

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1310

TITLE: Big Five to Four Act – Chapter 821 – 800 Codes Revisions

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CHAPTER 821 BIG ~~FIVE-FOUR~~ BUDGET PREPARATION LAW (69-156, 70-100, 73-106, 79-180, 80-223, 81-118, 82-113, 82-145, 83-210, 86-164, 87-127, 88-125, 89-142, 90-141, 92-108, 94-111, 95-108, 95-110, 96-129, 96-137, 97-103, 97-131, 98-128, 2000-135, 2000-147, 2004-127, 2005-107, 2005-125, 2005-136, 2006-100, 2006-126, 2010-119, 2011-118, 2014-115, 2015-115, 2016-120, 2017-109, 2018-117, 2019-102, 2020-1052, 2023-110)

- 821.0 The Activity and Service Fee Budget Act.
- 821.1 The areas that comprise the Activity and Service Fee Budget—Recreational Sports, J. Wayne Reitz Union, ~~Student Activities & Involvement, Sorority & Fraternity Affairs~~ Student Engagement, and Student Government (Big Four)-- shall submit their yearly budget request to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Chairperson as directed by written notification signed by the Chairperson. Tape recordings will be made of the hearings for future references, and shall be kept for one year after the A&S Fee Budget Act passes a second reading in the Student Senate.
- 821.21 The A&S Fee Budget hearings will begin Summer B term and end prior to Fall term elections.
- 821.22 The Big ~~Five Four~~ entities will, upon request of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, submit their budget request(s). The requests will be based on:
1. Percentage of the current budget OR;
 2. Expenditure rate average of last three (3) years of expenditure rate history.
 3. The percentage and base are to be determined by the Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee in consultation with the Student Body President and Student Body Treasurer.
- 821.23 The Big ~~Five Four~~ budget hearing process Annual Budget Hearings
1. The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold annual hearings to determine the Big ~~Five Four~~ budget.
 - a. The Big ~~Five Four~~ consists of the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union, Student Government, ~~Student Activities & Involvement, Sorority & Fraternity Affairs~~ Student Engagement, and Recreational Sports. Prior to the determination of the succeeding Big ~~Five Four~~ budget, the prior budget shall be amended in a separate hearing.

- b. All organizational hearings shall be held pursuant to the terms of Chapters 821, 822, and 824 in the 800 codes of the Student Body Statutes
2. The Budget and Appropriations Chairperson shall call the meeting to order. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume this responsibility.
 - a. The Chairperson shall begin introductions for the committee and may ask for the introduction of any official in the room for public record.
3. Following presentation, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold up to thirty minutes of discussion with the designated fiscal representative.
 - a. Ex-officio members of the Budget and Appropriations may speak during this time.
4. Pro/Con debate shall proceed discussion, consisting of three (3) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
 - a. There shall be a fourth and final round consisting of con and final privilege at four (4) minutes each.
5. The following shall serve as a template for a motion prior to a vote on a budget: "Move to move (student/academic organization or Big **Five Four** entity) request to (2nd or 3rd) hearings in the amount of "_____".
6. During 3rd hearings, the template shall be adjusted as follows: "Move to approve (student/academic organization or Big **Five Four** entity) for the (fiscal year) in the amount of "_____".
 - a. Ex-officio members may not vote. Following the vote, the Chair shall call for the hearing's adjournment.

821.231 A Big **Five Four** entity may request a supplemental budget in excess of the percentage limits set by the committee, but it MUST submit the base request in accordance with 821.22. The supplemental budget request must include a detailed explanation for the additional funding requested.

821.24 Any allocations to the Big **Five Four** may not be re-appropriated to another department without the express authorization of the Budget and Appropriations committee.

821.3 The proposed Activity and Service Fee (A&S) Budget shall be submitted to the Student Senate for review at least six (6) calendar days before consideration as a first reading. Amendments to the legislation must be submitted in writing to the Student Senate Secretary and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson no later than six (6) calendar days after the affected legislation has been submitted to the Student Senate. After this date, amendments to the bill of legislation may

not be adopted; however, amendments to the amendments may be made from the Senate floor.

821.4 The Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee shall submit the proposed A&S Fee Budget request with a line item breakdown, to the Senate Secretary no later than ninety-six (96) hours after the final passage of the budget during third hearings by the Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

821.41 The President of the Graduate Student Council, and the Gator Times will be notified by email about the Big ~~Five~~ Four budget. A press release will also be sent regarding the Big ~~Five~~ Four budget to local newspapers with significant campus distribution. This notification will be sent twenty-four (24) hours preceding Senate presentation. Students wanting changes to the bill must work with a Senator and submit said changes in the form of a written amendment.