LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Presented by the UF Student Senate Judiciary Committee

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

- Authorizations
  - Definition: A directive that advises, orders, or prescribes the method for an officer to fulfill a duty provided for in the constitution.
  - A 2/3 vote is required to approve an authorization.
  - This legislation requires a single reading.
  - This legislation is not subject to veto.

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

- Bills of Law
  - Definition: Legislation that alters the Student Body Statutes.
    - Code changes
  - A majority vote is required to approve a bill of law.
  - This legislation requires two readings.
  - This legislation is subject to veto.

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

- Resolutions
  - Definition: An expression of the sentiment of the Student Senate.
  - A 2/3 vote is required to approve a resolution.
  - This legislation requires a single reading.
  - This legislation is not subject to veto.

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

Must be included in all legislation.

STUDENT SENATE BILL [YEAR]-XXXX

TITLE: [Resolution (addressing, commemorating, or recognizing your issue)]

AUTHOR(S): [the names of your co-authors, if any]

SPONSORS: [the names of your sponsors]

WHEREAS, [foundational information for your resolution]; and,

WHEREAS, [supplemental information for your resolution]; and,

WHEREAS, [additional information about your resolution]; then,

Use as many WHEREAS clauses as needed (they establish the purpose, need, background, and other info for the resolution).

What is the sentiment of the Senate?

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes ____.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes ____.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes ____.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to [anyone who should receive a copy of your resolution once it is adopted by the senate].

Who do you want this legislation to be sent to?

Sources (numerical)

[1] https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Constitution.pdf

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

- Primary and Subsidiary Budgets
  - Definition: The budget from which Student Government appropriates revenue generated by the funding fee for a fiscal year.
  - A majority vote is required to approve a Primary or Subsidiary Budget.
  - This legislation requires two readings.
  - This legislation is subject to veto.

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

- Special Request Authorizations
  - Definition: An appropriation from special request funds.
  - A 2/3 vote is required to approve a special request authorization.
  - This legislation requires a single reading.
  - This legislation is subject to veto

