

TITLE V - STUDENT BODY STATUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS



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CHAPTER 501 UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES (2000-120, 2005-130, 2007-119, 2016-107)

501.1 All University Committees that provide for the administration of student fees shall have at least one (1) student member that will be re-appointed by the Student Body President-elect for an additional one (1) year term, provided that one of the student members of the previous year's committee is willing to continue serving on the committee.

501.2 The committees to which 501.1 applies include:

1. Local Fee Committee.
2. Transportation Access Fee Committee.

CHAPTER 502 UNIVERSITY AND PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES (2021-114)

- 502.1 University and Presidential Committees are important institutions of University governance and idea formulation and interaction. As such, student participation on these committees is in most cases of importance to the Student Body and to the entire University.
- 502.2 It is recognized that the University President is the ultimate resident authority of the University and of its institutions, governance and administration, with the aid of Faculty Senate and Student Government each representing their respective constituencies in University affairs.
- 502.3 Membership on all committees governing the University shall be determined by the University President unless otherwise specified in the University Constitution, the Student Body Constitution, or charters under which some committees may operate.
- 502.4 The Student Body President shall reserve the right to make all nominees for student membership on University and Presidential Committees to the University President. Such nominees shall not be made in conflict with the University Constitution, the Student Body Constitution, committee charter, or Student Body Law.
- 502.41 Appointments to University and Presidential committees shall be made by the Student Body President in consultation with the University President.
- 502.42 The Student Body President's appointments shall be confirmed by the Student Senate with a majority vote of the members present and voting, pursuant to the power prescribed in Article III, Section 6(h) of the Student Body Constitution.
- 502.5 Unless otherwise specified in this law or a committee charter, a single term for student membership on all University and Presidential Committees shall be for one (1) year.
- 502.6 The University President may remove any student member of a University or Presidential Committee.
- 502.7 The Student Body President may nominate, through the same process as nominating student University and Presidential committee members, one student alternate to each Committee contingent upon approval of the University President.

502.71 Student alternate nominations shall also be subject to the voting procedure prescribed in Section 502.42, S.B.S..

502.8 The University President together with Student Government may issue charters to individual committees under which said committees shall operate.

CHAPTER 503 A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF FIVE NON-VOTING STUDENT DELEGATES TO THE FACULTY SENATE AND THEIR TERM OF OFFICE (72-113, 90-163, 97-108, 2004-127, 2008-108, 2008-116, 2011-106, 2015-112, 2020-1023, 2022-118)

503.1 There shall be five (5) non-voting student delegates to the Faculty Senate.

503.2 Three of these delegates shall be as follows:

1. The Student Body President or their representative from the Executive Branch.
2. The Student Senate President or their representative from the Legislative Branch, and
3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or their representative from the Judicial Branch.

503.3 Other delegates:

1. The remaining two delegates and their alternates shall serve one-year terms beginning on May 1 of each year, and shall be chosen in the following manner:
 - A. One delegate and their alternate, both to be appointed by the Student Body President; and
 - B. One delegate and their alternate, both to be elected from the Student Senate.
2. Should any of these four positions become vacant prior to the end of the term, it shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed above.

CHAPTER 531 STUDENT GOVERNMENT SEARCH COMMITTEE (97-130,73-166, 80-127, 84-165, 96-131 2012-105, 2014-112, 2016-107)

- 531.0 Chapter to define the duties of the Student Government Search Committee.
- 531.1 The Student Government Search Committee, in compliance with the rules governing staff, shall be the supervisory board for all Student Government employees and shall have the power to partake in the interview process set by the staff for part-time or full-time positions of permanent employment in Student Government,
- 531.2 Applications for permanent employment positions in Student Government shall be interviewed by the Staff and the elected Student Government official in charge of that department. Their joint recommendation shall be honored by the Student Government Search Committee provided that all procedures in Sections 531.3 (531.32) and 533.4 of the Student Body Statutes have been adhered to. In the event a joint recommendation cannot be given, the Student Government Search Committee shall make the final decision.
- 531.3 The Search Committee shall be comprised of Student Government officials as provided for in Section 533.1 of the Student Body Statutes.
- 531.31 The Search Committee shall approve all requests for the establishment of permanent positions in Student Government.
- 531.32 The Search Committee shall have the power to partake in filling positions of permanent employment according to Staff guidelines, and in accordance with Federal Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employment methods, and in accordance with this constitution.
- 531.33 Decisions of the Search Committee shall be by majority vote of its members.
- 531.34 The Student Body President, as Chief Administrative Officer of the Student Body, shall see that all proper decisions of the Search Committee are duly enforced.

