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## A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF THE SGC-MMC STATUTES

### Section I: Policy

The proposal outlined in this Council Bill are in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5.A of the Student Government Association Constitution;

This proposal amends the SGC-MMC Statutes starting with Article III, Section 3.01;

### Section II: Terms

The following terms are defined as to ensure the legality of this bill:

A. "SGA" will hereby refer to the Student Government Association at Florida International University;

B. "SGC-MMC" refers to the Student Government Council of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus;

### Section III: Bill

THEREFORE LET IT BE ENACTED

#### **Section 3.01 Purpose and Duties**

(a) — Purpose

(i) — ~~The purpose and duties of the Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the "Senate", shall be to serve as the legislative body of the SGC-MMC, presenting and discussing legislation in the form of resolutions, appropriations, and bills for the benefit of the student body. In addition, the Senate shall serve as a venue for the Senators to report progress, discuss upcoming goals and ideas, investigate issues and debate on matters concerning student life at FIU.~~

(b) — Duties

(i) — ~~Senators shall:~~



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- (1) — Enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.
- (2) — Enact statutes, in accordance with the Constitution.
- (3) — Approve and allocate Activity & Service Fee fund expenditures, subject to the provisions of the Chapter 1009.24 of the Florida Statutes.
- (4) — Approve or deny all appointments and recommendations that the President presents to the Senate.
- (5) — Overturn a Presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- (6) — Create any ad hoc Committee deemed necessary and proper to the operation of duties.
- (7) — Audit student organizations and entities directly funded by SGA through A&S Fee funds.
- (8) — Expand the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, expand the number of Justices of the Supreme Court, and create lower courts for the Judicial Branch; the number of Justices on any court shall be an odd number.
  - a) — Lower court Justices and clerks shall not be considered SGA officials for the purposes of emolument.
- (9) — The Senate shall be able to summon members as well as records of the Executive Branch of the SGC-MMC, Governing Councils and College Councils for hearings on the information or Officials.
  - a) — The hearings will be held during Senate meetings and be used to investigate the actions of the Official.
  - b) — In order to summon an Official or records, a Senator must petition the Senate in a motion to summon a particular individual, group of individuals or records that are part of the Executive Branch. A simple majority vote of the Senate is required for the motion to pass.
  - c) — The Speaker must then notify the individuals or record holder of the summon and that their presence or submission of information is mandated at the next Senate meeting.



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d) — In cases of summons of records, the designated record keeper of the summoned document must provide the records to the Senate within five (5) business days of the notification.

e) — Failure to comply with a summon amounts to nonfeasance of duties.

(10) — The Senate shall have the power to impeach, which is the formal charge of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance, and remove any SGC Official; this will proceed as follows:

a) — Any Senator may motion for impeachment of any SGC Official, after which the Senate will enter into debate on the motion.

i) — During debate, the Senator or Committee motioning for impeachment may present evidence to support their reasons for instigating impeachment.

b) — Following debate on the motion of impeachment, impeachment shall be instigated by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the entire Senate membership.

e) — Following the instigation of impeachment of the SGC Official, the SGC MMC Internal Affairs Committee shall be ordered to compile a report of the Official in question's Official actions. This Committee report shall be submitted to the SGC Official being investigated five (5) business days prior to the trial. This report shall be presented to the Senate as evidence during the impeachment trial. The Official in question has the right to rebut any evidence presented against them, provide witnesses to present testimony on their behalf, and direct questions at the Chair presiding over the trial to rebut witness testimony.

i) — Should any member of the Internal Affairs Committee be the subject of this investigation, they shall recuse themselves from the Committee until the investigation has been concluded.

d) — The trial shall take place two (2) weeks after the formal impeachment.



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e) — The Chief Justice from the same SGC as the impeached Official shall preside over the impeachment trial.

i) — Should the Chief Justice from one SGC be impeached, the Chief Justice from the other SGC shall preside. Should both Chief Justices be impeached, the Senate shall choose a member of either Supreme Court to preside over the trial.

f) — Immediately following the impeachment trial, the Senate shall vote on whether to remove the impeached SGC Official on charges of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance as presented in the original motion of impeachment.

i) — A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate membership shall remove the impeached Official from office. If the Senate fails to remove the impeached SGC Official, the Official in question may continue the duties of his or her office.

ii) — If the Senate removes an SGC MMC Official after the impeachment trial, said individual shall be ineligible to hold office in any capacity within the Student Government Association for one (1) academic semester from the date of removal.

(11) — The Senate shall be able to to make emolument recommendations at the beginning of the annual budget process, after receiving an Emoluments Proposal from the President.

a) — All recommendations must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

## **Section 3.02** Structure and Leadership

### (a) — Structure

(i) — The Senate shall be composed of thirty-two (38) Senators representing each College and Division as determined by the SGA Constitution, as well as by the SGC MMC Vice President.



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(1) — ~~The SGC MMC Vice President shall serve as chair of all Senate meetings until the Senate elects the Speaker of the Senate.~~

(2) — ~~The SGC MMC Speaker of the Senate shall be elected no later than the second meeting of the new legislative term.~~

(ii) — ~~The Senate shall establish its Standing Committees.~~

(iii) — ~~The Senate shall be administered, represented and guided by the Speaker, assisted by the Speaker Pro Tempore.~~

(b) — Leadership

(i) — Speaker

(1) — ~~The Speaker of the Senate, hereinafter referred to as the “Speaker”, shall chair all Senate meetings, and be the chief administrative office of the Senate.~~

(2) — ~~The Speaker shall be a Senator, and shall be elected as Speaker by a simple majority of the Senate.~~

(3) — ~~The SGC MMC Vice President shall be ineligible to serve as the Speaker.~~

(4) — ~~The Speaker shall report on the Senate’s business to the SGC MMC Executive Board.~~

(5) — ~~The Speaker shall be the voice of the Senate and shall represent the Senate in all Official matters, including, but not limited to, University functions and the Florida Student Association (FSA).~~

(6) — ~~The Speaker shall serve as one of the two (2) SGC MMC Senators on the University Wide Council, University Wide Budget Committee, and MMC Campus Budget Committee.~~

(7) — ~~The Speaker of the Senate shall have the power to call additional meetings as necessary with forty eight (48) hours notice. Attendance in these cases is mandatory.~~

(8) — ~~The Speaker shall have all rights of Committee members, except voting power, but shall be exempt from Committee requirements.~~

(ii) — Speaker Pro Tempore



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(1) — ~~The Speaker Pro Tempore shall assist the Speaker in his/her duties and shall assume the role of the Speaker in the event of the Speaker's absence or dismissal.~~

(2) — ~~The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be a Senator, and shall elected as Speaker Pro Tempore by a simple majority of the Senate.~~

(3) — ~~The SGC MMC Vice President shall be ineligible to serve as the Speaker Pro Tempore.~~

(4) — ~~In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall chair all Senate meetings and shall report all Senate business to the Executive Board.~~

(5) — ~~In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be the voice of the Senate and shall represent the Senate in all Official matters, including, but not limited to, University functions and the Florida Student Association (FSA).~~

(6) — ~~The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as one of two (2) SGC MMC Senators on the University Wide Council and the University Wide Budget Committee.~~

(7) — ~~The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as the liaison between the SGC MMC Senate and the SGC BBC Senate and shall report to the SGC MMC Senate on new legislation and initiatives being put forth by the SGC BBC Senate on a bi-weekly basis.~~

(8) — ~~The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have all rights of Committee members, except voting power, but shall be exempt from Committee requirements.~~

(iii) — ~~Committee Chairpersons~~

(1) — ~~All Committee Chairpersons shall serve as the chief administrative officers of their respective Committees.~~

(2) — ~~A Chairperson may be removed from their chairmanship by a majority vote of the Senate, or by Judicial order.~~



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(3) ~~Committee Chairpersons shall be expected to present a report to the Senate following each meeting. In their absence a Vice Chairperson or any other member should present the report.~~

(4) ~~No Senator shall chair more than one (1) Committee.~~

(5) ~~The SGC MMC Vice President, Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore shall be ineligible to serve as the Chairperson of any Committee.~~

(6) ~~Finance Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Finance Committee Chairperson shall be the third in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(7) ~~Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee Chairperson shall be the fourth in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(8) ~~Operational Review Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Operational Review Committee Chairperson shall be the fifth in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(9) ~~Internal Affairs Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Operational Review Committee Chairperson shall be the sixth in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(10) ~~Student Advocacy Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Student Advocacy Committee Chairperson shall be the seventh in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(11) ~~Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chairperson~~

a) ~~The Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chairperson shall be the eighth in line in Senate Leadership.~~

(iv) ~~Senate Leadership Selection Process~~

(1) ~~Speaker of the Senate~~



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- 210 a) — Nominations and selections for the Speaker shall be designated by  
211 the SGC-MMC Vice President and shall be no later than two (2)  
212 Senate meetings after the beginning of a new Senate term.
- 213 b) — The nominee must accept or decline the nomination, after which,  
214 the nominee shall be allowed to speak for two (2) minutes.
- 215 c) — The Senate shall be allowed to hold a discussion prior to the Senate  
216 vote.
- 217 d) — The Speaker shall be a Senator elected by a simple majority vote of  
218 the Senate.
- 219 (2) — Speaker Pro Tempore
- 220 a) — Nominations and selections for Speaker Pro Tempore must take  
221 place during the same meeting as the Speaker in accordance to  
222 Robert's Rules of Order.
- 223 b) — The nominee must accept or decline the nomination, after which,  
224 the nominee shall be allowed to speak for two (2) minutes.
- 225 c) — The Senate shall be allowed to hold a discussion prior to the Senate  
226 vote.
- 227 d) — The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be a Senator elected by a simple  
228 majority vote of the Senate.
- 229 (3) — Committee Chairpersons
- 230 a) — The Committee Chairpersons shall be elected from the members of  
231 the Senate, following the same process as with the Speaker.
- 232 b) — Candidates shall be selected after an application process, by a  
233 simple majority vote of quorum at the Senate meeting.
- 234 (v) — Senate Leadership Responsibilities
- 235 (1) — The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore shall analyze the degree to which  
236 each Senator has fulfilled their duties as enumerated in the SGC-MMC  
237 Statutes.





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- 238                   (2) — This analysis shall be made available in a monthly report that is publicly  
239                   available in the SGC MMC Office and website.
- 240                   (3) — Senate Committee Chairpersons shall disclose attendance and legislative  
241                   work at Committee meetings every month in a Monthly Committee  
242                   Report.
- 243   (c) — Legislative Aides
- 244                   (i) — Legislative Aides (LA) shall be assistants to the Senate, its members and its  
245                   Committees, whose purpose is to aide in special functions including but not  
246                   limited to media relations, legislative research, event planning and administrative  
247                   duties.
- 248                   (1) — Legislative Aides shall be considered as SGC MMC staff members, whose  
249                   compensation, outside of emoluments, will be determined by the Senate  
250                   Speaker in coordination with the SGC MMC Advisor.
- 251                   (2) — LAs shall not be considered as SGC MMC Officials for purposes of  
252                   emoluments, Senate floor privileges and SGA resource management.
- 253                   (3) — LAs shall perform the duties as assigned by the naming entity, be it a  
254                   Senator or a Committee.
- 255                   a) — Legislative Aides may exercise some special duties in the areas  
256                   above with written consent from their immediate supervisor.
- 257                   b) — Aides may be removed by the respective supervisors, or by the  
258                   Speaker, and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, without any  
259                   impeachment or judicial procedure.
- 260                   (4) — Legislative Aides shall not hold any other office within the SGA.
- 261                   (ii) — The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore shall be eligible for up to three (3)  
262                   legislative aides to be named the SGC Official for whom the aide will be  
263                   provided.
- 264                   (iii) — Each Committee shall be able to appoint up to four (4) legislative aides, to be  
265                   appointed by each Committee chair, and confirmed by the Committee members.
- 266                   (iv) — Each Senator shall be able to appoint up to two (2) legislative aides.



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267 **Section 3.03 Legislative Sessions**

268 (a) — ~~The Senate shall convene every Monday during the Fall and Spring semesters at 4:00~~  
269 ~~p.m. in the Student Government chambers located in room GC 150.~~

270 (b) — ~~For emergency meetings, the time and place shall be announced with forty-eight (48)~~  
271 ~~hours of notice.~~

272 (c) — ~~Summer Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Summer and shall end at the close~~  
273 ~~of the Summer semester as delineated by the University calendar.~~

274 (d) — ~~Fall Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Fall semester and close on the last day~~  
275 ~~of Fall semester as delineated by the University calendar.~~

276 (e) — ~~Spring Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Spring and close on the last day of~~  
277 ~~Spring as delineated by the University calendar.~~

278 (f) — ~~Senate sessions shall not be called during holidays, breaks, or when the University is~~  
279 ~~closed.~~

280 **Section 3.04 Senate Committees**

281 (a) — ~~Standing Committees~~

282 (i) — ~~The Standing Committees of the SGC MMC Senate shall be the Finance~~  
283 ~~Committee, Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee, Student Advocacy~~  
284 ~~Committee, Operational Review Committee, Internal Affairs Committee and~~  
285 ~~Graduate and Professional Student Committee. It shall be the duty of these~~  
286 ~~committees to present items for discussion and present solutions to the SGC-~~  
287 ~~MMC Senate. These committees are to be chaired by SGC MMC Senators.~~

288 (b) — ~~Committee Requirements~~

289 (i) — ~~All SGC MMC Senators must serve on at least one Standing Committee.~~

290 (ii) — ~~Each committee will be responsible for the selection of a Vice Chairperson who is~~  
291 ~~voted upon by the individual members of each committee during its first meeting.~~

292 (iii) — ~~Committees shall meet at least twice a month to conduct business. Attendance and~~  
293 ~~minutes shall be recorded by the Vice Chairperson, distributed and filed with the~~  
294 ~~Clerk of Council in the SGC MMC office within 48 hours of the meeting's~~  
295 ~~adjournment.~~



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- 296 (1) Committees shall be able to hold hearings on specific topics. These  
297 hearings shall count towards the committee meeting requirement.
- 298 (iv) Committee size, excluding the Finance Committee and the Graduate and  
299 Professional Student Committee, shall be determined by the SGC MMC Speaker.
- 300 (v) Any official decisions and/or projects, initiatives and measures made by a  
301 Committee must be brought before the Senate for approval.
- 302 (1) The Graduate and Professional Student Committee shall be exempt from  
303 this clause for requests made by graduate students for conference, research  
304 and professional development funding, and shall bring all other decisions  
305 before the entire Senate.
- 306 (e) Finance Committee
- 307 (i) Purpose and Responsibilities
- 308 (1) The purpose of the Finance Committee (FC) is to allocate the Finance  
309 Committee Appropriations Budget.
- 310 (2) It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to review and make  
311 recommendations to the Senate for the expenditure of all reserve and  
312 unallocated funds of the SGC MMC budget, as well as the Finance  
313 Committee Appropriations budget, including any line item transfers in the  
314 completed budget.
- 315 (ii) Structure
- 316 (1) The Finance Committee shall be comprised of the Finance Committee  
317 Chairperson and five (5) additional Senators selected by a majority vote of  
318 the Senate.
- 319 (2) Any matter being presented to the Senate by the Finance Committee must  
320 have two (2) sponsoring Senators.
- 321 a) All appropriations must first be approved by the Finance  
322 Committee. This is to be done with a majority vote of Committee  
323 membership, given quorum.



