



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA STUDENT SENATE

LEGISLATIVE

PRESENTED BY THE JUDICIARY CHAIR

WORKSHOP





ABOUT THE SPRING 2023 JUDICIARY CHAIR

- Have been in the Student Senate since Summer '22
- Third-Year Food Science Major + Agricultural and Natural Resources Law Minor
- Lover of Lemonade, Laughter, and Legal Briefs
- Favorite Music: House Music, Hip-Hop, R&B, Hyperpop
- Passionate about Food Security, Worker Rights, Agricultural Development and Sustainability



WHAT IS LEGISLATION?

Legislation (noun) - a matter of business for or under consideration by a legislative body (*Merriam Webster*)

Legislation take on five types:


- Bills of Law
- Resolutions
- Authorizations
- Special Request Authorizations
- Primary or Secondary Budgets





EXAMPLES:

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1009

TITLE: Resign to Run Act

AUTHOR(S): Judiciary Chairman John Brinkman

SPONSOR(S):

CHAPTER 730 – THE ELECTION QUALIFICATION ACT (2000-141, 2001-111, 2001-112, 2001-141, 2002-144, 2004-127, 2005-137, 2006-113, 2006-124, 2006-129, 2007-141, 2008-111, 2009-107, Board of Trustees ruling, 2010-100, 2010-103, 2011-100, 2011-107, 2012-101, 2012-107, 2014-114, 2014-120, 2020-1024, 2020-1043)

730.1 This subsection, from 730.001 to 739.999, shall be known as “The Election Qualification Act”

731.1 Any one group who wishes to qualify as a candidate for Student Government office must comply with the provisions of the Student Government Election Code and must adhere to the policies and rules set forth by the Supervisor of Elections and the Elections Commission.

732.0 Candidates for President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body shall each meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Registered as a full-time student;
- (b) Undergraduate students will retain a minimum overall 2.5 Overall Grade Point Average;
- (c) Graduate students will retain a minimum 3.0 Overall Grade Point Average or at least the minimum Overall Grade Point Average required to remain in good standing with the graduate or professional program in which they are enrolled, and otherwise be in good academic standing;
- (d) Free of conduct probation;
- (e) Free from any delinquent financial obligations to the University, unless excused through the University’s appeal process, by 5:00 PM on the second Wednesday preceding the Spring and Fall General Elections;
- (f) Successfully completed at least 3 semesters, excluding summers, at the University of Florida;
- (g) Not have been removed from a Student Government office through

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1054

TITLE: Freedom to Run Act

AUTHOR(S): Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez

SPONSOR(S): Senator Raj Mia

CHAPTER 730 – THE ELECTION QUALIFICATION ACT (2000-141, 2001-111, 2001-112, 2001-141, 2002-144, 2004-127, 2005-137, 2006-113, 2006-124, 2006-129, 2007-141, 2008-111, 2009-107, Board of Trustees ruling, 2010-100, 2010-103, 2011-100, 2011-107, 2012-101, 2012-107, 2014-114, 2014-120, 2020-1024, 2020-1043, 2021-109, 2022-104)

~~739.0 No person elected officer may qualify as a candidate for more than one another elected student government office, whether legislative or executive, if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office they presently hold.~~

~~739.1 The written resignation must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day of qualifying~~

~~739.2 The resignation must be effective immediately upon the validation of the election results for the general election in which the candidate in question is running. The resignation is irrevocable.~~

~~739.3 The Supervisor of Elections will be required to verify prior to the mandatory meeting outlined in Section 713.5, S.B.S., that any candidate who was submitted by a party or qualified as an independent has complied with the provisions of Section 739.1, S.B.S.~~

~~739.4 Any candidate who the Supervisor of Elections has determined is not in compliance with Section 739.1, S.B.S. shall be immediately disqualified from the ballot.~~

An Equal Opportunity Institution R2022-1009

BILLS OF LAW:

DEFINITION: Usually defined as being amendments, additions, or removals of Student Body Statutes or legislative records of law similar to the Student Body Statutes in enforceability (i.e. Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate)

Constitutional Provision: Article III, Section 8(i)(1) of the University of Florida Student Government Constitution.

Usually, requires a majority vote.

Subject to Veto.