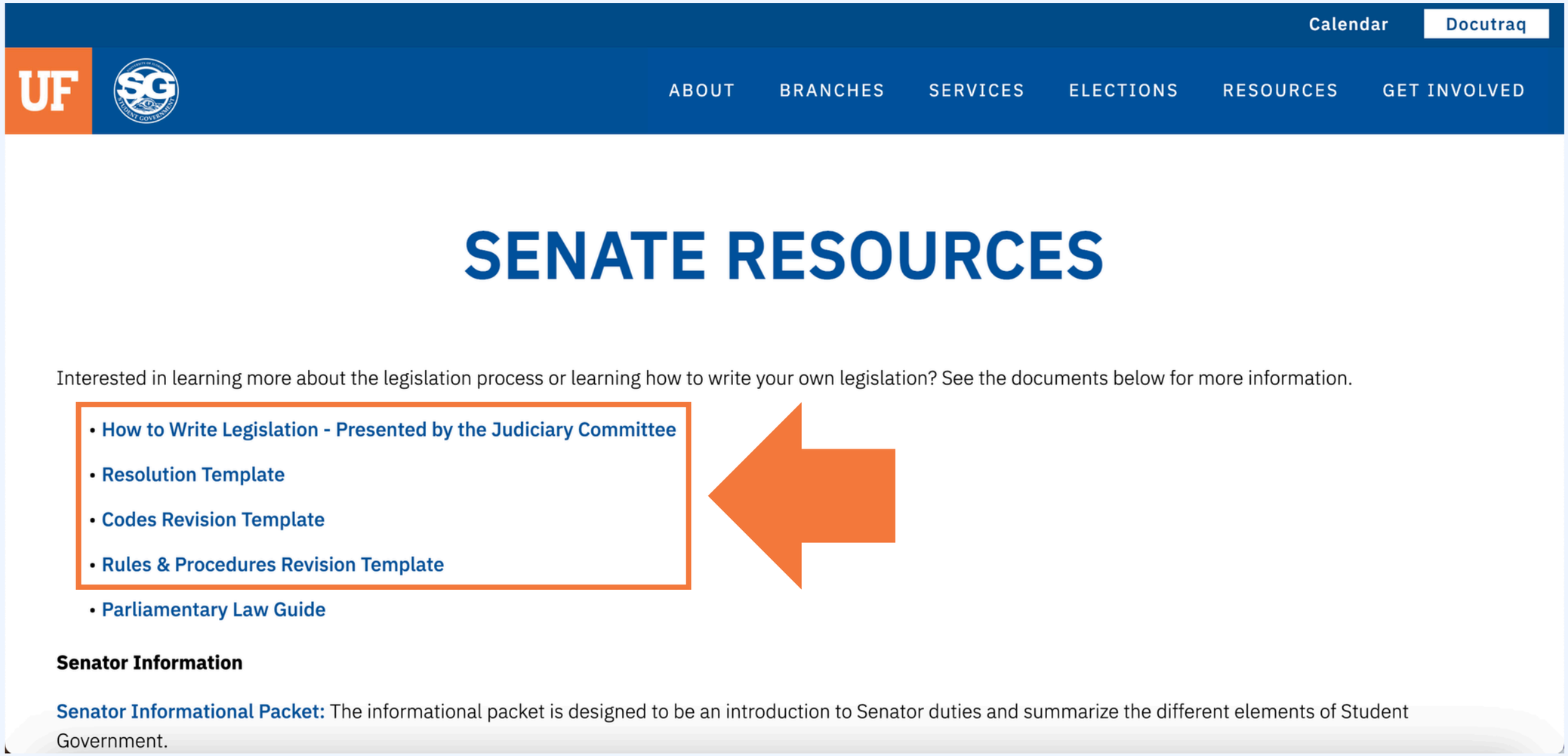
THE FIVE CRITERIA

- **Constitutionality** — Is the proposed legislation in accordance with the University of Florida Constitution?
- **Implication** — Does the proposed legislation possess consequences that are inferred to reasonably occur as a result of a piece of legislation?
- **Legality** — Is the proposed legislation in accordance with Federal Statutes, Alachua County's Code of Ordinances, and any other applicable laws?
- **Format** — Does the proposed legislation reasonably follow proper format requirements for non-budgetary bills, resolutions, and proposed constitutional amendments?
- **Clarity** — Is the proposed legislation written so that the meaning and intent of the proposed legislation can be reasonably understood by any involved parties or directly affected individuals?

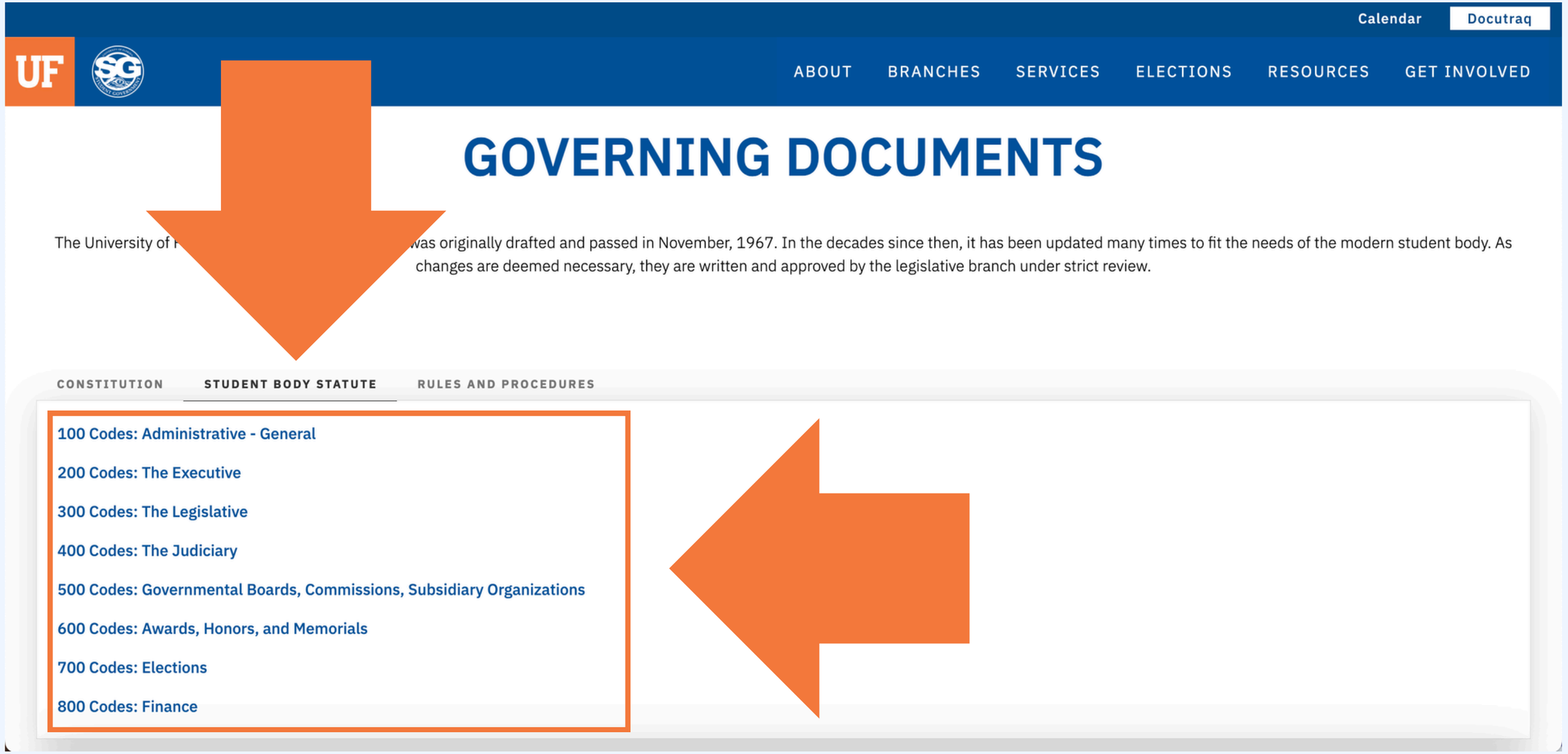
HOW TO WRITE/SUBMIT LEGISLATION

- Download and fill out the template from the Senate Resources page of the UF SG Website.
- Refer to the Codes and Rules & Procedures.
- Proposed legislation that is to be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee shall be submitted to the Judiciary Committee Chair no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard.
    - Friday at 12:00 PM, unless otherwise stated.

