

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-XXXX**

**TITLE: Satellite Campus Student Government Establishment Act– 900 CODES REVISIONS**

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**CHAPTER 900: SATELLITE CAMPUS STUDENT GOVERNMENT (2023-XXXX)**

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**Pursuant to Article II**

**§5 of the UF Student Body Constitution:**

*“The Student Senate may, by law, provide for governing organizations at satellite campuses.”*

The University of Florida Student Government hereby establishes the 900 codes as a framework for Satellite Campus Student Governments (SCSG) to represent and serve the students of the University of Florida's satellite campuses.

901.000 The 900 codes shall only be amended by a ⅔ vote of the authorized membership of the Senate.

902.000 The following Shall be Definitions:

1. **Main Campus Student Government (MCSG)**- The University of Florida Student Government Seated in Gainesville, Florida.
2. **Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG)**- An autonomous and representative Student Government body government separate from the Main Campus Student Government; and Established by the Main Campus Student Government.
3. **The Legislative Assembly**- A legislative body at a Satellite Campus Student Government.
4. **Act of Union**- with a vote of ⅔ of the membership, the Main Campus Student Government Senate may pass a resolution (Act of Union) establishing a Satellite Campus Student Government.
5. **Satellite Campus Student Government bylaws (SCSG bylaws)**- The Constitution of a Satellite Campus Student Government.
6. **Dissolution Proposal**- A formal suggestion or recommendation put forward to initiate the process of dissolving a Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG). A dissolution proposal would be a proposal brought forth within the Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG) to consider the dissolution of the SCSG itself. This proposal would outline the reasons, grounds, and justifications for dissolving the SCSG, and it would trigger a series of

deliberations and voting processes to determine whether the dissolution should be approved or rejected.

903.000 The SCSG shall consist of the Legislative Assembly. See § 904.000

903.020 The structure and functioning of the SCSG, including the Legislative Assembly, shall be outlined in the SCSG bylaws.

903.021 Any amendments or modifications to the structure shall follow the procedures and requirements stated in the bylaws, ensuring a democratic and transparent process.

903.022 The SCSG shall provide opportunities for student input and engagement in the development and amendment of the bylaws, promoting a student-centered approach to governance.

903.034 The Student Body President shall have the ability to Veto any bills of Law, as defined in the SCSG bylaws.

903.040 The Legislative Assembly Shall serve as the representative and legislative body within the SCSG, responsible for advocating for the rights, concerns, and aspirations of the student body.

903.041 The Legislative Assembly shall consist of a minimum of 25 members. A member shall serve as the Chair of the Legislative Assembly.

903.042 The Legislative Assembly shall consist of elected representatives from constituencies within the satellite campus.

903.043 The number of representatives and their respective constituencies shall be determined by the SCSG bylaws, ensuring fair representation and inclusivity.

903.044 The Legislative Assembly shall determine its own rules and procedures by majority vote, deliberate on matters related to student interests, propose and pass resolutions, laws related to apportionment, and oversee the allocation of resources for student-led initiatives.

903.045 The Legislative Assembly shall, with  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the membership, override a veto.

904.000 The MCSG Supreme Court shall have supreme jurisdiction over all campuses.

904.002 The main campus' Student Body President, or the Solicitor General in their absence, shall interpret the laws of the SCSGs in a way that reflects the Supreme Court's rules and procedures. The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over SCSG cases regarding the Student Body Constitution or a hierarchy of laws conflict between the laws of the SCSGs and the main campus' Student Body Statutes.

904.003 The SCSG shall have sole authority to conduct elections pertinent to the SCSG. Initial elections shall be an exemption. See § 910.020

905.000 **§905.000-909.999 shall be called the Self-Structure & Monetary Clause**

905.010 The SCSG shall have the authority to structure itself in compliance with the provisions laid out in the 900 codes, including but not limited to the formation of a Legislative Assembly Cabinet.