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b) — Once the Finance Committee approves any appropriation, the proposal is then brought before the Senate. The appropriation is to be approved with a majority vote of the Senate.

e) — If not approved by the Finance Committee, the proposed appropriation shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

d) — If a Senator wishes the appropriation to be reconsidered by the Finance Committee, they must gain a majority vote of the SGC-MMC Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to Reconsider Proposed Appropriation'.

e) — If the Finance Committee does not approve an appropriation after reviewing it for the second time, they must provide a summary paragraph to describe why the appropriation was not approved and the Senate may overturn the Committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3).

(d) — Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee

(i) — Purpose and Responsibilities

(1) — The purpose of the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee (RLJC or Rules Committee) is to keep and maintain the Senate Rules of Procedure, ensure the proper passage of legislation in the Senate, and serve as a liaison between the Legislative and Judicial Branches.

(2) — The Rules Committee is charged with the responsibility of preparing and submitting the protocols, formats and rules to allow for efficient working of the Senate and its committees.

(3) — The Rules Committee shall prepare and maintain the Senate Rules of Procedure and submit them for approval by the Senate.

a) — These Rules of Procedure shall be amended by the same procedure as the Student Government Statutes, but shall not be subject to Presidential veto.



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- 353                                b) ~~The Senate Rules of Procedure shall serve to detail internal~~  
354                                ~~procedures and policies of the Senate and shall not conflict with~~  
355                                ~~the Student Government Association Constitution and Statutes.~~
- 356                                e) ~~Each session, the Rules Committee shall review the Senate Rules~~  
357                                ~~of Procedure, and submit recommendations, if necessary for the~~  
358                                ~~improvement of the document.~~
- 359                                d) ~~All amendments to the Senate Rules of Procedure must be~~  
360                                ~~presented to the Rules, Legislation, & Judiciary Committee for its~~  
361                                ~~approval by a simple majority.~~
- 362                                i) ~~After legislation is referred to the committee, once~~  
363                                ~~approved, it shall be presented to the Senate by two~~  
364                                ~~members of the committee.~~
- 365                                ii) ~~The procedural legislation may be approved with a majority~~  
366                                ~~vote of the Senate.~~
- 367                                iii) ~~Shall a proposal be rejected by the Committee, and a~~  
368                                ~~Senator wish that the legislation be reconsidered by the~~  
369                                ~~Rules Committee, they must gain a majority vote of the~~  
370                                ~~SGC MMC Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to~~  
371                                ~~Reconsider Proposed Procedural Legislation'.~~
- 372                                iv) ~~If the Rules Committee does not approve a piece of~~  
373                                ~~legislation after reviewing it for the second time, the Senate~~  
374                                ~~may overturn the committee's decision with a two-thirds~~  
375                                ~~(2/3) vote of its members.~~
- 376                                (4) ~~The committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing legislation to~~  
377                                ~~ensure the legality, proper format, spelling, grammar, references and~~  
378                                ~~syntax, when submitted to the Committee prior to the legislation reaching~~  
379                                ~~the Senate floor.~~
- 380                                (5) ~~The committee will verify that all legislation is signed by the President.~~
- 381                                (6) ~~Once legislation becomes law, it is the responsibility of the Rules~~  
382                                ~~Committee to update the SGC MMC Statutes.~~



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- 383                   (7) — Upon the request of a simple majority of the Senate, the Rules Committee  
384                   can prepare and provide a report for applicants to the Supreme Court.
- 385                   (8) — The Committee by request of a simple majority of the Senate, can also  
386                   review the performance of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices, to then  
387                   submit a positive or negative report to the Senate.
- 388                   a) — If the committee submits a negative report, the report can be  
389                   considered grounds for instigation of impeachment against a  
390                   member of the Judiciary, in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- 391                   (9) — The Rules Committee will work in coordination with the Supreme Court  
392                   to suggest updates and amendments to the Student Government  
393                   Association Constitution and Statutes.
- 394                   (10) — All judicial hearing reports may be reviewed by this committee, ensuring  
395                   the legislative oversight over the Chief Justice and Associate Justices.
- 396                   (11) — The RLJC shall be responsible of representing the Senate before the  
397                   Judicial Branch in cases where there is a grievance against the Senate.
- 398                   (12) — The RLJC shall be responsible with informing all incoming Senators of  
399                   the appropriate legislative format.
- 400           (ii) — Structure
- 401                   (1) — The Rules, Legislation, & Judiciary Committee shall be composed of a  
402                   Committee Chairperson and a number of Senators as determined by the  
403                   Speaker.
- 404   (e) — Operational Review Committee
- 405           (i) — Purpose and Responsibilities
- 406                   (1) — The purpose of the Operational Review Committee (ORC) shall be to  
407                   audit student organizations and entities that are directly funded by the  
408                   Student Government Association through the student Activities and  
409                   Services (A&S) fees to ensure that they are being used properly in  
410                   accordance to the Student Government Finance Policy.
- 411                   (2) — This committee holds the power and responsibility to investigate all  
412                   organizations and/or entities, including the SGA that are questioned and/or



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413 challenged by Student Government officials as well as the entire FIU  
414 student body concerning the use or misuse of A&S monies.

415 (3) — This committee shall have the power to write legislation about an already  
416 investigated organization or entity in regards to how the entity used or  
417 misused A & S monies. It will then be used as a guide or piece of evidence  
418 for the budget hearings at the end of the spring semester.

419 (4) — The ORC shall also have the power to check the Finance Committee when  
420 allocating A & S fees improperly in accordance with the SGA Finance  
421 Policy as well as any other necessary document.

422 a) — This shall include, receiving and reviewing bi-weekly reports from  
423 the Finance Committee, in addition to working with the  
424 Comptroller on the legalities of every request for A & S funds  
425 submitted to the Finance Committee.

426 b) — This committee shall also handle all post event, post travel forms  
427 and all other documents necessary when requesting and obtaining  
428 information about an entity appropriated money by the Finance  
429 Committee. The documents along with a recommendation by the  
430 Committee on whether to increase, decrease or keep funding at the  
431 same level, will then be presented to the entire Senate in a  
432 Expenditure Analysis Report, as a form of review and guide for  
433 appropriating future A & S monies to the same entity.

434 e) — The ORC shall have the power to aid the Student Government  
435 Comptroller in checking/monitoring all SGA officials' use of  
436 annual budget.

437 (ii) — Structure

438 (1) — The Operational Review Committee shall be composed of a Committee  
439 Chairperson and a number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.

440 (f) — Internal Affairs Committee

441 (i) — Purpose and Responsibilities



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- (1) ~~The purpose of the Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) is to ensure Senator compliance with all requirements as well as ensuring compliance by SGC-MMC officials with the Ethics Code.~~
- (2) ~~The IAC shall have the responsibility of maintaining the Ethics Code. All amendments to the Ethics Code must be first approved by this Committee.~~
- a) ~~After legislation is referred to the committee, once approved, it shall be presented to the Senate by two members of the committee.~~
- b) ~~Shall a proposal be rejected by the Committee, and a Senator wish that the legislation be reconsidered by the Internal Affairs Committee, they must gain a majority vote of the SGC-MMC Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to Reconsider Proposed Internal Affairs Legislation'.~~
- e) ~~If the Internal Affairs Committee does not approve a piece of legislation after reviewing it for the second time, the Senate may overturn the committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.~~
- (3) ~~The committee will keep an active check on minutes, and ensure that legislation records are kept, minutes are maintained and maintain records of compliance with the Statutes.~~
- (4) ~~The committee will work with all of the members of the Executive branch to ensure that the Chief of Staff keeps track of office requirements for each member of the Executive Branch.~~
- ~~(a) The Committee will compile monthly reports submitted to Cabinet by Agencies and Bureaus to form a written in-depth Semester Report keeping a rolling record of Agency & Bureau Progress~~
- ~~(b) The Committee will create written in-depth Annual Reports for each Agency & Bureau to be archived for future reference~~
- (5) ~~The committee will provide oversight over Executive Branch compliance with the Statutes and assure that the Executive Branch is fulfilling its duties.~~





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- 472                   (6) ~~—The committee will create compliance reports on individuals whose~~  
473                   fulfillment of duties may be questioned by the committee or Senate as a  
474                   whole.
- 475                   (7) ~~—The committee Chairperson will act as representative of the Senate in all~~  
476                   impeachment trials.
- 477                   a) ~~—In the case that the Chairperson of the committee is being~~  
478                   impeached, the Vice Chairperson of the Committee shall act as  
479                   representative.
- 480                   (8) ~~—The committee will be responsible for investigations pertaining to~~  
481                   impeachment proceedings.
- 482                   (9) ~~—The committee will be responsible for submitting grievances against~~  
483                   officials, Agencies and Bureaus in cases of direct violations of the  
484                   statutory requirements of the Agency's/Bureau's status and the official's  
485                   position.
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- 487                   (ii) ~~—Structure~~
- 488                   (1) ~~—The Internal Affairs Committee shall be composed of a Committee~~  
489                   Chairperson and a number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.
- 490                   (g) ~~—Student Advocacy Committee~~
- 491                   (i) ~~—Purpose and Responsibilities~~
- 492                   (1) ~~—The purpose of the Student Advocacy Committee is based upon the ideal~~  
493                   of maximizing representation of the student body. This committee shall  
494                   investigate student concerns and make recommendations as deemed  
495                   appropriate.
- 496                   (2) ~~—To ensure prompt responses to student issues, this committee stands~~  
497                   dedicated to working diligently with all Senators on legislation directly  
498                   impacting student advocacy.
- 499                   (3) ~~—To gather information on Senator's meetings with Deans, this committee~~  
500                   shall collect the two reports required of each Senator per semester from  
501                   the Clerk of the Student Government Association.



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(4) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for filing a report at the end of each semester outlining students concerns that were found from survey data and meetings with Deans.

(a) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending the continuation of an application for the creation of an Agency or Bureau.

(5) This committee shall maintain record of current contact information for each of the Executive Board members of each Governing Council so as to be readily available to any Student Government Association to any student when necessary.

(6) This committee will be responsible for direct communication with each of the Governing Councils of the Student Government Association. This includes but is not limited to contact via email and attendance at each meeting held by each Governing Council.

(7) Each member of this committee shall be assigned accordingly to a Governing Council(s) for the purpose of regulating contact.

(8) The Student Advocacy Committee will maintain contact with the Student Government Association Cabinet by specifically meeting with Cabinet members whose purpose directly correlates with student concerns and by requesting weekly Council meeting minutes from the Student Government Association Clerk.

(9) A representative of this committee shall be present at the Student Government Council Cabinet to gather issues relating to the purpose of this committee and also to report progress to the Cabinet. This shall occur on a rotational basis and reports from Cabinet shall be presented to the Student Advocacy Committee at the first meeting subsequent to the Cabinet meeting.

a) This committee shall actively promote partnerships with Senators to draft legislation respective to the purpose of student advocacy and resolving student concerns.



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(10) — This Committee shall be responsible for the operation of the University City Sub-Committee, which will have the following purpose and responsibilities:

a) — The purpose of the University City Sub-Committee is based upon the ideal of expanding FIU's collaboration with the City of Sweetwater in the proliferation of the University City Vision.

(ii) — Structure

(1) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be composed of a Committee Chairperson and a number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.

(2) Any matter being presented to the Senate by the Student Advocacy Committee must have two (2) sponsoring Senators.

a) — All applications must first be approved by the Student Advocacy Committee. This is to be done with a majority vote of Committee membership, given quorum.

b) — Once the Student Advocacy Committee approves any application, the proposal is then brought before the Senate. The application is to be approved with a supermajority vote of the Senate.

c) — If not approved by the Student Advocacy Committee, the proposed application shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

d) — If a Senator wishes the application to be reconsidered by the Student Advocacy Committee, they must gain a majority vote of the SGC-MMC Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to Reconsider Application'.

e) — If the Student Advocacy Committee does not approve an application after reviewing it for the second time, they must provide a summary paragraph to describe why the application was not approved and the Senate may overturn the Committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3).

(h) — Graduate and Professional Student Committee

(i) — Purpose and Responsibilities



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- (1) — The purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC) is to facilitate and enhance the overall graduate and professional student experience by advancing the University's academic goals. Its primary goal is to fund graduate and professional students' research, conference and professional development and promoting quality presentations and research efforts in scholarly forums. The GPSC shall also serve as an advocate for graduate and professional students, by working with the College of Law, College of Medicine, and the University Graduate School.
- (2) — The GPSC shall determine the application procedure and regulations graduate students must follow to request funding.
- a) — The application will be an online document that will specify the details of the budget, research, conference, professional development, and the benefits of participation.
- b) — Requests shall be approved by a majority vote of the GPSC.
- i) — If a request for funding is approved by the GPSC, upon return of their event the requester has up to one (1) week to turn in all materials for reimbursement to the Student Government Association and is allowed up to four (4) weeks to claim the funds and provide all necessary documentation to the Student Government Association and to the A&S Business Office for the proper disbursement of the funds.
- e) — If a request is not approved by the GPSC, the applicant shall have the right to file a written appeal with the Senate Speaker. Should the Speaker approve the written appeal, the applicant shall present their case before the Senate.
- d) — With a majority vote of the Senate at a meeting where there is quorum the Senate can send back the application to the GPSC who shall reconsider the request. The GPSC is not obligated to approve the reconsidered request.
- e) — If the GPSC does not approve a request after reviewing it for a second time, the Senate may overturn the committee's decision



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596 with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate at a meeting where there  
597 is quorum.

598 f) — Changes to the procedures and regulations for GPSC funding  
599 requests and expenses shall require the majority approval of the  
600 Senate.

601 i) — Amendments to the procedure and regulations shall be  
602 subject to Presidential veto.

603 (3) — Funding shall benefit individual graduate students interested in the  
604 following:

605 a) — Research, as defined as an investigation that is necessary for the  
606 completion of a masters, doctoral or professional degree.