EXAMPLES:



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STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2023-1043

TITLE: Senate Resolution to Protect Bright Futures for All Majors

AUTHORS: Senator Nathaniel Pelton

SPONSORS: Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez, Senate President Pro Tempore Nathan McGinnis, Majority Party Leader Evan Rafanan, Senator Timothy Sinclair, Senator Monish Vijayaraghavan, Senator Isabel Penin, Senator Miranda Holder, Senator Ana Alvarez, Senator Jagannath Jayanti, Senator Maximillian Banach, Senator Hana Ali, Senator Caitlyn Mathews, Senator Zoe Richter, Senator John Lin, Senator Asif Islam, Senator Connor Panish, Senator Mohammed Faisal, Senator Simone Liang, Senator Wavid Bowman, Senator Chalisa Budhai, Senator Raj Mia, Deputy Majority Party Leader Navya Nair, Senator Andrew Taramykin, Senator Jonathan Stephens, Senator Saketh Damera, Senator Quoc Pham, Senator Blake Cox, Senator Anghelo Gangano, Senator John Rassel, Senator Anna Huber, Senator Anjali Natarajan, Senator Rachel Hartnett, Senator Courtney Mai, Senator Kathryn Holmes, Senator Arunabho Basu, Senator Cec Wood-Barron, Senator Jordan LoSardo, Senator Alex Simes, Senator Nicholas Brito, Senator Pari Patel, Senator Aaron Amster, Senator Danny Wolcott, Senator Colin Lasch, Senator Chancellor Wilson, Senator Amanda Lieber, Senator Samuel Rosenkranz, Senator Joaquin Rafael C. Marcelino, Senator Luke Asuncion, Senator Ethan Ghozali, Senator Alexander Valentin, Senator Mason Solomon, Senator Matt Reich, Minority Party Leader Santiago Alvarez, Senator Sidney Ruedas, Senator Jorge Perez, Senator Annabella Vigna, Senator Julia Seifer, Senator Abigail Whitaker

WHEREAS, as of 2020, there are over 23,000 Bright Futures Scholarship Program recipients at the University of Florida [1]; and,

WHEREAS, over 90% of incoming in-state Freshman students at the University of Florida receive the award [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Bright Futures scholarship recipients receive funding for 75% or 100% of tuition, constituting financial awards for thousands of Florida students [2]; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, Florida State Senate Bill 86 would have limited Bright Futures Scholarship funding based upon rules promulgated by the State Board of Governors, including the provision that funding be restricted to a list of career-readying majors [3]; and,

WHEREAS, SB 86 passed through both the Committee of Education, Appropriations

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1092

TITLE: Resolution Condemning Florida Board of Governors' Decision to Ban Asian Social Media Platforms at Public Universities

AUTHOR(S): Senator Laurie Wang

SPONSOR(S): Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Senator Antonio Hendricks, Member-at-Large Johnny Liu, Senator Bryan Garcia-Ramos, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R. C. Marcelino, Senator Eric Oh, Senator Anghelo Gangano, Senator Zoe Nye, Senator Monish Vijayaraghavan, Senator Jeff John, Senator Wavid Bowman, Senator Kishan Nayak, Senator Owen Lekebusch, Senator Ayesha Khuddus, Senator Anamika Naidu, Senator Aron Ali-McClory, Senator Asif Islam, Senator Karthik Boregowda, Majority Party Leader Simone Liang, Senator Zoe Richter, Senator Ana Alvarez, Minority Party Leader Bronson Allemand, Senator Jordan Neidenberg, Senator Julia Seifer, Member at Large Isabel Ponce, Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez, Senate President Pro Tempore Nathan McGinnis

WHEREAS, studies have produced quantitative data that shows how social media platforms provide a host of benefits to their users, which can include but are not limited to: an increased likelihood to have positive mental health, increased social connectedness between young people & their families [1], and an increased appreciation of diverse perspectives & cultures [2]; and,

WHEREAS, social media platforms have become crucial tools for the communication and coordination of a host of student organizations, including many organizations dedicated to preserving cultural identities, because they grant organizations the ability to remotely disseminate information to many individuals simultaneously, recruit in order to grow their membership, and advocate for the causes they believe in on the global stage; and,

WHEREAS, around "90 percent" of young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 make active use of social media platforms such as TikTok [1], this age range also coinciding as the primary age range for undergraduate university students, while the majority of users on social media platforms such as WeChat are from Asian countries and/or are of Asian descent [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Governors has made the decision to ban Asian social media platforms [4], including WeChat, TikTok, and others [5], at public universities in the state of Florida [6], citing cybersecurity concerns and national security risks [7]; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Governors has deemed it necessary to act upon potential cybersecurity concerns and national security risks with respect to these Asian social media platforms while identical privacy violations and clandestine behavior are currently being exhibited by non-Asian social media platforms [8]; and,

RESOLUTIONS:

DEFINITION: "An expression of the sentiment of the Student Senate."

Constitutional Provision: Article III, Section 8(i)(5) of the University of Florida Student Government Constitution.

Requires a 2/3rds Vote.

Not Subject to Veto.



