2004-127, 2005-123, 2006-125, 2007-144, 2008-118, 2008-129, 2011-117, 2012-102, 2014-111, 2015-109)

323.34 Upon resignation by nonattendance of a Student Senator, the Rules and Ethics Chairperson shall send a letter by email or standard post, co-signed by the Senate President, to notify the Student Senator of ~~his or her~~ their resignation. The Rules and Ethics Chairperson shall notify the Senate President Pro-Tempore before the next regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting.

323.41 If a Student Senator wishes to submit an appeal of ~~his or her~~ their resignation by nonattendance, the Student Senator must do so within seven (7) calendar days of postmark to the Rules and Ethics Chairman via email or standard post. Provided the Seat has not been filled, this deadline may be waived at the discretion of the Rules and Ethics Committee only in extenuating circumstances.

CHAPTER 381 JOHN MICHAEL STRATTON MEMORIAL AWARD (1/66) (63-131, 72-194, 81-112, 94-114, 2000-117, 2008-136, 2015-109)

381.31 The recipient shall be announced each year at the Student Government award ceremony or banquet by the Student Senate officer who presided over ~~his/her~~ their selection.

CHAPTER 382 PAUL CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (69-123, 84-154, 97-108, 2000-117, 2004-127, 2008-136, 2015-109)

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