906.000 The SCSG acknowledges that it operates as a satellite campus student government and is subject

to the main campus constitution and laws. The SCSG shall adhere to the principles, regulations, and policies outlined in the main campus constitution, ensuring consistency, integrity, and alignment with the broader institutional goals.

906.010 While subject to the main campus constitution and laws, the SCSG retains a level of autonomy in its decision-making processes to address the unique needs and concerns of the satellite campus student body in a way that does not contradict the main campus' Student Body Statutes. The main campus' Student Body Statutes apply to the SCSGs unless their status as a satellite campus makes the statute unenforceable.

906.011 The SCSG has the authority to develop and implement policies, programs, and initiatives that are tailored to the specific context and requirements of the satellite campus.

907.000 The SCSG shall maintain open lines of communication and foster collaboration with the main campus administration, faculty, and student government bodies to promote mutual understanding and effective governance.

Regular reporting and coordination mechanisms shall be established between the SCSG and the main campus administration to ensure transparency, accountability, and harmonious operations.

908.000 Each Satellite Campus Student Government shall be entitled to the activity and service fees raised from students enrolled in their Satellite Campus Student Government campus. Unused funds shall be added to the reserve budget or equivalent for the satellite campus from which the funds were levied.

908.010 Each Satellite Campus Student Government shall be entitled to the sole appropriations of their activity and service fees without the intervention of the Main Campus Student Government (MCSG)

908.020 Each Satellite Campus Student Government shall be entitled to contract on behalf of their own Satellite Campus Student Government.

909.000 Students of the satellite campuses shall be guaranteed proportional representation in the Main Campus Student Government Senate. If a vacancy occurs in the Satellite Campus Student Government delegation in the Main Campus Student Government Senate, the Governor Shall have the authority to nominate and recommend a replacement with the consent of the appointee.

909.010 Students of the satellite campuses shall be guaranteed their right to vote and run for student body-wide office in the Main Campus Student Government.

910.000 **§910.000-910.999 shall be known as the Initial Electoral System Establishment Clause**

910.010 The Initial Electoral Establishment provision outlines the processes and guidelines for the first-ever elections within a Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG). This section establishes the framework to conduct fair, transparent, and inclusive elections, enabling the formation of the SCSG.

910.020 The MCSG shall form an Election Planning Committee consisting of representatives from the satellite campus student body, faculty, and administration.

910.021 The Election Planning Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing the initial

electoral processes and procedures in accordance with this provision.

- 910.023 The Election Planning Committee shall establish a clear timeline for the electoral process, including key milestones such as the qualification period, campaigning period, voting period, and result announcement.
- 910.024 The timeline shall be communicated to all eligible voters, potential candidates, and the satellite campus community through various channels, ensuring broad awareness and participation.
- 910.030 The Election Planning Committee shall define the criteria for candidate eligibility, considering factors such as enrollment status, academic standing, and any additional qualifications deemed necessary.
- 910.031 The eligibility process shall be open to all eligible students, providing them with equal opportunities to declare their candidacy and submit the required documentation.
- 910.032 The Election Planning Committee shall establish procedures and deadlines, ensuring adequate time for candidates to prepare their campaigns.
- 910.040 The Election Planning Committee shall establish ethical guidelines for campaigning that promote respectful and fair practices.
- 910.041 Candidates shall be provided with guidelines regarding campaign conduct, including rules against discrimination, harassment, slander, or any violations of ethical standards.
- 910.050 The Election Planning Committee shall determine the voting procedures, including the use of online platforms, paper ballots, or a combination thereof, to facilitate secure and accessible voting.
- 910.051 Eligible voters shall be provided with clear instructions on the voting process, deadlines, and any required authentication measures to ensure the integrity of the elections.
- 910.052 Following the voting period, the Election Planning Committee shall tally the votes and announce the election results to the satellite campus community in a transparent and timely manner.
- 910.060 The newly elected SCSG members shall undergo a transition process, facilitated by the Election Planning Committee, to assume their roles and responsibilities effectively.
- 911.000 **§911.000-911.999 shall be known as the Necessity Clause for Satellite Campus Student Government bylaws.** This section ensures that essential provisions are incorporated to govern the operations, structure, and processes of the SCSG.
- 911.001 The SCSG bylaws shall be drafted after the initial election by the newly elected government. See §911.020-23
- 911.010 The Necessity Clause provision mandates the inclusion of specific provisions in the Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG) bylaws.
- 911.011 The following provisions shall be included in the SCSG bylaws:
1. Membership Requirements: Clearly define the eligibility criteria, rights, and responsibilities of SCSG members, including elected representatives, officers, and committee members.