607 b) — Conferences, as defined as presentations (i.e. papers, posters,  
608 performances) on current and developing research that pertains to  
609 their respective masters, doctoral or professional degree.

610 i) — Funding can only be used for conference registration and  
611 travel costs.

612 e) — Professional development, as defined as events (i.e. workshops,  
613 seminars, conferences) that advances the knowledge of the  
614 graduate or professional students' academic career.

615 i) — Upon the return from their trip the student must agree to  
616 present the professional development skills learned at an  
617 assigned workshop at FIU.

618 ii) — Funding can only be used for conference registration and  
619 travel costs.

620 (4) — Graduate and professional students shall be eligible to request funds from  
621 the committee once a semester and twice during a fiscal year.

622 (5) — Students are ineligible to request funds from more than one (1) entity that  
623 is funded by A&S fees.

624 a) — The GPSC Chair shall be responsible for submitting written reports  
625 to the Finance Committee Chair, the Council for Student



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626 Organizations, and the Operational Review Committee Chair to  
627 ensure that the previous stipulation is enforced.

628 (6) — The GPSC shall be able to allocate funds for professional development  
629 and academic events.

630 a) — These allocations shall require the approval of the Senate as  
631 Appropriations from the GPSC.

632 (ii) — Structure

633 (1) — The Graduate and Professional Student Committee will consist of the  
634 entire Graduate School Senate Delegation, the College of Law Senator,  
635 and the College of Medicine Senator.

636 a) — The Comptroller shall have an advisory role to the committee and  
637 shall provide a monthly report to the GPSC on the status of the  
638 funding for the committee.

639 b) — The GPSC shall be presided over by its Committee Chairperson.

640 **Section 3.05 Senate Procedures**

641 (a) — The Senate Rules of Procedures shall detail internal Senate procedures.

642 (b) — Legislation

643 (i) — Any bills, resolutions, appropriations and amendments presented to the Senate for  
644 the purpose of a vote must first have two (2) Senators as sponsors in order to be  
645 brought before the Senate as new business.

646 (ii) — All legislation must be submitted to the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary  
647 Committee by 5: 00 PM the Thursday prior to the Senate meeting during which  
648 the legislation will be considered.

649 (1) — Legislation not submitted to the Rules Committee may still be considered  
650 with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

651 (iii) — Each bill, resolution and appropriation shall be required to have two readings  
652 which shall take place at two (2) different meetings, at which there is quorum, to  
653 be eligible for a vote by the Senate.



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- 654 (1) ~~The Senate may vote to override the second reading with a simple~~  
655 ~~majority vote to proceed with legislation during the same meeting.~~
- 656 (iv) ~~After passing a vote in the Senate, the bill, resolution or appropriation shall be~~  
657 ~~sent to the Clerk of Council no later than the following Tuesday by 5:00PM.~~
- 658 (v) ~~Any such issue to be voted on must be classified as an appropriation, resolution,~~  
659 ~~or bill, and drafted on the appropriate forms to allow for proper archival record.~~
- 660 (e) ~~Meetings~~
- 661 (i) ~~The Senate meetings shall be designated in accordance with the following~~  
662 ~~specifications:~~
- 663 (1) ~~For the purpose of regular meetings, the Senate shall meet on Mondays at~~  
664 ~~4:00 PM in the SGC MMC Chambers (GC 150) every Fall and Spring~~  
665 ~~semester. Each Senator shall work their schedules around this time.~~  
666 ~~Meetings shall last a maximum of two (2) hours.~~
- 667 a) ~~During the Summer semester, the Senate shall meet every other~~  
668 ~~Monday at 4:00 PM in the SGC MMC Chambers (GC 150).~~
- 669 (2) ~~For the purpose of special or emergency meetings, the Senate shall meet at~~  
670 ~~the designated time, place, date and duration as indicated in the Special~~  
671 ~~Meeting notification as called by the Speaker or two thirds (2/3) of the~~  
672 ~~Senate with at least forty eight (48) hour notice.~~
- 673 (3) ~~For the purpose of scheduling Committee meetings, the Official academic~~  
674 ~~school and work schedules of each Senator will be taken into~~  
675 ~~consideration. These schedules must be submitted to the respective~~  
676 ~~Committee chairperson no later than two (2) weeks after the beginning of~~  
677 ~~the semester, in order to allow for adequate planning time.~~
- 678 (ii) ~~The Senate shall assemble at least bi-weekly during active legislative sessions of~~  
679 ~~the SGC MMC.~~
- 680 (iii) ~~All SGC MMC meetings shall be run in accordance with the latest edition of~~  
681 ~~Robert's Rules of Order.~~
- 682 (1) ~~The Senate shall adopt a special rule which would not limit the number of~~  
683 ~~times that Senators can speak during a particular debate.~~



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(iv) — Any student or group wishing to voice their opinion, or present a project or issue before the Senate, must make arrangements with the Speaker by the preceding Thursday by 5:00PM. These presentations must not exceed ten minutes (10) unless otherwise stated by the Speaker and approved by a simple majority of the Senate.

(v) — The Speaker shall allow for a period no longer than twenty (20) minutes to be used for announcements at the end of any Senate meeting.

## (d) — Requirements

(i) — Senators shall be required to attend all Senate and Committee meetings. Housing Senators shall be required to attend Residence Hall Association meetings at least once per month, four (4) times per Fall and per Spring semester.

(1) — Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) excused absences from Senate meetings per Fall and per Spring semester.

(2) — Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) excused absences from Committee meetings per Fall and per Spring semester.

(3) — Housing Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) excused absences from Residence Hall Association meetings per Fall and per Spring semester.

(4) — For an absence to be considered excused, any documentation excusing the Senator from a meeting must be provided to the Clerk of Council, Speaker and, when applicable, Committee Chairperson and RHA President, at least one (1) hour before the meeting.

(5) — During the Summer semester, Senators shall be allowed to miss meetings, as long as they are excused for every meeting missed.

(6) — College of Medicine, College of Law, and Graduate School Senators shall be exempt from Senate meeting attendance requirements, insofar as they provide an excuse for each meeting to be missed related to their academic schedules.

a) — The Speaker of the Senate shall determine whether the excuse provided qualifies for this exemption.





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- 714                   (7) — ~~To be counted as present, Senators must be present for the majority of a~~  
715                   ~~meeting.~~
- 716                   (ii) — ~~Senators shall be individually required to meet with their college or division Dean~~  
717                   ~~or administration, at least on a bi-monthly basis, and at least two (2) times per Fall~~  
718                   ~~and Spring semester.~~
- 719                   (1) — ~~Delegations may schedule meetings together, but every Senator must~~  
720                   ~~fulfill this requirement.~~
- 721                   (iii) — ~~Senators shall be individually required to submit two (2) reports per Fall and~~  
722                   ~~Spring semester. The first report shall be submitted no later than ten (10) weeks~~  
723                   ~~after the beginning of every semester. The second report shall be submitted no~~  
724                   ~~later than the last week of every semester.~~
- 725                   (1) — ~~These reports shall include updates on meetings with college/division~~  
726                   ~~administration, a listing of all submitted legislation, current and planned~~  
727                   ~~projects, current and planned events, as well as a discretionary budget~~  
728                   ~~expenditure summary.~~
- 729                   (iv) — ~~Senators shall be required to host one event per fall and spring semester for their~~  
730                   ~~school/college/division with their respective delegation.~~
- 731                   (v) — ~~All Senators, excluding graduate students, shall be required to attend and provide~~  
732                   ~~proof of attending at least five (5) or 25% of all Student Government Association~~  
733                   ~~sponsored events during each semester of their term, which is lesser.~~
- 734                   (1) — ~~Senators must provide proof of attendance to each event, preferably in the~~  
735                   ~~form of a picture or video, which may then be used to promote student~~  
736                   ~~government activities.~~
- 737                   (2) — ~~Senators must submit all proof of attendance to the Internal Affairs~~  
738                   ~~Committee Chair three (3) weeks before the end of each semester.~~
- 739                   (vi) — ~~All Senators shall be required to hold and maintain at least three (3) office hours a~~  
740                   ~~week in which they are accessible to their constituents within the Student Body.~~
- 741                   (1) — ~~Senators shall inform the Senate leadership and Student Government~~  
742                   ~~Association Advisor of the day(s), time(s), and location(s), hours will be~~  
743                   ~~held so that they may be posted publically.~~



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- 744                   (2) — ~~Senators shall inform the Internal Affairs Committee Chair of any~~  
745                   ~~cancelled office hours within one (1) business day of the hours to be~~  
746                   ~~cancelled.~~
- 747           (vii) — ~~Senators shall not be allowed more than two (2) unexcused absences from Senate~~  
748                   ~~meetings per Fall and per Spring Semester (Summer semester excluded).~~
- 749                   (1) — ~~Upon the first unexcused absence, the senator shall be notified by the~~  
750                   ~~Internal Affairs Committee or Committee Chair.~~
- 751                   (2) — ~~The notification shall inform the Senator that they are at risk of being~~  
752                   ~~reviewed for impeachment, upon the second unexcused absence the~~  
753                   ~~Senator shall have their voting rights and floor privileges suspended and~~  
754                   ~~placed on priority review for impeachment.~~
- 755                   (3) — ~~The Senator may have the choices of resignation or to defend their case~~  
756                   ~~before the Senate during the impeachment trial.~~
- 757                   (4) — ~~Senators that come in to a Senate meeting more than fifteen (15) minutes~~  
758                   ~~without providing prior notification or documented proof for being tardy~~  
759                   ~~to the Speaker and Internal Affairs chair by the end of that day (11:59~~  
760                   ~~P.M.) will have their attendance for that meeting marked as an unexcused~~  
761                   ~~absence.~~
- 762                   (5) — ~~If a Senator leaves a Senate meeting prior to 5:01 P.M., if it is a full time~~  
763                   ~~meeting or the majority time of a meeting that ends sooner will be~~  
764                   ~~considered absent.~~
- 765                   (6) — ~~Senators that have a class that begins at 5 P.M. or later during Senate~~  
766                   ~~meetings and have documented proof that the class is the only one offered~~  
767                   ~~and will affect the Senator's graduation will be excused from being~~  
768                   ~~counted absent for leaving early.~~
- 769                   (i) ~~Documented proof will include a written statement from the Professor,~~  
770                   ~~Dean and Academic Advisor.~~
- 771                   (ii) ~~Senators that fall under this exemption will be required to make up the~~  
772                   ~~time missed during the Senate meeting in the form of one (1)~~  
773                   ~~additional office hour in the same week of the Senate meeting.~~
- 774                   (7) — ~~Failure to enforce this requirement within one (1) week of the third~~  
775                   ~~unexcused absence shall constitute a violation of this statute and will~~  
776                   ~~amount to a nonfeasance of duties of the Internal Affairs Committee.~~
- 777           (viii) — ~~Senators shall not be allowed more than two (2) unexcused absences from Senate~~  
778                   ~~Committee meetings per Fall and per Spring Semester (Summer semester~~  
779                   ~~excluded).~~



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- (1) Upon the first unexcused absence, the senator shall be notified by the Internal Affairs Committee or Committee Chair.
- (2) The notification shall inform the Senator that they are at risk of being reviewed for impeachment, upon the second unexcused absence the Senator shall have their voting rights and floor privileges suspended and placed on priority review for impeachment.
- (3) The Senator may have the choices of resignation or to defend their case before the Senate during the impeachment trial.
- (4) Senators that come in to a Committee meeting more than fifteen (15) minutes without providing prior notification or documented proof for being tardy to the Committee Chair and Internal Affairs chair by the end of that day (11:59 P.M.) will have their attendance for that meeting marked as an unexcused absence.
- (5) If a Senator leaves a Committee meeting early without permission from the Chair will be will have their attendance marked unexcused.

(e) Senate Emoluments

- (i) All Senators shall be entitled to compensation in adherence to the provisions put forth by the FIU SGA Constitution, Article XV.

- (ii) The emoluments for officers of the Senate shall be as follows:

(1) Speaker of the Senate

- a) SGC MMC Speaker of the Senate shall receive annually an amount up to thirty two percent (32%), but no less than twenty five (25%) of the SGC MMC President's salary.

(2) Speaker Pro Tempore

- a) SGC MMC Speaker Pro Tempore shall receive annually an amount up to twenty five percent (25%), but no less than ten percent (10%) of the SGC MMC President's salary.

(3) Committee Chairs

- a) SGC MMC Chairs of Senate Standing Committees shall receive annually an amount up to twenty percent (20%), but no less than eight percent (8%) of the SGC MMC President's salary.

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a)——SGC Senators, excluding the Speaker, Speaker Pro-Tempore and Committee Chairs, shall receive annually an amount up to fifteen percent (15%), but no less than seven percent (7%) of the SGC-MMC President's salary.

(iii)——International Students under particular working conditions shall be exempt from this clause on a case-by-case basis.

## Section 3.01 Purpose and Powers

### (a) Purpose

i) The purpose and duties of the Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the "Senate", shall be to serve as the legislative body of the SGC-MMC, presenting and discussing legislation in the form of resolutions, appropriations, and bills for the benefit of the student body. In addition, the Senate shall serve as a venue for the Senators to report progress, discuss upcoming goals and ideas, investigate issues and debate on matters concerning student life at FIU.

### (b) Powers

i) The Senate shall, subject the SGA Constitution, University-Wide Statues, and MMC Statues shall:

- (1) Enact all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.
- (2) The Senate shall be able to make emolument recommendations at the beginning of the annual budget process after receiving an Emoluments Proposal from the President.
- (3) Approve and allocate Activity & Service Fee fund expenditures, subject to the provisions of the Chapter 1009.24 of the Florida Statutes.
- (4) Approve or deny all appointments that the President presents to the Senate.
- (5) Overturn a Presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- (6) Create any ad hoc Committee deemed necessary and proper to the operation of its duties.
- (7) Audit student organizations and entities funded by SGA through A&S Fee funds.
- (8) Expand the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, expand the number of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch; the number of Justices on any court shall be an odd number.



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a) Lower court Justices and clerks shall not be considered SGA officials for the purposes of emolument.

(9) The Senate shall be able to summon members as well as records of the Executive Branch of the SGC-MMC, Governing Councils for hearings on the information or Officials.

(10) The Senate shall have the power to impeach, which is the formal charge of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance, and remove any SGC Official.

## **Section 3.02 Terms of Office**

(a) Senators shall assume office upon inauguration.

(b) Senators shall serve for a (1) academic year term.

(c) Senators shall be dismissed from office at the end of the Spring semester as per the University Academic Calendar.

(d) Senators shall may otherwise only be dismissed from office for reasons of formal resignation, failure to meet SGA qualifications to hold office, failure to be in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or by impeachment and removal from office.