EXAMPLES:

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-XXXX

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER STUDENT SENATE FUNDS TOWARDS RESTORATION PROCEEDINGS AND/OR SECURITY RESOURCES TO THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL GARDEN MONUMENT]

AUTHOR(S): Senator Harry Bonilla, Senator Jonathan C. Stephens

SPONSOR(S): Minority Party Leader Faith Corbett, Deputy Minority Party Leader Gabriela Montes. Senator Wavid Bowman, Senator Evan E. Rafanan, Senator Joaquin Rafael Cecilia Marcelino, Senator Alexander Jeremiah Valentin, Senator Navya Nair, Senator John Rassel, Senator Mohammed Faisal, Senator Hana Ali

WHEREAS, the National Pan-Hellenic Council's purpose is to "foster cooperative actions of its members dealing with matters of mutual concerns, with a primary focus on the Black community" [1]; and,

WHEREAS, The National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden serves as a safe space where members and of the Divine 9 can get together and celebrate the years of history and triumph that Black Greek students have contributed thus far; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Student Affairs Task Force proposed establishing a visual representation on campus for the National Pan-hellenic Council, similar to what is done at other institutions around the country. The NPHC Garden, which was finished in 2021, was the result of this suggestion; and,

WHEREAS, On October 31st, 2022, unnamed individuals removed the Greek letters off four of the nine fraternity and sorority plaques that make up the NPHC Garden Monument; and,

WHEREAS, Two similar acts of vandalism have taken place at the NPHC Garden Monument since its completion in spring 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on October 12th, 2021, the Institute of Black Culture's identifying sign was vandalized by three perpetrators during the late evening [2]; and,

WHEREAS, on February of 2017, the signage for Walker Hall - housing the African American Studies program and its Center for Jewish Studies - was found knocked over [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the NACP reported that 23.6% of students experiencing discrimination reported that it negatively impacted their academic performance [4]; and,

WHEREAS, these instances of vandalism and hatred only further put undue pressures on underrepresented communities, most notably Black and African-American individuals; and,

AUTHORIZATIONS:

DEFINITION: "A directive that advises, orders, or prescribes the method for an officer to fulfill a duty provided for in the Constitution"

Constitutional Provision: Article III, Section 8(i)(3) of the University of Florida Student Government Constitution.

Requires a 2/3rds Vote.

Not Subject to Veto.



EXAMPLES:

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1026

TITLE: Allocation of Reserves for the Student Experience

AUTHOR: Student Body President Cooper Brown

SPONSORS: Student Body Vice President Faith Maniti, Student Body Treasurer Giovanna Mompremier

AMOUNT: \$1,550,000.00

Background:

Students at the University of Florida have navigated a pandemic for a year and a half. In person programming came to a sudden halt, and everything became virtual, which completely changed how Student Government and student organizations operated. As vaccines become more available for students and we transition back to the in-person student experience, our administration feels that it is necessary to have a big year. We recognize that the student experience is built by moments, and whether these moments come from bringing the student body together for large scale campus events, thought provoking or entertaining speakers, or the countless opportunities to build community with our student organizations and SG Cabinet, SG has a part to play in helping create moments that shape the student experience.

This reserves transfer will allocate \$750,000 to Student Government Productions, \$500,000 to Student Organizations, \$250,000 to the Accent Speakers Bureau, and \$50,000 to Student Government Cabinet. Students deserve a big year.

Intent: To elevate the student experience as the student body returns from COVID-19.

Proviso: This allocation is a one-time reserve transfer that will be available for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SPECIAL REQUEST AUTHORIZATIONS:

DEFINITION: "An appropriation from special request funds"

Special Request Funds = Reserves

Constitutional Provision: Article III, Section 8(i)(3) of the University of Florida Student Government Constitution.

Requires a 2/3rds Vote.

Subject to Veto.



EXAMPLES:

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1037

TITLE: Funding for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Activity and Service Fee Budget

AUTHOR: Budget and Appropriations Chairwoman Elizabeth Hartzog

SPONSOR: Budget and Appropriations Committee

TOTAL BUDGET: **\$23,703,355.00**

Recreational Sports	\$7,808,357.00
Reitz Union	\$6,657,822.00
Sorority & Fraternity Life	\$720,140.00
Student Activities & Involvement	\$1,934,097.00
Student Government	\$6,582,939.00

RECREATIONAL SPORTS BUDGET **\$7,808,357.00**

Recreational Sports	Approved	Amended	Proposed	Difference
	FY 21-22	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Personnel	\$5,266,701.00	\$5,354,051.00	\$5,955,654.00	\$601,603.00
Operations	\$759,856.00	\$694,071.00	\$735,031.00	\$40,960.00
Ten Year Plans	\$571,302.00	\$549,737.00	\$549,737.00	-
Sport Clubs	\$283,970.00	\$283,970.00	\$283,970.00	-
Mktg. Comms & Supplies	\$66,466.00	\$66,466.00	\$61,466.00	(\$5,000.00)
Admin Fee	\$257,661.00	\$257,661.00	\$222,499.00	(\$35,162.00)
TOTAL	\$7,205,956.00	\$7,205,956.00	\$7,808,357.00	\$602,401.00

