

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-XXXX

TITLE: The Judicial Millennium Act – 400 CODES REVISIONS

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CHAPTER 404 - The Judicial Millennium Protocols

404.00 The University of Florida Student Government Supreme Court shall be required to post all petitions and counter-petitions submitted to the court on the official Student Government website. A designated section on the website shall be established and maintained for the purpose of housing these documents.

404.01 The posting of the petitions and counter petitions must occur within 24 hours of receipt by the Chief Justice excluding extenuating circumstances including but not limited to religious holidays. All postings shall adhere to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, with any necessary redactions applied to ensure compliance.

404.011 This Chapter 404 serves to promote transparency within the Student Government Judicial process while safeguarding student privacy in accordance with federal and institutional regulations.

404.012 The Chief Justice is responsible for ensuring that any and all information disclosed through the website's petition section is in strict compliance with FERPA. Prior to posting, each petition and counter-petition must be reviewed, and any information that could violate FERPA must be redacted. Redactions must preserve the integrity of the document and its purpose while ensuring that no personally identifiable information from education records is disclosed without consent.

404.02 The University of Florida Supreme Court shall audio and visually record all court proceedings, deliberations, and decisions. These recordings shall capture the complete proceedings in a clear and audible manner and provide a visual record of the events as they occur in real-time.

404.021 All recorded content as specified in 404.02 shall be made available to the student body by being uploaded to the University of Florida Student Government website. A dedicated section for 'Judicial Proceedings' shall be established on the website to ensure easy navigation and access.

404.022 The Clerk of the Court, in conjunction & consultation with SGAO, shall be responsible for the management of recording equipment and the subsequent uploading of the content to the Student Government website. Recordings shall be posted within 72 hours of the court's adjournment, ensuring timely access for students and other interested parties. The posting shall include the date of the proceeding, a brief description of the matter at hand, and the names of the justices participating.

404.023 The recordings will be maintained as a permanent record, accessible for the duration of at least one complete academic cycle (four years).

404.024 While the Supreme Court is committed to transparency, it is also bound by the legal requirement to protect the privacy of individuals involved in court proceedings. Any part of the recordings that contain confidential information or discussions that fall under the purview of privacy laws or university statutes shall be subject to redaction before public posting.

404.025 The University of Florida Student Government may allocate funds to procure, maintain, and operate high-quality recording equipment.

404.03 The University of Florida Student Government Supreme Court shall post headshots of all justices on the student government website in consultation with SGAO.

404.031 The University of Florida Student Government Supreme Court shall keep a record of all justices that have served on the court and shall post and maintain such a list on the student government website in consultation with SGAO.

404.04 The intent of this legislation is to make students aware of pending court cases, and is not to be construed as the mandating of specific content by the University of Florida Student Government Supreme Court.