(e) Appointed Senators shall serve the remainder of the term of the seat in which they have been appointed to.

## **Section 3.03 Installation of Senators**

(f) Installation of Senators shall occur at the inauguration ceremony for the term that they are elected. Any Senators not sworn in at inauguration shall be sworn in at the next Senate meeting they are present.

(g) Installation of appointed Senators shall occur at the Senate meeting in which they are confirmed at. The installation of multiple appointed Senators may be done at once.

(h) The following oath of office shall be administered:

*"I, (Officer's Full Name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution and the laws of the state of Florida, the Constitution and the laws of the Student Government Association of Florida International University, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God (or on pain of impeachment).*

i) Candidates may choose to replace the words "so help me God" with "on pain of impeachment," when taking the oath of office. The person administering the oath



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shall inform the candidate of the option to change the ending of the oath prior to the administration of the oath.

## **Section 3.04 Organization**

### **(a) Structure**

- (i) The Senate shall be comprised and apportioned as delineated by the SGA Constitution.
- (ii) The SGC-MMC Vice President shall serve as the ex-officio non-voting President of the Senate.
  - (1) The SGC-MMC Vice President shall serve as chair of all Senate meetings until the Senate elects the Speaker of the Senate.
    - a) Should a tie occur, the SGC-MMC Vice President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.
    - b) In the absence of the SGC-MMC Vice President, the SGC-MMC President or their designee shall serve as chair until the Senate elects the Speaker of the Senate.
      - i) The SGC-MMC President must notify in writing to all members of the Senate and the SGA Advisor(s) regarding whom will be their designee.
- (iii) The SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate shall be elected no later than the second meeting of the new legislative session.
- (iv) The Senate shall establish its Standing Committees.
- (v) The Senate shall be administered, represented, and guided by the Speaker, and assisted by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

### **(b) Senate Leadership**

- (i) Speaker of the Senate
  - (1) The Speaker of the Senate hereinafter referred to as the "Speaker", upon election, shall chair all Senate meetings, and the chief administrative officer of the Senate.
  - (2) The Speaker shall be a Senator, selected by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
  - (3) The SGC-MMC Vice President shall be ineligible to serve as the Speaker.
  - (4) The Speaker shall report on the business of the Senate to the SGC-MMC Executive Board.
  - (5) The Speaker shall be the official voice of the Senate and shall represent the Senate in all official matters, including but not limited to, University functions and the Florida Student Association (FSA).



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- 917 (6) The Speaker shall serve as one of the two (2) SGC-MMC Senators on the  
918 University Wide Council, University Wide Budget Committee, and the  
919 MMC Campus Budget Committee.
- 920 (7) The Speaker shall draft Bills that authorize the approval of the SGA  
921 budget.
- 922 (8) The Speaker of the Senate shall oversee the Legislative Archives.
- 923 (9) The Speaker shall have the power to call additional meetings of the Senate  
924 as necessary with forty-eight (48) hours written notice to the Senate  
925 membership. Attendance in these cases is mandatory.
- 926 (10) The Speaker shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all Committees  
927 and shall only serve an advisory role. They shall have all rights except  
928 voting. They shall be exempt from Committee requirements.
- 929 (ii) Speaker Pro Tempore
- 930 (1) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall assist the Speaker in their duties and shall  
931 assume the role of the Speaker in the event of the Speaker's absence,  
932 recusal, resignation, or impeachment.
- 933 (2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be a Senator, selected by a simple  
934 majority vote of the Senate.
- 935 (3) The SGC-MMC President shall be ineligible to serve as the Speaker Pro  
936 Tempore.
- 937 (4) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall chair all  
938 Senate meetings and report on the business of the Senate to the SGC-  
939 MMC Executive Board.
- 940 (5) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be the  
941 official voice of the Senate and shall represent the Senate in all official  
942 matters, including but not limited to, University functions and the Florida  
943 Student Association (FSA).
- 944 (6) Should the Speaker resign or be impeached and removed from office, the  
945 Speaker Pro Tempore shall assume the role of acting Speaker of the  
946 Senate until a new Speaker is elected.
- 947 a) Should there be no Speaker Pro Tempore or the Speaker Pro  
948 Tempore resigns or is impeached and removed, the Line of  
949 Succession shall determine the acting Speaker of the Senate until a  
950 new Speaker is elected.
- 951 i) Should the Line of Succession be exhausted, the SGC-  
952 MMC Vice President shall appoint a Senator to assume the  
953 role of acting Speaker until a new Speaker is elected.



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- 954 (7) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as one of the two (2) SGC-MMC  
955 Senators on the University Wide Council and the University Wide Budget  
956 Committee.
- 957 (8) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall oversee the Legislative Archives.  
958 (9) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all  
959 Committees and shall only serve an advisory role. They shall have all  
960 rights except voting. They shall be exempt from Committee requirements.
- 961 (iii) Committee Chairs
- 962 (1) All Committee Chairs shall serve as the chief administrative officers of  
963 their respective Committees.
- 964 (2) A Chairs may be removed from their chairmanship by a simple majority  
965 vote of the Senate, or by Judicial order.
- 966 (3) Committee Chairs must present a report to the Senate following each  
967 Committee meeting. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair or any  
968 committee member shall present the report.
- 969 (4) No Senator shall chair more than one (1) Committee.  
970 (5) The SGC-MMC Vice President, Speaker, or Speaker Pro Tempore shall be  
971 ineligible to serve as the Chair of any Committee.
- 972 (iv) Order of Succession
- 973 (1) Should the Speaker be unable to fulfill their duties, the order of  
974 successions shall be as follows.
- 975 a) Speaker Pro Tempore
- 976 i) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be the second in line in  
977 Senate Leadership.
- 978 b) Finance Committee Chair
- 979 i) The Finance Committee Chair shall be the third in line in  
980 Senate Leadership.
- 981 c) Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee Chair
- 982 i) The Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee Chair  
983 shall be the fourth in line in Senate Leadership.
- 984 d) Operational Review Committee Chair
- 985 i) The Operational Review Committee Chair shall be the fifth  
986 in line in Senate Leadership.
- 987 e) Internal Affairs Committee Chair
- 988 i) The Internal Affairs Committee Chair shall be the sixth in  
989 line in Senate Leadership.
- 990 f) Student Advocacy Committee Chair





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- 991 i) The Student Advocacy Committee Chair shall be the  
992 seventh in line in Senate Leadership.
- 993 g) Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair  
994 i) The Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair  
995 shall be the eighth in line in Senate Leadership.
- 996 (v) Election of Senate Leadership
- 997 (1) Speaker of the Senate
- 998 a) Nominations and selection of the Speaker shall be conducted by  
999 the SGC-MMC Vice President and shall be no later than two (2)  
1000 Senate meetings after the beginning of a new Senate term. Should  
1001 a Speaker resign or be impeached and removed, the SGC-MMC  
1002 Vice President shall conduct the nomination and selection of a new  
1003 Speaker at the next Senate meeting.
- 1004 b) Upon opening of the floor to nominations, nominees must accept  
1005 or decline a nomination.
- 1006 c) Upon closing of the floor to nominations, the nominee(s) shall be  
1007 allowed to speak for two (2) minutes. The nominee(s) shall speak  
1008 in alphabetical order of their surname.
- 1009 d) The Senate shall be allowed to hold a debate and discussion prior  
1010 to voting.
- 1011 e) The Speaker shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the  
1012 Senate.
- 1013 (2) Speaker Pro Tempore
- 1014 a) Nominations and selection of the Speaker Pro Tempore must occur  
1015 during the same meeting as the selection of the Speaker. Should a  
1016 Speaker Pro Tempore resign, or be impeached and removed, the  
1017 Speaker shall conduct the nomination and selection of a new  
1018 Speaker Pro Tempore at the next Senate meeting.
- 1019 b) Upon opening of the floor to nominations, nominees must accept  
1020 or decline a nomination.
- 1021 c) Upon closing of the floor to nominations, the nominee(s) shall be  
1022 allowed to speak for two (2) minutes. The nominee(s) shall speak  
1023 in alphabetical order of their surname.
- 1024 d) The Senate shall be allowed to hold a discussion prior to voting.
- 1025 e) The Speaker shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the  
1026 Senate.
- 1027 (3) Committee Chairs



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- 1028 a) A Committee Chair shall be elected from the members of the  
1029 Senate.
- 1030 b) Upon opening of the floor to nominations, nominees must accept  
1031 or decline a nomination.
- 1032 c) Upon closing of the floor to nominations, the nominee(s) shall be  
1033 allowed to speak for two (2) minutes. The nominee(s) shall speak  
1034 in alphabetical order of their surname.
- 1035 d) The Senate shall be allowed to hold a discussion prior to voting.
- 1036 e) A Committee Chair shall be selected by a simple majority vote of  
1037 the Senate.
- 1038 f) Should a Committee Chair resign, or be impeached and removed,  
1039 the Speaker shall conduct the nomination and selection of the  
1040 vacant Committee Chair at the next Senate Meeting.
- 1041 i) The Vice Chair of the Committee shall act as the Acting  
1042 Chair of the Committee until a new Committee Chair is  
1043 selected.
- 1044 (vi) Senate Leadership Responsibilities
- 1045 (1) The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore shall analyze the degree to which  
1046 each Senator has fulfilled their duties and requirements as enumerated in  
1047 the SGC-MMC Statutes.
- 1048 a) This analysis shall be made available in a monthly report that is  
1049 publically available in the SGC-MMC Office and website.
- 1050 (2) Senate Leadership shall meet once per month to discuss attendance and  
1051 legislative work.
- 1052 a) Committee Chairs shall disclose committee member attendance  
1053 and Committee business as part of their Committee report.
- 1054 (c) Legislative Aides
- 1055 (i) Legislative Aides (LA) shall be assistants to the Senate, its members, and its  
1056 Committees, whose purpose is to aide in special functions including but not  
1057 limited to media relations, legislative research, event planning and administrative  
1058 duties.
- 1059 (1) LAs shall not be considered SGC-MMC Officials for the purposes of  
1060 Senate floor privileges and SGA resource management.
- 1061 (2) LAs shall perform the duties as assigned by their appointer. The LA and  
1062 the Speaker must be notified of their duties and updates to their duties in  
1063 written notification.



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- 1064 a) Legislative Aides may exercise some special duties in the areas  
1065 above with written consent from their appointed and written  
1066 notification to the Speaker.
- 1067 (3) LAs shall be subject to any requirements as determined by their appointer.  
1068 The LA and the Speaker must be notified of their requirements and  
1069 updates to their requirements in written notification.
- 1070 (4) Aides may be removed by their appointer, the Speaker, or the Speaker Pro  
1071 Tempore of the Senate, at their discretion without any impeachment or  
1072 judicial procedure.
- 1073 (5) Legislative Aides shall not hold any other office within the SGA.
- 1074 (ii) The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore shall be able to appoint up to three (3)  
1075 Legislative Aides each.
- 1076 (iii) Each Committee shall be able to appoint up to four (4) Legislative Aides, to be  
1077 appointed by each Committee chair, and confirmed by the Committee members  
1078 with a simple majority of those committee members present and able to vote.
- 1079 (iv) Each Senator shall be able to appoint up to two (2) Legislative Aides.
- 1080 (d) Organizational Definitions
- 1081 (i) Quorum
- 1082 (1) “Quorum” is defined as the simple majority of members for Senate and  
1083 Committee meetings for business to be transacted legally.
- 1084 (ii) Simple Majority Vote
- 1085 (1) “Simple Majority Vote” shall be defined as one (1) more than half of those  
1086 Senators present and able to vote, excluding abstentions, at any properly  
1087 opened meeting at which a quorum is present.
- 1088 (iii) Two-Thirds Majority
- 1089 (1) “Two-Thirds Majority Vote” or “supermajority” shall be defined as at  
1090 least two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and able to vote,  
1091 excluding abstentions, at any properly opened meeting at which a quorum  
1092 is present.
- 1093 (iv) Three-Fifths Majority Vote
- 1094 (1) “Three-Fifths Majority Vote” shall be defined as three-fifths (3/5) vote of  
1095 those Senators present and able to vote, excluding abstentions, at any  
1096 properly opened meeting at which a quorum is present.
- 1097 (v) Entire Senate Membership
- 1098 (1) “Entire Senate Membership” shall be defined as the total authorized  
1099 number of Senators in the Senate minus the number of vacancies.
- 1100 (vi) Nonfeasance



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1101 (1) “Nonfeasance”, per Article II, shall be defined the omission of some act  
1102 that ought to have been performed.

1103 (vii) Misfeasance

1104 (1) “Misfeasance”, per Article II, shall be defined as the wrongful  
1105 performance of a normally lawful act.

1106 (viii) Malfeasance

1107 (1) “Malfeasance”, per Article II, shall be defined as the performance by a  
1108 public official of an act that is legally unjustified, harmful, or contrary to  
1109 law.

## 1110 Section 3.05 Senate Committees

1111 (a) Standing Committees

1112 (i) The Standing Committees of the SGC-MMC Senate shall be the Finance  
1113 Committee, Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee, Student Advocacy  
1114 Committee, Operational Review Committee, Internal Affairs Committee and  
1115 Graduate and Professional Student Committee. It shall be the duty of these  
1116 committees to present items for discussion and present solutions to the SGC-  
1117 MMC Senate. These committees are to be chaired by SGC-MMC Senators.

1118 (b) Ad hoc Committees

1119 (i) An Ad hoc committee shall be formed by Resolution passed with a two-thirds  
1120 majority vote.  
1121 (1) This Resolution shall state the name of the committee, the purpose,  
1122 objective, and scope of the committee, requirements of the committee, and  
1123 the conditions for its dissolution whether it be a date of dissolution, or  
1124 upon successful completion of the committee’s objectives.

1125 (2) This Resolution shall not be subject to Presidential veto.

1126 (ii) Upon formation of an ad hoc committee, the Senate shall choose the Chair per the  
1127 procedures for selection of Chairs at the same Senate meeting.

1128 (iii) The ad hoc committee shall be subject to committee requirements and any other  
1129 requirements as set forth in the Resolution forming it.

1130 (iv) The Senate may dissolve any ad hoc committee as deemed necessary with a two-  
1131 thirds (2/3) majority vote.

1132 (c) Committee Requirements

1133 (i) Each committee will be responsible for the selection of a Vice Chairperson who is  
1134 voted upon by the individual members of each committee during its first meeting.

