

**Student Senate Bill 2025-1139**

**TITLE: Offense Against the Student Body Clarification - 300 CODES REVISION**

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CHAPTER 309 SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS - UF STUDENT SENATE (87-129, 90-151, 94-113, 94-114, 98-100, 98-113, 98-119, 98-122, 2000-120, 2000-136, 2007-143, 2008-130, 2015-101, 2015-109, 2023-142, 2023-153, 2024-202, 2025-112)

309.1            This title is adopted in compliance with Article III, Section 6 of the University of Florida Student Body Constitution.

309.11                      This title shall become effective by passage by the Student Senate and signed into law by the Student Body President and the President of the University of Florida.

309.2            The University of Florida Student Senate shall meet during the following terms:

1.        The Fall Semester shall be the period of time coinciding with Fall Classes as defined in the official University of Florida calendar.
2.        The Spring Semester shall be the period of time coinciding with Spring Classes as defined in the official University of Florida calendar.
3.        The Summer Term shall be the period of time coinciding with Summer Classes as defined in the official University of Florida calendar.

309.21           The definition of a term, as in regards to attendance, shall be defined as follows:

1.        The Fall Term shall be the period of time from the first meeting in which the Fall Senators are sworn in until the final meeting before the Spring Senators are sworn in.
2.        The Spring Term shall be the period of time from the first meeting in which the Spring Senators are sworn in until the final meeting before the Fall Senators are sworn in, excluding the Summer Term.

3. The Summer Term shall be separated into two terms, one coinciding with Summer A classes and one coinciding with Summer B classes.

309.22 Any Student Senator may appoint a temporary replacement, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of the Student Body Constitution, any Student Senator may appoint a temporary replacement for the Summer Term as defined in 309.2 by submitting an eligible student's name to the Senate President Pro-Tempore two weeks prior to the last regular Spring Semester meeting. This temporary replacement may serve only during the Summer Term or a designated portion of the Summer Term. The summer replacement senator shall be confirmed on or before the first day of May.
2. If a Student Senator fails to notify the Senate President Pro-Tempore of a summer replacement and is not able to serve for the Summer Term, that summer replacement seat shall be declared vacant for the Summer Term.
3. If a Permanent Senator is approved during the Summer Term but unable to serve during the Summer Term, they will have 7 days after their approval to notify the Senate President Pro-Tempore, otherwise the summer replacement seat shall be declared vacant.

309.23 The Summer Student Senate, consisting of those duly elected & appointed members of the Student Senate attending the Summer Term shall retain and may exercise, full legislative powers in the same manner as the normal Fall and Spring Senate Terms.

309.24 Replacements must take at least one (1) credit over the course of the Summer C term in order to be considered eligible.

309.241 Graduate and professional students who completed the Spring Semester as a registered full time student directly prior to the Summer term in question shall be exempt from 309.24. This student must be registered for the Fall Semester directly following the Summer term in order to be eligible for this exemption.

309.3 Student Senators-elect shall assume their seats at the first meeting of the Student Senate following validation.

309.4 Offenses Against the Student Body pertaining to the Student Senate are listed as

follows:

- ~~309.41~~ ~~A Student Senator who receives an unexcused absence from any duly notified compelled Senate meeting shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body.~~
- ~~309.411~~ ~~The Rules and Ethics Committee shall recommend to the Senate whether the absence should be excused or unexcused. The Student Senate shall make the determination based on the committee recommendation.~~
- ~~309.42~~ 309.41 ~~Any Student Senator who votes for or attempts to vote for any other Student Senator without the authorization of that Student Senator shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body. The Student Senator must be present in the Chambers at the time of the vote. Any Student Senator who votes on behalf of or attempts to vote on behalf of any other Student Senator shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body. A Student Senator must be present in the Chambers for their vote to be valid.~~
- ~~309.43~~ 309.42 ~~Any student, other than a Student Senator, who votes for or attempts to vote for a Student Senator shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body. Any student, other than a Student Senator, who votes on behalf of or attempts to vote on behalf of a Student Senator shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body.~~
- ~~309.44~~ 309.43 Any student who forges and/or falsifies a voting record shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Student Body.