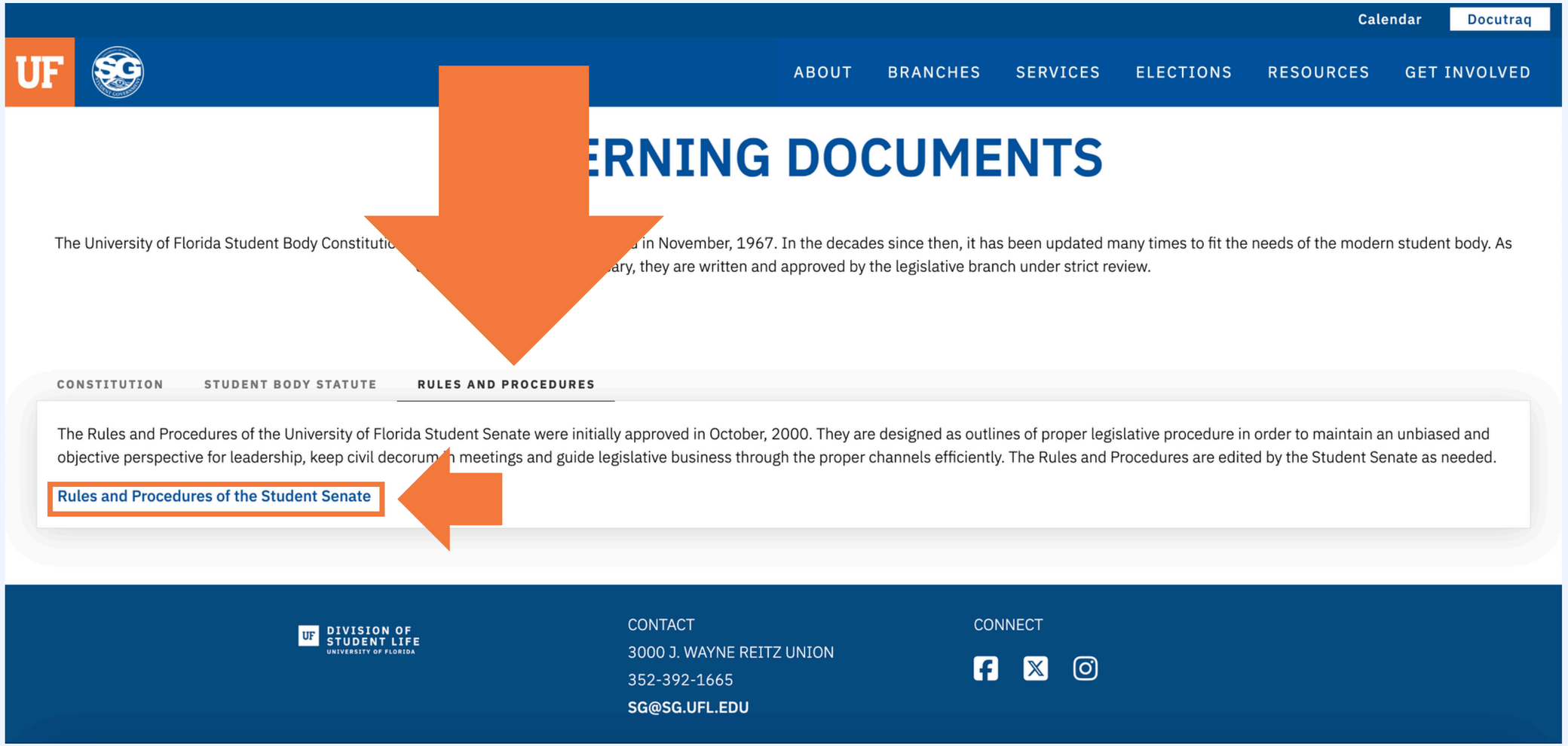
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LEGISLATION TIPS

- You are HIGHLY recommended to contact all members of the Proviso before adding them.
- Each piece of legislation should only address one issue at a time.
- If you have a bill going through committee, please show up to defend your bill. It makes it easier to pass if we have any edits.
- Sources should be cited at the end of each whereas clause, before the semicolon. All sources, cited or not, should be included below the Proviso, numbered, and hyperlinked.
- Single spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman font.
- Can I use AI to write my legislation? NO.

THANK YOU

- Contact us
  - Judiciary@sg.ufl.edu