1135 (ii) Committees shall meet every other week to conduct business. Attendance and  
1136 minutes shall be recorded by the Vice Chairperson, distributed and filed with the



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- 1137 Clerk of Council in the SGC-MMC office within forty-eight (48) hours of the  
1138 meeting's adjournment.
- 1139 (1) Committees shall be able to hold hearings on specific topics. These  
1140 hearings shall count towards the committee meeting requirement.
- 1141 (iii) Committee size, excluding the Finance Committee and the Graduate and  
1142 Professional Student Committee, shall be determined by the SGC-MMC Speaker.
- 1143 (iv) Any official decisions and/or projects, initiatives and measures made by a  
1144 Committee must be brought before the Senate for approval.
- 1145 (1) The Graduate and Professional Student Committee shall be exempt from  
1146 this clause for requests made by graduate students for conference,  
1147 research, professional development funding, Gradsellar events, and  
1148 Graduate Student Appreciation Week, and shall bring all other decisions  
1149 before the entire Senate.
- 1150 (d) Finance Committee
- 1151 (i) Purpose and Responsibilities
- 1152 (1) The purpose of the Finance Committee (FC) is to allocate the Finance  
1153 Committee Appropriations Budget.
- 1154 (2) It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to review and make  
1155 recommendations to the Senate for the expenditure of all reserve and  
1156 unallocated funds of the SGC-MMC budget, as well as the Finance  
1157 Committee Appropriations budget, including any line item transfers in the  
1158 completed budget.
- 1159 (ii) Structure
- 1160 (1) The Finance Committee shall be comprised of the Finance Committee  
1161 Chairperson and five (5) additional Senators selected by a simple majority  
1162 vote of the Senate.
- 1163 (2) Any matter being presented to the Senate by the Finance Committee must  
1164 have two (2) sponsoring Senators.
- 1165 a) All appropriations must first be approved by the Finance  
1166 Committee. This is to be done with a simple majority vote of  
1167 Committee membership, given quorum.
- 1168 b) Once the Finance Committee approves any appropriation, the  
1169 proposal is then brought before the Senate. The appropriation is to  
1170 be approved with a simple majority vote of the Senate.
- 1171 c) If not approved by the Finance Committee, the proposed  
1172 appropriation shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly  
1173 scheduled meeting.



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- d) If a Senator wishes the appropriation to be reconsidered by the Finance Committee, they must gain a simple majority vote of the Senate. This is to be done with a ‘Motion to Reconsider Proposed Appropriation’.
- e) If the Finance Committee does not approve an appropriation after reviewing it for the second time, they must provide a summary paragraph to describe why the appropriation was not approved and the Senate may overturn the Committee’s decision with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

(e) Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee

(i) Purpose and Responsibilities

- (1) The purpose of the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee (RLJC or Rules Committee) is to keep and maintain the Senate Rules of Procedure, ensure the proper passage of legislation in the Senate, and serve as a liaison between the Legislative and Judicial Branches.
- (2) The Rules Committee is charged with the responsibility of preparing and submitting the protocols, formats, and rules to allow for efficient working of the Senate and its committees.
- (3) The Rules Committee shall prepare and maintain the Senate Rules of Procedure and submit them for approval by the Senate.
- a) These Rules of Procedure shall be amended by the same procedure as the Student Government Statutes, but shall not be subject to Presidential veto.
- b) The Senate Rules of Procedure shall serve to detail internal procedures and policies of the Senate and shall not conflict with the Student Government Association Constitution and Statutes.
- c) Each session, the Rules Committee shall review the Senate Rules of Procedure, and submit recommendations, if necessary for the improvement of the document.
- d) All amendments to the Senate Rules of Procedure must be presented to the Rules, Legislation, & Judiciary Committee for its approval by a simple majority.
- i) After legislation is referred to the committee, once approved, it shall be presented to the Senate by two (2) members of the committee.
- ii) The procedural legislation may be approved with a simple majority vote of the Senate.



1211 iii) Shall a proposal be rejected by the Committee, and a  
1212 Senator wish that the legislation be reconsidered by the  
1213 Rules Committee, they must gain a simple majority vote of  
1214 the SGC-MMC Senate. This is to be done with a ‘Motion to  
1215 Reconsider Proposed Procedural Legislation’.  
1216 iv) If the Rules Committee does not approve a piece of  
1217 legislation after reviewing it for the second time, the Senate  
1218 may overturn the committee’s decision with a two-thirds  
1219 (2/3) vote of its members.  
1220 (4) The committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing legislation to  
1221 ensure the legality, proper format, constitutionality, implication, spelling,  
1222 grammar, references, and syntax, when submitted to the Committee prior  
1223 to the legislation reaching the Senate floor.  
1224 a) The committee may pass, table, or fail all legislation sent or  
1225 referred to the Committee:  
1226 i) Legislation passed by the committee may be done so with  
1227 or without committee recommendations.  
1228 ii) Legislation tabled by the committee shall be reviewed in  
1229 the next committee meeting or it will be considered failed  
1230 in committee  
1231 iii) Legislation failed by the committee on the basis of the  
1232 mentioned review standards shall be sent back to the  
1233 author.  
1234 i. The Chair of the committee shall inform the author  
1235 as to why it failed.  
1236 (5) The committee will verify that all legislation is signed by the President.  
1237 (6) Once legislation becomes law, it is the responsibility of the Rules  
1238 Committee to update the SGC-MMC Statutes.  
1239 (7) It is the responsibility of the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee  
1240 to maintain a register of all statutes amendments passed by the Senate and  
1241 made effective by the SGC-MMC President.  
1242 a) The register shall be maintained as a separate print and digital  
1243 document accessible to all SGA officials and the public.  
1244 b) The document shall be updated and made public within one (1)  
1245 week of an amendment becoming effective.  
1246 c) The register will be separated by Article in numerical order, with  
1247 each article maintained as its own section.



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- 1248 d) Each entry in the register shall be codified as follows:
- 1249 i) Commence with a square bracket ([), followed by the
- 1250 Agenda Item number of the amendment (SB#####),
- 1251 followed by the date in which it was enacted in the form of
- 1252 (YYYY/MM/DD) and an m-dash (—), and closed with a
- 1253 square bracket (]) resulting in the full format of [SB#####—
- 1254 YYYY/MM/DD].
- 1255 ii) Should an article be added to the statutes, it shall be given
- 1256 its own section respective of its numerical position.
- 1257 i. The first entry shall be the bill which created the
- 1258 article.
- 1259 iii) Should an article be removed from the statutes, its section
- 1260 shall be marked as deleted but not deleted from the register.
- 1261 i. The last entry shall be the bill which removed the
- 1262 article.
- 1263 ii. The removed article shall be moved to the end of
- 1264 the register, irrespective of numerical order.
- 1265 (8) Upon the request of a simple majority of the Senate, the Rules Committee
- 1266 can prepare and provide a report for applicants to the Supreme Court.
- 1267 (9) The Committee by request of a simple majority of the Senate, can also
- 1268 review the performance of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices, to then
- 1269 submit a positive or negative report to the Senate.
- 1270 a) If the committee submits a negative report, the report can be
- 1271 considered grounds for instigation of impeachment against a
- 1272 member of the Judiciary, in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- 1273 (10) The Rules Committee will work in coordination with the Supreme Court
- 1274 to suggest updates and amendments to the Student Government
- 1275 Association Constitution and Statutes.
- 1276 (11) All judicial hearing reports may be reviewed by this committee, ensuring
- 1277 the legislative oversight over the Chief Justice and Associate Justices.
- 1278 (12) The RLJC shall be responsible of representing the Senate before the
- 1279 Judicial Branch in cases where there is a grievance against the Senate.
- 1280 (13) The RLJC shall be responsible with informing all incoming Senators of
- 1281 the appropriate legislative format.
- 1282 (ii) Structure





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- 1283 (1) The Rules, Legislation, & Judiciary Committee shall be composed of a  
1284 Committee Chairperson and an odd number of Senators as determined by  
1285 the Speaker.
- 1286 (f) Operational Review Committee
- 1287 (i) Purpose and Responsibilities
- 1288 (1) The purpose of the Operational Review Committee (ORC) shall be to  
1289 audit entities that are directly funded by the Student Government  
1290 Association through the student Activities and Services (A&S) fees to  
1291 ensure that they are being used properly in accordance to the University-  
1292 Wide Finance Code.
- 1293 (2) This committee holds the power and responsibility to investigate all  
1294 organizations and/or entities, including the SGA that are questioned and/or  
1295 challenged by Student Government Officials as well as the entire FIU  
1296 student body concerning the use or misuse of A&S monies.
- 1297 (3) This committee shall have the power to write legislation about an already  
1298 investigated organization or entity in regards to how the entity used or  
1299 misused A&S monies. It will then be used as a guide or piece of evidence  
1300 for yearly budget hearings and deliberations.
- 1301 (4) The ORC shall also have the power to check the Finance Committee when  
1302 allocating A&S fees improperly in accordance with the SGA Finance  
1303 Code as well as any other necessary document.
- 1304 a) This shall include, receiving and reviewing bi-weekly reports from  
1305 the Finance Committee, in addition to working with the  
1306 Comptroller on the legalities of every request for A&S funds  
1307 submitted to the Finance Committee.
- 1308 b) This committee shall also handle all post-event, post-travel forms  
1309 and all other documents necessary when requesting and obtaining  
1310 information about an entity appropriated money by the Finance  
1311 Committee. The documents along with a recommendation by the  
1312 Committee on whether to increase, decrease or keep funding at the  
1313 same level, will then be presented to the entire Senate in a  
1314 Expenditure Analysis Report, as a form of review and guide for  
1315 appropriating future A&S monies to the same entity.
- 1316 c) The ORC shall have the power to aid the Student Government  
1317 Comptroller in checking/monitoring all SGA officials' use of  
1318 annual budget.
- 1319 (ii) Structure



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- 1320 (1) The Operational Review Committee shall be composed of a Committee  
1321 Chairperson and an odd number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.  
1322 (g) Internal Affairs Committee  
1323 (i) Purpose and Responsibilities  
1324 (1) The purpose of the Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) is to ensure Senator  
1325 compliance with all requirements as well as ensuring compliance of SGC-  
1326 MMC officials with all requirements and the Ethics Code.  
1327 (2) The IAC shall have the responsibility of maintaining the Ethics Code. All  
1328 amendments to the Ethics Code must be first approved by this Committee.  
1329 a) After legislation is referred to the committee, once approved, it  
1330 shall be presented to the Senate by two (2) members of the  
1331 committee.  
1332 b) Shall a proposal be rejected by the Committee, and a Senator wish  
1333 that the legislation be reconsidered by the Internal Affairs  
1334 Committee, they must gain a majority vote of the SGC-MMC  
1335 Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to Reconsider Proposed  
1336 Internal Affairs Legislation'.  
1337 c) If the Internal Affairs Committee does not approve a piece of  
1338 legislation after reviewing it for the second time, the Senate may  
1339 overturn the committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3) majority  
1340 vote of its members.  
1341 (3) The committee will keep an active check on minutes, and ensure that  
1342 legislation records are kept, minutes are maintained, and maintain records  
1343 of compliance with the Statutes.  
1344 (4) The committee will work with all of the members of the Executive branch  
1345 to ensure that the Chief of Staff keeps track of office requirements for  
1346 each member of the Executive Branch.  
1347 a) The Committee will compile monthly reports submitted to Cabinet  
1348 by Agencies and Bureaus to form a written in-depth semester  
1349 Report keeping a rolling record of Agency & Council Progress  
1350 b) The Committee will create written in-depth Annual Reports for  
1351 each Agency & Council to be archived for future reference.  
1352 (5) The committee shall provide oversight over Executive Branch compliance  
1353 with the Statutes and assure that the Executive Branch is fulfilling its  
1354 duties.



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- 1355 (6) The committee will create compliance reports on individuals whose  
1356 fulfillment of duties may be questioned by the committee or Senate as a  
1357 whole.
- 1358 (7) The committee will be responsible for investigations pertaining to  
1359 impeachment proceedings.
- 1360 (8) The committee will be responsible for submitting grievances against  
1361 officials, Agencies and Councils in cases of direct violations of the  
1362 statutory requirements of the Agency's/Council's status and the official's  
1363 position.
- 1364 (ii) Structure
- 1365 (1) The Internal Affairs Committee shall be composed of a Committee  
1366 Chairperson and an odd number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.
- 1367 (h) Student Advocacy Committee
- 1368 (i) Purpose and Responsibilities
- 1369 (1) The purpose of the Student Advocacy Committee is based upon the ideal  
1370 of maximizing representation of the student body. This committee shall  
1371 investigate student concerns, make recommendations, and enact  
1372 legislation as deemed appropriate.
- 1373 (2) To ensure prompt responses to student issues, this committee stands  
1374 dedicated to working diligently with all Senators on legislation directly  
1375 impacting student advocacy.
- 1376 (3) To gather information on Senator's meetings with Deans, this committee  
1377 shall collect the two reports required of each Senator per semester from  
1378 the Internal Affairs Committee or Speaker.
- 1379 (4) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for filing a report  
1380 at the end of each semester outlining students concerns that were found  
1381 from survey data and meetings with Deans.
- 1382 a) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for  
1383 reviewing and recommending the continuation of an application  
1384 for the creation of an Agency or Council.
- 1385 (5) This committee shall maintain record of current contact information for  
1386 each of the Executive Board members of each Governing Council so as to  
1387 be readily available to any Student Government Association member or  
1388 any student when requested.
- 1389 (6) This committee will be responsible for direct communication with each of  
1390 the Governing Councils of the Student Government Association. This



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- 1391 includes but is not limited to contact via email and attendance at each  
1392 meeting held by each Governing Council.
- 1393 (7) Each member of this committee shall be assigned accordingly to a  
1394 Governing Council(s) for the purpose of regulating contact.
- 1395 (8) The Student Advocacy Committee will maintain contact with the Student  
1396 Government Association Cabinet by specifically meeting with Cabinet  
1397 members whose purpose directly correlates with student concerns and by  
1398 requesting weekly Cabinet meeting minutes from the Chief of Staff.
- 1399 (9) A representative of this committee shall be present at the Student  
1400 Governing Council Cabinet to gather issues relating to the purpose of  
1401 this committee and also to report SAC progress to the Cabinet. This shall  
1402 occur on a rotational basis and reports from Cabinet shall be presented to  
1403 the Student Advocacy Committee at the first meeting subsequent to the  
1404 Cabinet meeting.
- 1405 a) This committee shall actively promote partnerships with Senators  
1406 to draft legislation respective to the purpose of student advocacy  
1407 and resolving student concerns.
- 1408 (10) This Committee shall be responsible for the operation of the University  
1409 City Sub-Committee, which will have the following purpose and  
1410 responsibilities:
- 1411 a) The purpose of the University City Sub-Committee is based upon  
1412 the ideal of expanding FIU's collaboration with the City of  
1413 Sweetwater in the proliferation of the University City Vision.
- 1414 (ii) Structure
- 1415 (1) The Student Advocacy Committee shall be composed of a Committee  
1416 Chairperson and an odd number of Senators as determined by the Speaker.
- 1417 (2) Any matter being presented to the Senate by the Student Advocacy  
1418 Committee must have two (2) sponsoring Senators.
- 1419 a) All applications must first be approved by the Student Advocacy  
1420 Committee. This is to be done with a simple majority vote of  
1421 Committee membership, given quorum.
- 1422 b) Once the Student Advocacy Committee approves any application,  
1423 the proposal is then brought before the Senate. The application is  
1424 to be approved with a supermajority vote of the Senate.
- 1425 c) If not approved by the Student Advocacy Committee, the proposed  
1426 application shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly  
1427 scheduled meeting.