2. Election Procedures: Outlining the process for conducting fair and transparent elections, including eligibility procedures, campaigning guidelines, voting methods, and result announcements.
3. Decision-Making Processes: Establishing guidelines for decision-making within the SCSG, such as rules for proposing and passing resolutions, conducting meetings, and ensuring representation of diverse perspectives.
4. Officer Roles and Responsibilities: Defining the roles, responsibilities, and terms of office for SCSG officers, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and any other executive positions.
5. Committee Structures: Describing the formation, purpose, and functions of committees within the SCSG, including standing committees, ad hoc committees, and their respective responsibilities.
6. Financial Management: Outlining procedures for managing SCSG funds, including budgeting, expenditure approvals, and financial reporting requirements.
7. Amendments and Revisions: Establishing a process for amending and revising the SCSG bylaws, including requirements for proposing, voting on, and implementing changes to the governing document.
8. Code of Conduct and Ethics: Setting forth a code of conduct and ethical guidelines for SCSG members, ensuring professionalism, respect, and integrity in their actions and interactions.
9. Succession Planning: Addressing procedures for smooth transitions of leadership, including officer elections, training, and knowledge transfer to maintain continuity within the SCSG.

911.020 The SCSG shall convene a committee or task force responsible for drafting, reviewing, and finalizing the bylaws, ensuring the inclusion of the required provisions outlined in this Necessity Clause.

911.021 Once the committee or task force has completed the bylaws draft, it shall be presented to the SCSG Executive Branch and the Legislative Assembly for review and approval.

911.022 The SCSG members shall vote on the adoption of the bylaws, requiring a majority vote for approval.

911.023 Upon the approval of the bylaws, the SCSG shall ensure their effective implementation and enforcement, providing necessary resources, training, and support to ensure adherence to the provisions.

911.030 Violations of the bylaws or any provisions therein may result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the bylaws or as determined by the SCSG, promoting accountability and maintaining the integrity of the SCSG's governance structure.

912.000      **§912.000-912.999 shall be known as the Dissolution clause of a Satellite Campus Student Government**

912.010      Grounds for Dissolution of an SCSG are the following circumstances:

- a. The closure or permanent discontinuation of the satellite campus.
- b. A decision by the Main Campus Student Government (MCSG) and the university administration to dissolve the SCSG.
- c. Failure to maintain the minimum required membership or fulfill the essential functions and responsibilities of the SCSG as specified in the SCSG bylaws.

912.020      In the event of potential dissolution, the matter shall be brought before the SCSG Executive Branch and the Legislative Assembly for discussion and consideration. The process shall be as follows:

1. A special session or meeting shall be convened to deliberate on the dissolution proposal (§902.000) and vote on its approval or rejection.
2. The dissolution proposal shall require a supermajority vote, as defined in the SCSG bylaws, to be accepted.
3. If the dissolution proposal is approved, the SCSG shall initiate the necessary actions to facilitate an orderly dissolution process.

912.021      Upon the approval of the dissolution proposal, the SCSG shall establish a transition plan to ensure the proper transfer of responsibilities and assets.

912.022      The SCSG shall work collaboratively with the Main Campus Student Government and relevant university administration to determine the distribution or disposition of SCSG funds, resources, and assets in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

912.023      The SCSG shall fulfill any remaining obligations, including the settlement of outstanding debts or liabilities, before the completion of the dissolution process.

912.030      The SCSG shall be responsible for preserving and archiving its records, documents, and historical materials in a manner consistent with institutional guidelines and legal requirements.