CHAPTER 533 STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (72-161, 74-191, 75-215, 76-209, 79-148, 79-247, 80-128, 81-112, BOM Petition 093082, 83-106, 83-222, 84-171, 90-163, 97-108, 98-100, 2001-141, 2006-136, 2011-105, 2012-105, 2014-112, 2016-107, 2021-107)

533.0 The Student Government Executive Committee will act as a representative body of the executive and legislative branches meant to foster inter-branch cooperation as well as vote on issues designated to the committee by Student Body Law that do not conflict with the constitutional obligations of either branch.

533.1 The Student Government Executive Committee consists of:

1. Student Body President, who will serve as chair;
2. Student Body Vice President;
3. Student Body Treasurer;
4. Student Senate President;
5. Student Senate President Pro-Tempore;
6. Primary Student Government Advisor, who will serve as a non-voting member; and -
7. Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson who will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

533.4 Only the Student Government Executive Committee may initiate a transfer of funding from Student Government Reserves. If approved, the committee will submit these requests to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee before sending them to the Student Senate for authorization.

CHAPTER 534 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURE (79-248, 97-108, 2016-107, 2021-107)

534.1 The Student Body President shall serve as Chairperson.

534.2 The primary Student Government Advisor will take attendance at each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will be provided for each member of the Executive Committee.

534.4 Quorum will be four voting members.

CHAPTER 535 STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (2023-155)

- 535.1 The Student Government Executive Committee may convene at least once per academic year to host a “Student Assembly” with the purpose of promoting interactions and input between the Student Body and their leaders. This may be a forum to promote accountability and trust of student leaders.
- 535.2 The Student Assembly will be open to the public. To promote awareness of the event, the time and location of the Student Assembly may be noticed by Student Government in the same manner as any event governed under Chapter 102, S.B.S.
- 535.3 Each member of the Student Body may speak in public comment.
- 535.31 Students may sign-up for public comment by submitting an electronic request that specifies the matter on which the student wishes to speak to the Student Body President and Senate Secretary by 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Student Assembly. Students must be present at the location of the Student Assembly to receive public comment time.
- 535.32 Each student signed up for public comment must have five minutes to speak. Students may only yield their speaking time to the Student Body President.
- 535.33 Student may reserve their speaking time once during public comment, causing their name to be passed on the list. They may also yield, causing their name to be stricken from the list.
- 535.4 The Executive Committee may hold the Student Assembly in conjunction with the Student Government State of the Campus Address if the Student Body President deems it necessary to promote an efficient use of Student Government resources. The Student Body President may cancel the event if no students register by the deadline as stipulated in this chapter.
- 535.5 The Student Assembly may occur no later than the last day of class of the Fall semester. Minutes may be taken in the same manner as Chapter 534.
- 535.6 The Action SG Chairperson(s) may post on all Student Government social media platforms about the Student Assembly at least seven (7) days prior to the date of meeting. This may be compiled with the notice defined in 237.6, S.B.S.

535.7

Legislative Intent: It is the intent of Chapter 535 to promote new forums for communication for students. The intent of this act is also to recognize that the Student Body retains sovereignty over its Student Government. The right to make clearly known in a public forum its concerns and opinions are paramount. Finally, no language of this law should be misconstrued as limiting the event to occurring only once. The Student Government Executive Committee may host the Student Assembly as commonly as needed.