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- d) If a Senator wishes the application to be reconsidered by the Student Advocacy Committee, they must gain a simple majority vote of the SGC-MMC Senate. This is to be done with a 'Motion to Reconsider Application'.
- e) If the Student Advocacy Committee does not approve an application after reviewing it for the second time, they must provide a summary paragraph to describe why the application was not approved and the Senate may overturn the Committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

(i) Graduate and Professional Student Committee

(i) Purpose and Responsibilities

- (1) The purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC) is to facilitate and enhance the overall graduate and professional student experience by advancing the University's academic goals. Its primary goal is to fund graduate and professional students' research, conference and professional development and promoting quality presentations and research efforts in scholarly forums. The GPSC shall also serve as an advocate for graduate and professional students, by working with the College of Law, College of Medicine, and the University Graduate School.

- (2) The GPSC shall determine the application procedure and regulations graduate students must follow to request funding.

- a) The application will be an online document that will specify the details of the budget, research, conference, professional development, and the benefits of participation.
- b) Requests shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the GPSC.
  - i) If a request for funding is approved by the GPSC, upon return of their event the requester has up to one (1) week to turn in all materials for reimbursement to the Student Government Association and is allowed up to four (4) weeks to claim the funds and provide all necessary documentation to the Student Government Association and to the A&S Business Office for the proper disbursement of the funds.
- c) If a request is not approved by the GPSC, the applicant shall have the right to file a written appeal with the Senate Speaker. Should



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- 1464 the Speaker approve the written appeal, the applicant shall present  
1465 their case before the Senate.
- 1466 d) With a simple majority vote of the Senate at a meeting where there  
1467 is quorum the Senate can send back the application to the GPSC  
1468 who shall reconsider the request. The GPSC is not obligated to  
1469 approve the reconsidered request.
- 1470 e) If the GPSC does not approve a request after reviewing it for a  
1471 second time, the Senate may overturn the committee's decision  
1472 with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate at a meeting  
1473 where there is quorum.
- 1474 f) Changes to the procedures and regulations for GPSC funding  
1475 requests shall require the simple majority approval of the Senate.
- 1476 i) Amendments to the procedure and regulations shall be  
1477 subject to Presidential veto.
- 1478 (3) Funding shall benefit individual graduate students interested in the  
1479 following:
- 1480 a) Research, as defined as an investigation that is necessary for the  
1481 completion of a masters, doctoral or professional degree.
- 1482 b) Conferences, as defined as presentations (i.e. papers, posters,  
1483 performances) on current and developing research that pertains to  
1484 their respective masters, doctoral or professional degree.
- 1485 i) Funding can only be used for conference registration, travel  
1486 costs, and accommodations.
- 1487 c) Professional development, as defined as events (i.e. workshops,  
1488 seminars, conferences) that advances the knowledge of the  
1489 graduate or professional students' academic career.
- 1490 i) Funding can only be used for conference registration, travel  
1491 costs, and accommodations.
- 1492 (4) Graduate and professional students shall be eligible to request funds from  
1493 the committee up to once a semester and twice during a fiscal year.
- 1494 (5) Students are ineligible to request funds from more than one (1) entity that  
1495 is funded by A&S fees.
- 1496 a) The GPSC Chair shall be responsible for submitting written reports  
1497 to the Finance Committee Chair, the Council for Student  
1498 Organizations, and the Operational Review Committee Chair to  
1499 ensure that the previous stipulation is enforced.



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- 1500 (6) The GPSC shall be able to allocate funds for Gradskellar events and  
1501 Graduate Student Appreciation Week.  
1502 a) Any other allocations except for travel funding, Gradskellar events,  
1503 and Graduate Student Appreciation Week shall require the  
1504 approval of the Senate as Appropriations from the GPSC.  
1505 (ii) Structure  
1506 (1) The Graduate and Professional Student Committee will consist of the  
1507 entire Graduate School Senate Delegation, the College of Law Senator,  
1508 and the College of Medicine Senator.  
1509 a) The Comptroller shall have a consulting role to the committee and  
1510 shall provide a monthly report to the GPSC on the status of the  
1511 funding for the committee.  
1512 b) The GPSC shall be presided over by its Committee Chairperson.

## 1513 Section 3.06 Legislation

- 1514 (a) Legislation  
1515 (i) Legislation shall be codified as either a Bill, Resolution, or Appropriation and  
1516 shall be drafted on the appropriate templates for proper archival record.  
1517 (ii) Legislation intended for University-Wide shall be codified as either a University-  
1518 Wide Bill, University-Wide Resolution, or University-Wide Allocation.  
1519 (b) Bills / University-Wide Bill  
1520 (i) Bills or University-Wide Bills shall be legislative proposals to adopt statutory  
1521 amendments and revisions and for approving the annual budget.  
1522 (1) Bills that delete text from the Constitution, University Statutes, SGC-MMC  
1523 Statutes, or the Senate Rules of Procedure, shall strike out the text to be  
1524 deleted.  
1525 (2) Bills or University-Wide Bills that add text to the Constitution, University  
1526 Statutes, SGC-MMC Statutes, or the Senate Rules of Procedure, shall  
1527 underline the text to be added.  
1528 (c) Resolutions / University-Wide Resolutions  
1529 (i) Resolutions or University-Wide Resolutions shall be formal expressions of the  
1530 opinion, thought, position or the will of the Senate or SGA as well as for stating  
1531 commitments, orders, and recognitions.  
1532 (d) Appropriations / University-Wide Appropriations  
1533 (i) Appropriations shall be legislative proposals to appropriate and/or transfer funds  
1534 from accounts the Senate or SGA has jurisdiction over.  
1535 (e) Legislation Indexing



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- 1536 (i) All legislation, upon submission for consideration by the Senate, the Rules,  
1537 Legislation, and Judiciary Committee shall assign a legislation identifier and code  
1538 to it to allow for proper indexing.
- 1539 (ii) All legislation shall be indexed as follows.
- 1540 (1) Dependent on the type of legislation, legislation shall first be assigned a  
1541 two-letter identifier as follows.
- 1542 a) Bills shall be identified as SB  
1543 b) Resolutions shall be identified as SR  
1544 c) Appropriations shall be identified as SA  
1545 d) University-Wide Bills shall be identified as UB  
1546 e) University-Wide Resolutions shall be identified as UR  
1547 f) University-Wide Appropriations shall be identified as UA
- 1548 (2) Upon assignment of an identifier, legislation shall be codified as follows:
- 1549 a) Commence with the legislation's two-letter identifier (XX)  
1550 followed by the numerical Senate Session number (##) and  
1551 followed by its two-digit legislation number (##) which is assigned  
1552 in successive order of submission per legislation type resulting in  
1553 the legislation code of XX####.
- 1554 (3) When a new Senate Session is elected, the Senate Session number shall  
1555 reflect the new Senate Session number, and the legislation number for all  
1556 legislation types shall reset to one (01).
- 1557 (f) Legislative Format
- 1558 (i) The Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee shall determine the format of all  
1559 legislative templates accordingly each new legislative session.
- 1560 (ii) All legislation shall have a title that briefly explains the subject of each  
1561 legislation.
- 1562 (iii) All legislation shall state the date of introduction to the Senate, committee(s), if  
1563 any, the legislation has originated from, the author(s), and the sponsor(s).
- 1564 (1) Authors and Sponsors shall state their highest title, full name, and  
1565 constituency.
- 1566 (iv) All legislation shall have a section that states the date of passage, the total vote  
1567 count, including abstentions, the resulting action of the vote, list of amendments  
1568 to the legislation, presidential action on the legislation, and a section for the  
1569 Author(s), Senate Speaker, and SGC-MMC President to affix their signature.
- 1570 (1) Should Legislation be classified as University-Wide, additional sections  
1571 shall be added in accordance to the provisions of the University-Wide  
1572 Statutes.





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(g) Procedure for Passage of Legislation

- (i) Legislation to be presented to the Senate for consideration must be sponsored by two (2) Senators in order to be brought before the Senate.
- (ii) All legislation must be submitted to the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee by 5:00PM the Thursday prior to the Senate meeting during which the legislation should be considered.
- (iii) All legislation shall be required to have two (2) readings which shall take place at two (2) different Senate meetings, at which there is quorum, to be eligible for a vote by the Senate.
  - (1) The Senate may vote to override the second reading with a simple majority vote to proceed with legislation during the same meeting.
- (iv) Upon passage of legislation in the Senate, Authors shall affix their signature to the legislation, and the Speaker shall indicate the total vote count including abstentions, the resulting action of the vote, and affix their signature to the legislation.
- (v) The Speaker or the Clerk of Council shall forward a physical copy of the legislation passed by the Senate to the SGC-MMC President within forty-eight (48) hours of the Senate meeting and shall notify the Senate of this action.
  - (1) Upon receipt of the SGC-MMC President, the bill shall be considered property of the Executive Branch and shall not be subject to legislative authority. If legislation is vetoed by the SGC-MMC President, the vetoed bill shall again be considered property of the Senate.

(h) Approval, Veto, and Veto Amendment Process

- (i) Upon receipt of legislation to the SGC-MMC President, they shall have five (5) business days to approve or veto the legislation. The five (5) day limit shall initiate one (1) business day after receipt of the legislation.
- (ii) If no action is taken by the SGC-MMC President within the five (5) business days, the legislation shall be considered approved by the SGC-MMC President and shall be enacted.
  - (1) The Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee shall affix to the archived legislation that it is enacted.
- (iii) Should the SGC-MMC President veto legislation, they must submit written justification/reasoning to the Senate, within the five (5) business day limit, for the administering of a veto. The SGC-MMC President must additionally deliver an oral justification to the Senate for the reasoning of the veto.
- (iv) Vetoed legislation may be amended on the floor of the Senate. Amended vetoed legislation shall be considered new legislation and permitted to be resubmitted to



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- 1610                    the SGC-MMC President for approval or veto, all preceding statutes on time  
1611                    constraints notwithstanding.  
1612            (v)    Presidential vetoes may overridden with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the  
1613                    Senate.  
1614    (i)    Legislative Archives  
1615            (i)    Purpose  
1616                    (1)    The Senate shall make all attempts in good faith to preserve the intent,  
1617                                history, and reasoning of all legislation. Archives shall serve as an aide to  
1618                                future legislative sessions, the Judicial Branch, and the Student Body on  
1619                                the intent and reasoning behind revisions to the laws of SGA. All entries  
1620                                into the Legislative Archives are intended to be clear and understandable  
1621                                for future students.  
1622            (ii)    Scope  
1623                    (1)    All legislation shall be documented and archived per the provisions set  
1624                                forth.  
1625                    (2)    The Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall oversee the  
1626                                Legislative Archives.  
1627                    (3)    The Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the authority to  
1628                                audit the Legislative Archives so long as the legislative intent is preserved.  
1629            (iii)    Archival Procedures  
1630                    (1)    Upon submission of legislation to the Senate, the Authors shall preserve  
1631                                the original version of the legislation.  
1632                    (2)    The Author(s) shall record all legislative action taken upon the legislation  
1633                                as part of its Legislative History. Any Senator shall assist the Author(s) in  
1634                                maintaining records for a legislative measure.  
1635                    (3)    The Legislative History shall consist of:  
1636                                a)    A comprehensive summary of intent and legislative intent of the  
1637    legislation that explains the reasoning for drafting, and potential  
1638    effects of the legislation on the University and the SGA.  
1639                                b)    A list of committees the legislation has passed through including  
1640    all amendments made in each committee, if any.  
1641                                c)    A Senate report detailing the date in which the legislation was first  
1642    read, any major points made during debate and discussion of the  
1643    first reading of the legislation, date of second reading, if done, any  
1644    major points made during debate and discussion of the second  
1645    reading of the legislation, if any.



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- 1646 i) "Major Points" shall be defined in all cases as points of  
1647 concurrence or contention to the legislation that are  
1648 universally deemed important by members of the Senate  
1649 and necessary for understanding of the legislation.
- 1650 d) The total vote count, including abstentions, and the resulting action  
1651 of the vote.
- 1652 e) Veto,es, if any, and the reasoning for a veto.
- 1653 f) Upon passage and approval by the SGC-MMC President, the  
1654 Author(s) shall preserve the final signed and approved version of  
1655 the legislation.
- 1656 g) Any other document, research, personal statements, and  
1657 information the Author(s) deems necessary to preserve in the  
1658 Legislative History.
- 1659 (4) Once a Legislation's Legislative History is complete, the Author(s) shall  
1660 submit it to the Senate Speaker, and Speaker Pro Tempore for review,  
1661 approval, and inclusion in the Legislative Archives.
- 1662 (j) Typographers Errors
- 1663 (i) Should spelling or grammatical errors be identified in enacted legislation or the  
1664 SGC-MMC Statutes, the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee are  
1665 authorized to make such necessary changes to correct the mistakes. In all cases,  
1666 the legislative intent of the legislation must be preserved.
- 1667 (1) Failure to preserve the legislative intent shall constitute an act of  
1668 malfeasance.
- 1669 (ii) In cases of references found in statutes that no longer indicate the correct title,  
1670 article, section, subsection, or paragraph, the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary  
1671 Committee is authorized to make such necessary changes to correct the mistakes.  
1672 In all cases, the legislative intent of the legislation must be preserved.
- 1673 (1) Failure to preserve the legislative intent shall constitute an act of  
1674 malfeasance.
- 1675 (iii) If changes are made, the Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee shall make  
1676 a report to the Senate detailing the changes.

## Section 3.07 Senator Requirements

- 1678 (a) Meeting Attendance
- 1679 (i) Senators shall be required to attend all Senate meetings.
- 1680 (1) Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) excused absences  
1681 from Senate meetings per Fall and Spring semester.