REITZ UNION BUDGET **\$6,657,822.00**

Reitz Union	Approved	Amended	Proposed	Difference
	FY 21-22	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Personnel		\$5,027,392.00	\$5,286,642.00	\$259,250.00
Student Experiences		\$70,990.00	\$104,143.00	\$33,153.00
Event Services		\$37,424.00	\$40,960.00	\$3,536.00
Operations		\$1,223,010.00	\$1,226,077.00	\$3,067.00
TOTAL		\$6,358,816.00	\$6,657,822.00	\$299,006.00

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TITLE: Summer B / Fall 2023 Student Organization Base Funding

AUTHOR: Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Chairman Blake Cox

SPONSOR: Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

TOTAL: **\$173,699.00**

Request #	Organization	Amount
11889	360BHM	\$500.00
12403	3D Printing Club	\$500.00
12323	Accent A Cappella	\$500.00
12183	Actualize	\$500.00
12396	Adaa	\$500.00
12415	Adventist Christian Fellowship	\$500.00
11864	African Student Union	\$500.00
12202	Air, Space, and Ocean Law Society	\$500.00
12271	Alagarto Printmaking Guild	\$500.00
12407	Ally-Gator (Dental Gay-Straight Alliance)	\$500.00
11848	American Cancer Society on Campus	\$500.00
12335	American College of Clinical Pharmacy Jacksonville	\$500.00
11962	American Meteorological Society	\$500.00
12270	American Nuclear Society	\$500.00
12357	American Physician Scientists Association	\$500.00
12377	American Water Resources Association	\$500.00
12309	Animal Science Graduate Student Organization	\$500.00
12173	APPLIED ECONOMICS GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION	\$500.00
12393	Arab Students' Association	\$500.00
11921	Argentine Student Association	\$500.00
12367	Argentine Tango Club	\$500.00

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PRIMARY OR SUBSIDIARY BUDGETS:

DEFINITION: Budgets, usually deriving from the Activity and Service Fees funds, which is then allocated to departments, organizations, entites, and other authorities for usage as outlined generally within the Constitution, the Student Body Statutes, and the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate

Constitutional Provision: Article III, Section 8(i)(3) of the University of Florida Student Government Constitution.

Usually, requires a majority vote. SOMETimes, only needs the approval of committee membership.

Subject to Veto.



THE STANDING COMMITTEES

WHO CAN REVIEW BILLS:

01

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Source Law: Rule XI, Section 3(b) (i) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate.



02

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS:

Source Law: Rule XI, Section 2(c) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate



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REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE:

Source Law: Rule XIV, Section 1 (a) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate





■ CONSTITUTIONALITY

■ LEGALITY

■ CLARITY

■ FORMAT

■ IMPLICATION

THE FIVE CRITERIA:

These are the standards that assess legislation to ensure of it's effective and that it won't cause any significant changes to the laws and regulations of Student Government that could hurt the Student Body. Please note that these five criteria are not generally defined, but the Judiciary Committee will try to inform you on the fullest extent as to what that violation is specifically.

COMPONENTS OF LEGISLATION TO CONSIDER:

TITLE NUMBERING: Organizes legislation for Senate administrative purposes.

TITLE: A general statement or title related to the purpose of the legislation being submitted.

AUTHOR(S): All individuals who contributed to the crafting of the text of the bill

SPONSOR(S): All individuals who significantly support the sentiments or provisions located within the piece of legislation.

CHAPTER/RULE HEADER SECTION: Outlines the Chapter/Rule Title and the historic amendments to the chapter.

PROVISO: Outlines provisions within legislation as authorized within the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate.

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***THE LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT
AND REVIEW PROCESS:***



BEFORE REVIEW:

During this process, you would most likely begin developing the bill, looking at all of the Student Body Statutes and ensuring that all aspects of the bill are fulfilled to your liking. During this process, these bills may be reviewed by your Senate colleagues, constituents, administrative authorities, and other individuals.



DURING REVIEW:

You will have the following review process for your bill's consideration:

- 5 Minutes of Presentation
- 5 Minutes of Question and Answer
- 5 Minutes of Debate
- 2 Minutes of Final Privledge

TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES:

- Reach Out To Your Constituents!
- Check in with Judiciary Committee Membership (or Chair) for a preliminary review (If they are open to it)
- Check constitutions/laws on the federal, state, and local level to help fulfill legality and constitutionality
- Look back at bills that have passed and see what has gone good for them and what hasn't
- Share with the Party Leaders and Independents to gain more insight on their opinions and thoughts on the matter.
- Use apps like Grammerly or take to a trusted friend to review for grammer/spelling errors within the bill





ANY QUESTIONS?





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