CHAPTER 552 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIVERSITY AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (97-114, 2002-131, 2014-112, 2016-107, 2018-109, 2021-107, 2023-137)

- 552.1 This agency will be known as the Student Government Diversity and Programming Committee (SGDPC).
- 552.2 The Student Government Diversity and Programming Committee will serve under the direct authority of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Student Body Treasurer.
- 552.3 The purpose of the SGDPC is to foster a greater unity amongst the diverse opinions of the Student Body. It will serve this purpose by bringing together leaders across the campus from the many different cultures and backgrounds at the University of Florida. Specifically, this body will work to represent all students' interests in the promotion and selection of speakers, shows, and concerts at the University of Florida. This body may also recommend policies to the Student Body President.
- 552.4 This committee will meet at least once a semester in order to discuss issues for the upcoming semester.
- 552.5 SGDPC will consist of:
1. The Student Body Vice President, who will be the Chair;
 2. The Student Body President;
 3. The Student Senate President;
 4. The Student Body Treasurer;
 5. The S.T.A.A.R. Agency Head;
 6. The Senate President Pro-Tempore;
 7. ACCENT Chair;
 8. SGP Chair;
- and the Presidents, or their designees, from the following organizations:
9. Black Student Union;
 10. Hispanic Student Association;
 11. Volunteers for International Student Affairs;
 12. Jewish Student Union;
 13. Pride Student Union;
 14. Islam on Campus;
 15. Asian American Student Union; and,
 16. Women's Student Association

CHAPTER 575 SG CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION (98-127, 2000-116, 2001-141, 2004-117, 2005-136, 2011-105, 2021-107)

- 575.1 The name of this entity shall be the “Student Government Constitutional Revision Commission.”
- 575.2 No constitutional officer may be appointed as Chairperson; however, being elected to a constitutional office after being appointed as Chairperson may not be deemed to have terminated the chairpersonship.
- 575.3 Powers and Duties of the Commission.
- 575.31 The Commission will establish its own operating procedures, provided that a quorum will be necessary to conduct business. Quorum is defined as fifty percent of the total number of commissioners minus any vacancies, rounded down, plus one. For example: If there is one vacancy, there are a total of nineteen commissioners. Quorum would be ten (10) commissioners ($((20 - 1) / 2) + 1$). If there are two vacancies, quorum would be ten (10) commissioners ($((20 - 2) / 2) + 1$). For purposes of determining the quorum number, any individual designated as an ex-officio, non-voting member will not be included in the quorum establishment decision.
- 575.32 The Chairperson may form and appoint Commissioners to committees and sub-committees. The Chairperson may designate any person with special knowledge as an ex-officio, non-voting member to any committee or sub-committee and such person will serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson. Additionally, the Chairperson will designate a Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.
- 575.33 The Commission will hold a minimum of four (4) public hearings, announced one week prior and advertised on all Student Government social media platforms, lasting at least two (2) hours in duration each for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the current operating constitution and any recommendations to that document. The two hour requirement will be deemed satisfied if all interested parties complete their presentation before the expiration of the two hours. The Commission should strive to conduct its hearings in different locations across campus, in both the Spring and Fall semesters and on different days.
- 575.34 The Commission will hold a public hearing before final approval of any constitutional amendment recommendation.

- 575.35 The Commission will operate under Student Government's sunshine law as defined by Chapter 102, Student Body Statutes, or its successor. All votes to approve or disapprove a final version of a constitutional amendment recommendation will be by roll call.
- 575.36 The Chairperson will appoint a Clerk of the Commission who will serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson and will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Commission. The Clerk of the Commission will submit meeting minutes to the Chairperson and primary Student Government Advisor within seventy-two (72) hours of the meetings.
- 575.37 The Chairperson will prepare an Official Report containing the Commission's intent and information for historical purposes that corresponds to the proceedings and any submitted constitution amendment recommendation. Minority positions may be appended to the Official Report if desired by those members.
- 575.38 The Commission will have access to and use of reasonable resources available to Student Government, including, but not limited to, staff support, consumable supplies, advertising, computer and other mechanical equipment, and photocopying service.
- 575.4 Prohibitions on the Commission.
- 575.41 The Commission will be prohibited from meeting during any religious holidays as defined by the University.
- 575.5 Constitutional Amendment Recommendations.
- 575.51 The Commission will be authorized to recommend to the Student Senate proposed constitutional amendments. The Commission will also be authorized to place proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot of the Spring General Election of any year ending in "0", provided the University President authorizes such placement contrary to Article IX of the Student Body Constitution.
- 575.52 The Commission will be authorized to propose in one amendment changes to, deletion of, or creation of an entire Article to the constitution. This statute will not be construed as preventing changes to other existing Articles provided the subject matter is germane. Nor may any statute of the Student Body Statutes referencing a single subject requirement be construed to defeat any proposed constitutional amendment recommended by the Commission.