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- 1682 (2) Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) unexcused  
1683 absences from Senate meetings per Fall and Spring semester (Summer  
1684 semester excluded).
- 1685 (3) Senators that come into Senate meetings more than fifteen (15) minutes  
1686 late after the meeting is opened without providing prior notification or  
1687 documented proof for being tardy to the Speaker and Internal Affairs  
1688 Committee by the end of that day (11:59 PM EST) shall have their  
1689 attendance for that Senate meeting marked as absent and unexcused. The  
1690 Speaker must notify the Internal Affairs Committee in writing of the  
1691 unexcused absence.
- 1692 (4) Senators that leave a Senate meeting prior to 5:01 PM EST, if it is a full  
1693 time meeting, or is absent for the majority time of a meeting shall be  
1694 marked as absent and unexcused.
- 1695 a) Senators that have a class that begins at 5 PM EST or later during  
1696 Senate meetings and have documented proof that the class is the  
1697 only one being offered and will affect the Senator's graduation will  
1698 be exempt.
- 1699 i) Documented proof will include a written statement from  
1700 the Professor, Dean, and/or assigned Academic Advisor.
- 1701 ii) Documented proof shall be sent in writing the Speaker,  
1702 Internal Affairs Committee, and the SGA Advisor.
- 1703 iii) Senators that fall under this exemption shall be required to  
1704 make up the time missed during Senate meeting in the form  
1705 of one (1) additional office hour in the Same week of the  
1706 Senate meeting.
- 1707 (ii) Senators must serve on at least one Standing Committee.
- 1708 (iii) Senators shall be required to attend all assigned Committee meetings.
- 1709 (1) Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) excused absences  
1710 from their assigned Committee meetings per Fall and Spring semester.
- 1711 (2) Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) unexcused  
1712 absences from assigned Committee meetings per Fall and Spring semester  
1713 (Summer semester excluded).
- 1714 (3) Senators that come into their assigned Committee meetings more than  
1715 fifteen (15) minutes late after the meeting is opened without providing  
1716 prior notification or documented proof for being tardy to the Committee  
1717 Chair and Internal Affairs Committee by the end of that day (11:59 PM  
1718 EST) shall have their attendance for that Committee meeting marked as



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- 1719 absent and unexcused. The Committee Chair must notify the Internal  
1720 Affairs Committee in writing of the unexcused absence.  
1721 (4) If a Senator leaves their assigned Committee meetings early without  
1722 permission from the Committee Chair shall have their attendance marked  
1723 absent and unexcused. The Committee Chair must notify the Internal  
1724 Affairs Committee in writing of the unexcused absence.  
1725 (iv) Housing Senators shall be required to attend Residence Hall Association meetings  
1726 at least once per month, four (4) times per Fall and Spring semester.  
1727 (1) Housing Senators shall not be allowed to have more than one (1) excused  
1728 absence (missing every meeting within a single month) from Residence  
1729 Hall Association meetings per Fall and Spring semester.  
1730 (2) Should a Senator be unavailable to attend any RHA meeting within a  
1731 month, the Senator shall notify the RHA President, Speaker, and Internal  
1732 Affairs Committee Chair in writing detailing their absence from all RHA  
1733 meetings for said month.  
1734 a) Should a Housing Senator not attend any RHA meetings within a  
1735 month, they shall email or meet with an RHA representative to  
1736 receive an update on the work done by the RHA as well as the  
1737 needs of the housing students.  
1738 (3) Should a Senator not be available during the Residence Hall Association's  
1739 regular meeting schedule, and therefore unable to attend all meetings for  
1740 the semester, the Housing Senator shall instead meet in person with an  
1741 RHA representative monthly to receive an update on the work done by the  
1742 organization as well as the needs of the housing students.  
1743 a) In this case, the Senator must notify the Speaker and the Internal  
1744 Affairs Committee Chair in writing detailing why they are unable  
1745 to attend RHA meetings (proof of excuse must also be presented)  
1746 and informing them that they will instead be meeting with an RHA  
1747 representative.  
1748 b) Proof of meeting with an RHA representative such as an email  
1749 confirming the meeting from the RHA representative must be  
1750 collected after every meeting.  
1751 (b) Absences  
1752 (i) For any absence to be considered excused, an excuse and all documentation  
1753 excusing the Senator from a required meeting must be provided to the Clerk of  
1754 Council, Speaker, Internal Affairs Committee, and, when applicable, Committee  
1755 Chairperson, and Residence Hall Association President, at least one (1) hour



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- 1756 before the meeting in writing or if applicable, a University-sponsored online  
1757 platform to submit excuses.
- 1758 (ii) The guidelines to be used for acceptable reasons for an excused absence of any  
1759 required meeting shall include, but not be limited to:
- 1760 (1) Death in the immediate or extended family.  
1761 (2) Exam, midterm, or final examination with proper signature from either the  
1762 professor, teaching assistant, or assigned academic advisor.  
1763 (3) Illness.  
1764 (4) Car accidents.  
1765 (5) Natural disasters/"Acts of God".  
1766 (6) Academic commitments, with proper documentation.
- 1767 (iii) The guidelines to be used for unacceptable reasons for an excused absence of any  
1768 required meeting shall include:
- 1769 (1) Regular meetings of organizations, clubs, and committee's not pertaining  
1770 to the SGA.  
1771 (2) Studying.  
1772 (3) Employment schedules.  
1773 a) Should emergency changes to employment schedules occur, proof  
1774 of the emergency changes must be sent to Speaker and Internal  
1775 Affairs Committee Chair no less than twelve (12) hours prior to the  
1776 occurrence of a required meeting to be considered excused.
- 1777 (4) Regularly scheduled classes that overlap any required meeting.  
1778 (5) Graduate/Professional School entrance exam preparation courses. This  
1779 includes but is not limited to LSAT, GMAT, GRE, MCAT, etc.  
1780 preparation courses.
- 1781 (iv) The Speaker shall determine the validity of each excuse within five (5) business  
1782 days of the submission of the excuse and shall notify the Senator in writing.
- 1783 (1) All Graduate, College of Medicine, and College of Law Senators shall be  
1784 exempt from Senate meeting and Committee meeting attendance  
1785 requirements, insofar they provide an excuse for each meeting to be  
1786 missed related to their regular academic schedules.  
1787 (2) The Internal Affairs Chair shall determine the validity of the Speaker's  
1788 excuse within five (5) business days of the submission of the excuse.  
1789 (3) Any Senator shall be allowed to petition any excuse determined to be  
1790 unexcused before the Internal Affairs Committee limited to the next  
1791 regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting after written notification by



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- 1792 the Speaker. The decision of the Internal Affairs Committee shall be  
1793 overturned with a simple majority vote.
- 1794 (v) Senators shall not be allowed to have more than two (2) unexcused absences from  
1795 Senate meetings, assigned Committee meetings, or, if applicable, Residence Hall  
1796 meetings per Fall and Spring semester (Summer semester excluded).
- 1797 (1) Upon the first unexcused absence from a Senate meetings, assigned  
1798 Committee meeting, or Residence Hall Association meeting, the Speaker  
1799 and accused Senator shall be notified in writing by the Internal Affairs  
1800 Committee.
- 1801 a) The notification shall inform the accused Senator that have  
1802 accumulated one (1) unexcused absence and that they are at risk of  
1803 being reviewed for impeachment.
- 1804 (2) Upon the second unexcused absence from a Senate meeting, assigned  
1805 Committee meeting, or, if applicable, Residence Hall Association  
1806 meetings, the Speaker and accused Senator shall be notified in writing by  
1807 the Internal Affairs Committee that the accused Senators have  
1808 accumulated two (2) unexcused absences and the accused Senator shall  
1809 have their Senate floor and voting rights suspended and their assigned  
1810 committee voting rights suspended. The accused Senator shall also be  
1811 notified that they are placed on priority review for impeachment.
- 1812 a) The Senator may choose to resign or be subject to impeachment  
1813 before the Senate
- 1814 b) Failure to receive a warning notification after reaching two (2)  
1815 unexcused absences shall not be used as an acceptable argument in  
1816 appeal.
- 1817 (vi) Should the Internal Affairs Committee fail to enforce these requirements within  
1818 five (5) business days of any Senator's third unexcused absence shall constitute a  
1819 violation of these statutes and shall amount to a nonfeasance of duties of the  
1820 Internal Affairs Committee Chair.
- 1821 (c) Constituency Engagement
- 1822 (i) Each semester, Senators shall be required to hold and maintain at least (3) office  
1823 hours a week in which they are accessible to their constituents within the Student  
1824 Body.
- 1825 (1) Senators shall notify the Speaker, Internal Affairs Committee, and the  
1826 Student Government Association Advisor of the day(s), times(s), and  
1827 location(s), and hours of their office hours at least five (5) university



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- 1828 business days after the official University Add/Drop date in writing or, if  
1829 applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit their hours.  
1830 (2) , Office hours shall only be held on days that the University is open and  
1831 during regular business hours.  
1832 (3) Senator office hours shall be posted publicly on the SGA website, in-print,  
1833 or any platform that is easily accessible for all members of the Student  
1834 Body to access.  
1835 (4) Senators shall inform the Internal Affairs Committee of any cancelled  
1836 office hours within one (1) university business day of the hours to be  
1837 cancelled.  
1838 (5) Any required meeting of a Senator, or SGA sponsored event shall not  
1839 count towards office hours. This includes but is not limited to all Senate  
1840 meetings, all assigned Committee meetings, RHA meetings of Housing  
1841 Senators, or Dean meetings.  
1842 (ii) Senators shall be individually required to meet with their school, college, or  
1843 division Dean(s) or administration every other month, and at least two (2) times  
1844 per Fall and Spring semester.  
1845 (1) Individuals of a school, college, or division delegation may schedule  
1846 meetings together.  
1847 (2) At-Large Senators and Lower Division Senators shall have the option to  
1848 meet with academic Deans, join other Senators in their Dean meeting, or  
1849 join other delegations in their Dean meetings to fulfill this requirement.  
1850 They are additionally permitted to meet with the University Ombudsman,  
1851 Senior Vice President of Student Affairs, or Assistant Vice President of  
1852 Student Affairs to fulfill this requirement.  
1853 (3) Proofs of meeting occurrence and confirmation of attendance shall be  
1854 provided to the Internal Affairs Committee and the Speaker in writing or,  
1855 if applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit proof.  
1856 (iii) Senators shall be required to host one (1) event per Fall and per Spring semester  
1857 for their school, college, or division with their respective delegation.  
1858 (1) Proof of the event shall be sent to the Internal Affairs Committee and the  
1859 Speaker at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the end of the Fall and  
1860 Spring semester as set by the University Academic Calendar in writing or,  
1861 if applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit proofs.  
1862 a) Proofs shall include but are not limited to:  
1863 i) Pictures or videos of the event occurring.  
1864 ii) Detailed receipts or invoices of monies used for the event.





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iii) Detailed list of attendees.

(2) Proof of individual or delegation attendance to the event shall be sent to the Internal Affairs Committee and the Speaker at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the end of the Fall and Spring semester as set by the University Academic Calendar in writing or, if applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit proofs.

a) Proof of attendance at the event must be submitted, preferably in the form or a picture or video, which may be used to promote the Student Government Association.

(iv) Senators shall be required to attend at least five (5) Student Government Association sponsored events per Fall and per Spring Semester, whichever is lesser.

(1) Graduate Senators shall be exempt from this requirement.

(2) Proof of attendance at each event must be submitted, preferably in the form or a picture or video, which may be used to promote the Student Government Association.

(3) Proofs of attendance must be submitted to the Internal Affairs Committee and the Speaker at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the end of the Fall and Spring semester as set by the University Academic Calendar in writing or, if applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit proofs.

## **Section 3.08 Legislative Sessions**

(a) The Senate shall convene every Monday during the Fall and Spring semesters at 4:00 PM EST in the Student Government Chambers located in room GC 150. Should GC 150 not be available, an alternative room shall be used and announced with forty-eight (48) hours notice.

(b) For emergency meetings, the time and place shall be announced with forty-eight (48) hours of notice.

(c) Summer Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Summer and shall end at the close of the Summer semester as delineated by the University calendar.

(d) Fall Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Fall semester and close on the last day of Fall semester as delineated by the University calendar.

(e) Spring Senate sessions shall begin on the first day of Spring and close on the last day of Spring as delineated by the University calendar.

(f) Senate sessions shall not be called during holidays, breaks, or when the University is closed.



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1901 **Section 3.09 Senate Procedures**

1902 (a) Meetings of the Senate

1903 (i) Senate meetings shall be designated in accordance with the following  
1904 specifications:

1905 (1) For the purpose of regular meetings, the Senate shall meet on Mondays at  
1906 4:00 PM EST in the SGC-MMC Chambers (GC 150) every Fall and  
1907 Spring semester. Each Senator shall work their schedules around this time.  
1908 Meetings shall last a maximum of two (2) hours.

1909 a) Should the SGC-MMC Chambers (GC 150) be unavailable, an  
1910 alternative room shall be used and announced with forty-eight (48)  
1911 hours notice.

1912 a) Should the Senate decide to address more business, the Senate  
1913 may, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, extend the duration of  
1914 the meeting up to one (1) extra hour.

1915 (2) During the Summer semester, the Senate shall meet every other Monday at  
1916 4:00 PM EST in the SGC-MMC Chambers (GC 150).

1917 a) Should the SGC-MMC Chambers (GC 150) be unavailable, an  
1918 alternative room shall be used and announced with forty-eight (48)  
1919 hours notice.

1920 b) Should the Senate decide to address more business, the Senate  
1921 may, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, extend the duration of  
1922 the meeting up to one (1) extra hour.

1923 (3) For special or emergency meetings, the Senate shall meet at the designated  
1924 time, place, date and duration as indicated in the Special Meeting  
1925 notification as called by the Speaker or two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate with  
1926 at least forty-eight (48) hour notice.

1927 (4) For the purpose of scheduling Committee meetings, the academic and  
1928 work schedules of each Senator will be taken into consideration by the  
1929 Committee Chair. These schedules must be submitted to the respective  
1930 Committee Chair no later than two (2) weeks after the beginning of each  
1931 semester, in order to allow for adequate planning time by the Committee  
1932 Chair.

1933 (ii) The Senate shall assemble at least bi-weekly during active legislative sessions of  
1934 the Senate.

1935 (iii) All SGC-MMC meetings shall be run in accordance with the latest edition of  
1936 Robert's Rules of Order.