912.031      The Main Campus Student Government or designated university authorities may assume custody of the SCSG's records and documentation following the dissolution, ensuring their accessibility and preservation for future reference.

912.032      The SCSG shall promptly communicate the decision to dissolve to the satellite campus community, relevant stakeholders, and the university administration.

- 912.033 The SCSG shall provide information and resources to assist affected students in navigating the transition and identifying alternative avenues for student representation or engagement.
- 912.040 A dissolution proposal may be revised or amended through the procedures outlined in the SCSG bylaws, subject to approval by the satellite campus community and the Main Campus Student Government.
- 913.000 **§913.000-913.999 shall be known as the Admission Cases Clause.**
- 913.001 Students at a satellite campus of the University of Florida have the right to petition for the establishment of a Satellite Campus Student Government (SCSG).
- 913.002 The MCSG, regardless of a petition, may pass an Act of Union.
- 913.003 The petition must be signed by at least 10% of the student body at the satellite campus. The petition should include a clear statement of the desire to establish an SCSG and the reasons for its establishment.
- 913.004 The petition may be digital or physical as long as UF privacy standards are upheld.
- 913.005 Full name & UFID must be listed on the petition.
- 913.006 The Senate President & President Pro Tempore, Upon receipt of a valid petition, shall forward the petition, no later than 48 hours after receipt, to The Student Body President and all Senators.
- 913.010 The Senate shall review the petition and consult with the petitioners, the sponsoring student organization, and the administration of the satellite campus. The Student Government shall consider the needs and interests of the students at the satellite campus, the potential benefits of an SCSG, and the feasibility of its establishment.
- 913.011 The Student Government shall make a decision on the petition within 30 days of its receipt.
- 913.012 A decision shall constitute an Act of Union bill being Failed or Passed by the Senate.
- 913.013 An Act of Union shall be drafted by the Judiciary Committee for consideration by the Senate 10 days after receipt by The Senate President & President Pro Tempore.
- 914.000 **§914.000-914.999 shall be known as the Student Government Advising & Substantive Law Clause.**
- 914.001 Subsequent to the passage of an Act of Union, the Senate President shall propose a reserve transfer to the senate Executive Committee no later than fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, to disburse funds for a new Student Government advisor position that will advise the establishment and governance of the new SCSG.
- 914.002 All SCSG Legislative Branch meetings shall be audio and visually live-streamed.
- 914.003 The Chair shall be posted on the student government website in a similar manner to the MCSG Student Body President & executive officers.

914.004 Each SCSG shall be entitled to have its own web page on the student government website.

915.010 A physical and digital copy of the 900 codes shall be given to all Constitution revision committee members. See Article VIII § 3 of the Student Body Constitution.

915.000 **§915.000-915.999 shall be known as the Government Archives Clause.**

915.001 Documents produced in an official capacity by members of the SCSG shall be copied and forwarded to the Library West Library Archives for record keeping.

915.002 Documents produced in an official capacity shall be but not limited to:

1. Meeting minutes
2. Agendas
3. Amendments
4. Legislation



*Proviso: A copy of this bill shall be sent to the Vice President for Student Life Dr. Heather White, All members of The Division of Student Life Executive Team, Board of Trustees Chairman Mori Hossein, The Chair of the University of Florida Elections Commission, The Mayor of Jacksonville, All members of The City Council of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Jaguars President Mark Lamping, The UF Medical College Council, The UF Nursing College Council (NCC), UF Graduate Student Council, The College of Pharmacy Graduate Student Council, The Student Body President of the University of North Florida, and Chief Promulgator Senator Raj Mia of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.*

Satellite Campus Student Government Establishment Act was produced by the Satellite Campus Student Government Ad-Hoc Committee (2023) created by Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez and spearheaded by Chairman & Reitz Union liaison Raj Mia of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Independent reporter and Director of Understand UF SG, Ronin Lupien, served as an inspiration and catalyst for this bill.