- 575.525 The Commission will be authorized to propose, in one amendment, an entirely new Constitution provided the Commission approves the proposed revised constitution by a four-fifths vote of the Commission. No statute in the Student Body Statutes referencing a single subject requirement may be construed to defeat any proposed revised constitution recommended by the Commission.
- 575.53 The Commission will be authorized to propose as many amendments to the Constitution as it deems necessary.
- 575.54 The Student Senate will be prohibited from amending any proposed constitutional amendment recommended by the Commission should the Commission submit the amendment to the Student Senate instead of directly placing the amendment on the ballot. The Student Senate must affirmatively act to approve or disprove the submission to the electorate for ratification all of the proposed constitutional amendments recommended by the Commission for consideration by the electorate in the Spring General Election in the year ending in”0”.

CHAPTER 595 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (83-166, 90-163, 2024-107)

595.1 The Student Senate, by majority vote, may request an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Study to be performed.

595.2 Responsibility for the production of these documents shall rest with the director of the project, agency, or organization seeking the funding, unless another person or committee is designated by the requesting body.

595.3 Environmental Assessment

1. An Environmental Assessment is a preliminary, informational document designed to provide enough data to make a knowledgeable, rational decision upon whether to require an Environmental Impact Statement or not.
2. It defines the purpose, timeframe, and scope of the assessment with designated goals, objectives, and plans of action.
3. It evaluates the potential environmental impacts of any alternative plan of action, considering direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on air quality, water resources, land use, biodiversity, cultural resources, and human health.
4. It assesses both positive and negative impacts through the identification of significant environmental effects that warrant further analysis or mitigation.
5. It ensures compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and procedural requirements, including requirements for public participation, disclosure, and documentation, and adheres to established environmental review processes.
6. It must be presented to the requesting governmental body within a reasonable time, and prior to a final vote of the requesting body concerning funding for the project.

595.4 Environmental Impact Study

1. An Environmental Impact Study is a document containing pertinent information, reasonably researched, and relating to the physical environment directly impacted by a project funded by Student Senate.
2. An Environmental Study is required to discuss:
 - a. The environmental impact of the proposed action; and,
 - b. Identification and discussion of any adverse environmental effects that cannot be fully mitigated if the proposed action is to be implemented; and,

- c. Alternatives to the proposed action which should include any other feasible options, including the alternative of not proceeding with the project; and,
 - d. Examine the relationship between short-term utilization of the environment and the long-term sustainability of natural resources; and,
 - e. Any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources which would be involved in their proposed action should it be implemented; and,
 - f. If the action should be implemented, the Environmental Impact Study shall undergo periodic review and evaluation of its effectiveness.
3. At least one public hearing, notice of at least one week having been provided, must be held prior to completion of the Environmental Impact Study.
 4. The Environmental Impact Study must be presented to and approved by a majority vote of the Student Senate, at least one week prior to opening the project for bids and prior to any construction contracts for the project are signed.

595.41 An Environmental Impact Study shall be limited in cost to a maximum of two per cent (2%) of the projected budget of the project. This limit may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate, provided it is heard as a special funding request.

595.411 The budget for the Environmental Impact Study shall be approved by the Student Senate in compliance with all applicable student body laws.