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- 1937 (1) The Senate shall adopt a special rule which would not limit the number of  
1938 times that Senators can speak during a particular debate.
- 1939 (iv) Any student or group wishing to voice their opinion, or present a project or issue  
1940 before the Senate, must make arrangements with the Speaker of the Senate at least  
1941 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Senate meeting. These presentations must not  
1942 exceed ten minutes (10) unless otherwise stated by the Speaker or approved by a  
1943 simple majority vote of the Senate.
- 1944 (v) The Speaker shall allow for a period no longer than twenty (20) minutes to be  
1945 used for announcements at the end of any Senate meeting.
- 1946 (b) Agenda
- 1947 (i) The Agenda shall govern the order of consideration of measures by the Senate at  
1948 each meeting of the Senate.
- 1949 (ii) The order of consideration for measures shall be as follows:
- 1950 (1) Call to Order
- 1951 (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 1952 (3) Roll Call of Senators Present & Verification of Quorum
- 1953 (4) Approval of the Minutes
- 1954 (5) Adoption of the Agenda
- 1955 (6) Invited Speakers
- 1956 (7) Committee Reports
- 1957 (8) Executive Board Reports
- 1958 (9) Special Orders
- 1959 (10) Vetoed Legislation
- 1960 (11) Unfinished Business
- 1961 (12) New Business
- 1962 (13) Public Forum
- 1963 (14) Senate Forum
- 1964 (15) Announcements
- 1965 (16) Adjournment
- 1966 (c) Senate Transparency
- 1967 (i) All Senate meetings shall be open and be made available to the Student Body and  
1968 the public.
- 1969 (1) The Student Body shall be notified of any Senate meeting at least twenty-  
1970 four hours (24) prior to the meeting. This notification shall include the  
1971 time, place, and agenda of the meeting.
- 1972 (2) Copies of such notices shall be granted to any member of the Student  
1973 Body so requesting.



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- 1974 (3) Senate meetings shall be digitally (video and/or audio) recorded and be  
1975 available to any member of the Student Body so requesting.  
1976 (4) Minutes from the meeting shall be available to the Student Body at least  
1977 five (5) business days after the meeting. The minutes shall be scanned and  
1978 uploaded to the SGA website within five (5) business days after the  
1979 meeting. Physical copies shall be available to the Student Body.  
1980 (ii) All Committee meetings shall be open and be made available to the Student Body  
1981 and the public.  
1982 (1) The Student Body shall be notified of regular Committee meetings at least  
1983 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. This notification shall include  
1984 the time, place, and agenda of the meeting.  
1985 (2) Copies of such notices shall be granted to any member of the Student body  
1986 so requesting.  
1987 (3) Minutes from the meeting shall be available to the Student Body at least  
1988 five (5) business days after the meeting. The minutes shall be scanned and  
1989 uploaded to the SGA website within five (5) business days after the  
1990 meeting. Physical copies shall be available to the Student Body.  
1991 (iii) All legislation, upon approval by the SGC-MMC President or other approving  
1992 body, shall be scanned and uploaded to the SGA website within five (5) business  
1993 days of approval. Physical copies shall be available to the Student Body.  
1994 (iv) All Legislation Archives shall be made available upon request.  
1995 (d) Confirmations  
1996 (i) Once the Speaker has been properly notified of a nominee to be appointed for  
1997 office, the Speaker shall place the confirmation of the nominee on the Agenda of  
1998 the next Senate meeting.  
1999 (ii) The rules as set forth in the SGC-MMC Statutes, and the rules set forth in the  
2000 Senate Rules of Procedure shall apply for confirmation procedures.  
2001 (iii) Upon confirmation of an individual, the Speaker shall administer the oath of  
2002 office.  
2003 (e) Senate Inquiry and Investigations  
2004 (i) The Senate shall issue *subpoenas ad testificandum* with a simple majority vote in  
2005 order to compel the presence of any SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council for  
2006 investigative hearings.  
2007 (1) “Subpoena ad testificandum” refers to a written notification served via  
2008 certified mail, hand delivery, or electronic mail which compels the  
2009 attendance and testimony of any SGC-MMC Official, Agencies, or  
2010 Councils.



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- (ii) The Senate shall issue subpoenas duces tecum with a simple majority vote in order to compel the deliverance of SGA documents or documents pertaining to an investigation or hearing.
- (1) “Subpoena duces tecum” refers to a written notification served via certified mail, hand delivery, or electronic mail which compels any SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council to deliver reports, documents, books, electronic recordings, audio recordings, video recordings, or any other like items.
- (iii) The Speaker or Internal Affairs Committee shall be able to serve an above subpoena on any SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council.
- (1) The Senate may with a simple majority vote be able to nullify any subpoena issued by the Speaker of Internal Affairs Committee.
- (iv) Upon issuances of an above subpoena, the Speaker shall notify the subpoenaed party or party in possession of the subpoenaed documents on typed letterhead that they have been summoned and that their presence is commanded before the Senate including the required date and required time of their appearance. The notification shall state the penalty for failure to answer a subpoena and the penalty for perjury. Subpoenas shall be either hand-delivered to the subpoenaed party, certified mailed to the subpoenaed party’s most recent home address, faculty advisor, or organization address, or over electronic email to the subpoenaed party.
- (1) For electronic email notifications, the SGA advisor, and if applicable, faculty advisor of the SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council shall be carbon-copied in the electronic mail notification.
- (2) The Speaker shall retain signed and time-stamped copies of all notifications.
- (3) Failure to comply with a subpoena amounts to a nonfeasance of duty and may serve as grounds for impeachment.
- (v) Pursuant to the issuance of the above subpoenas, hearings shall be held during Senate meetings and are to be used to investigate the actions of any SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council.
- (1) In the cases of investigative hearings, the Speaker or Internal Affairs Committee Chairperson may administer oaths or affirmations:
- a) The following oath shall be administered:
- “Do you solemnly (swear/affirm) that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, (so help you God/on pain of impeachment?)”



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- 2047 (2) In cases of summons of records, the party in possession of the subpoenaed  
2048 document(s) must present the document(s) to the Senate within five (5)  
2049 business days of receipt of the subpoena.
- 2050 (f) Impeachment Procedures
- 2051 (1) Any Senator or Committee may motion to consider Articles of  
2052 Impeachment.
- 2053 a) Should the motion be seconded, the Senate shall commence  
2054 impeachment procedures.
- 2055 (2) Any Senator may authorize the Internal Affairs Committee to investigate  
2056 impeachable conduct of any SGC-MMC Official with a simple majority  
2057 vote.
- 2058 a) Should any member of the Internal Affairs Committee be the  
2059 subject of this investigation, they must recuse themselves from the  
2060 Committee until the investigation has been concluded.
- 2061 b) Following an investigation, the Internal Affairs Committee shall  
2062 determine whether grounds for impeachment exist with a simple  
2063 majority vote of those committee members.
- 2064 i) Should the Internal Affairs Committee determine grounds  
2065 for impeachment exist, they shall draft Articles of  
2066 Impeachment and present them at a meeting of the Senate  
2067 in which the Internal Affairs Committee motions to  
2068 consider Articles of Impeachment.
- 2069 (3) The Senator or Committee who moved to consider Articles of  
2070 Impeachment shall present Articles of Impeachment.
- 2071 a) Articles of Impeachment are formal written charges of the causes  
2072 for impeachment and shall state the laws violated that constitute an  
2073 impeachable offense and, if any, supporting evidence that  
2074 corroborate the charges.
- 2075 b) Multiple Articles of Impeachment may be presented to the Senate  
2076 for consideration.
- 2077 (4) The Senate shall debate on each Article of Impeachment.
- 2078 (5) Following debate on the Articles of Impeachment, the Senate may move to  
2079 vote on the Articles of Impeachment as a whole or vote on each Article of  
2080 Impeachment individually. Articles of Impeachment shall be passed with a  
2081 three-fifths (3/5) vote of the entire Senate membership.
- 2082 a) A SGC-MMC Official is formally impeached upon passage of any  
2083 Articles of Impeachment.



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- (6) Following the impeachment of the SGC-MMC Official, the author(s) of the passed Articles of Impeachment shall be designated as the Lead Senate Prosecutor and shall represent the Senate in the impeachment trial. Should there be more than one author, the Senate shall select by simple majority vote of the authors to be designated as the Lead Senate Prosecutor who shall lead prosecution on behalf of the Senate.
- a) Should a Committee be the author of the passed Articles of Impeachment, the Committee shall be designated as the Senate Prosecutor and the Committee Chair shall be designated as the Lead Senate Prosecutor who shall lead prosecution on behalf of the Senate.
- (7) The Senate Prosecutor and Internal Affairs Committee shall be authorized to further accumulate evidence applicable to the passed Articles of Impeachment. This shall be compiled in a written report which must be delivered to the impeached official five (5) business days prior to the trial. This report shall be presented to the Senate as evidence during the impeachment trial.
- (8) The Senate Prosecutor shall deliver the passed Articles of Impeachment to the impeached SGC-MMC Official within twenty-four (24) hours of their impeachment.
- (9) The trial shall take place at the Senate meeting two (2) weeks after the impeachment. The Chair of the meeting shall relinquish the chair for the duration of the trial and shall assume the Chair at the conclusion of the trial.
- (10) The SGC-MMC Chief Justice shall preside over the impeachment trial for the purpose of overseeing the trial. The Supreme Court shall render no judgement which is reserved of the Senate.
- a) Should the SGC-MMC Chief Justice be impeached, the SGC-BBC shall be requested to preside over the impeachment trial. Should there be no SGC-BBC Chief Justice or should both Chief Justices be impeached, the Senate shall choose an Associate Justice of either Supreme Court to preside over the trial.
- (11) The trial shall proceed as per Article V, Section 5.03 Court Procedures.
- (12) At the conclusion of the trial, the Senate may move into public or private debate for a maximum of twenty (20) minutes. Should no debate be entertained, the Senate shall vote.



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(13) The Senate shall vote on whether to convict and remove the impeached SGC-MMC Official on the charges presented.

a) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire seated membership shall convict and remove the impeached SGC-MMC Official from their office. If the Senate acquits the impeached SGC-MMC Official, the SGC-MMC Official in question may continue the duties of their office and the Senate shall not impeach the SGC-MMC Official again on the same charges in which they were impeached for.

b) If the Senate convicts and removes an SGC-MMC Official, the individual shall be ineligible to hold office in any capacity within the Student Government Association for one (1) year from the date of removal.

(g) Budget Procedures

(i) Upon completion of the proposed budget from the University-Wide Budget Committee or Campus Specific Budget Committee, the SGC-MMC President and the Comptroller shall present the proposed budget at the next meeting of the Senate.

(1) The Speaker shall place the consideration of the budget as an item of special importance.

(2) All Senators must be provided a physical and digital copy of the budget no less than three (3) business days prior to the Senate meeting in which it will be presented.

(3) All minutes and records from the budget deliberation process shall be available for Senators to review.

(ii) The Senate shall be permitted a technical question and answer period of ten (10) minutes.

(1) These questions are to be used for technical questions of the contents of the proposed budget.

(2) Questions as to the merits of the any recipient(s) of any amount of monies are prohibited.

(3) Questions as to the intentions of the any party of the University-Wide Budget Committee or Campus Specific Budget Committee are prohibited.

(4) The technical question and answer period shall be extended by a simple majority vote.

(iii) The Senate shall be permitted to have a debate and/or discussion period of twenty (20) minutes.





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- 2157 (1) Debate and/or discussion may be extended by a simple majority vote.
- 2158 (iv) The Senate shall have up to ten (10) business days to review, amend, approve and
- 2159 authorize the proposed budget.
- 2160 (v) The Senate shall be authorized to use its powers of inquiry to assist in its review.
- 2161 (vi) A Bill shall be passed to approve and authorize the proposed budget with a two-
- 2162 thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- 2163 (1) The Speaker shall have the responsibility of drafting the Bill and
- 2164 considering any proposed amendments to the proposed budget.
- 2165 (2) Amendments to the proposed budget shall be clearly indicated in the Bill.
- 2166 (3) Provisos appended to the proposed budget shall clearly state the recipient
- 2167 and conditions of the proviso and shall be clearly indicated in the Bill.
- 2168 (4) Riders to the Bill approving and authorizing the proposed budget are
- 2169 prohibited.
- 2170 (5) The Bill shall be considered as any other piece of legislation.
- 2171 (6) The proposed budget must be approved by roll-call vote as whole.
- 2172 (vii) Upon passage, the Bill shall be sent to the SGC-MMC President for approval or
- 2173 veto.
- 2174 (h) Senate Emoluments
- 2175 (i) All Senators shall be entitled to compensation in adherence to the provisions put
- 2176 forth by the FIU SGA Constitution, Article XV.
- 2177 (ii) The emoluments for officers of the Senate shall be as follows:
- 2178 (1) Speaker of the Senate
- 2179 a) SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate shall receive annually an
- 2180 amount up to thirty-two percent (32%), but no less than twenty-
- 2181 five (25%) of the SGC-MMC President's salary.
- 2182 (2) Speaker Pro-Tempore
- 2183 a) SGC-MMC Speaker Pro-Tempore shall receive annually an
- 2184 amount up to twenty-five percent (25%), but no less than ten
- 2185 percent (10%) of the SGC-MMC President's salary.
- 2186 (3) Committee Chairs
- 2187 a) SGC-MMC Chairs of Senate Standing Committees shall receive
- 2188 annually an amount up to twenty percent (20%), but no less than
- 2189 eight percent (8%) of the SGC-MMC President's salary.
- 2190 (4) Senators
- 2191 a) SGC Senators, excluding the Speaker, Speaker Pro-Tempore and
- 2192 Committee Chairs, shall receive annually an amount up to fifteen



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2193 percent (15%), but no less than seven percent (7%) of the SGC-  
2194 MMC President's salary.  
2195 (iii) International Students under particular working conditions shall be exempt from  
2196 this clause on a case-by-case basis.

## 2197 **Section 3.10 New Senator Orientation**

### 2198 (a) Purpose

2199 (i) The New Senator Orientation shall be a program established for all newly elected  
2200 Senators and Appointed Senators. This program is to educate and prepare  
2201 Senators for their role in SGA and shall cover necessary topics to ensure a Senator  
2202 may serve the Student Body to the best of their abilities with the education and  
2203 tools provided.

### 2204 (b) Attendance

2205 (i) All newly elected Senators and Appointed Senators shall complete Orientation.  
2206 (1) Should an Appointed Senator be appointed six (6) weeks prior to the start  
2207 of the next election cycle, they shall be exempt from completing  
2208 Orientation.  
2209 (ii) Senators may attend Orientation again should they deem their performance and  
2210 knowledge lacking.  
2211 (iii) Senators or Appointed Senators who have held previous legislative office for  
2212 longer than one-hundred-and-twelve (112) days are exempt from completing  
2213 Orientation.  
2214 (iv) Should members of the Student Body be interested in becoming a Senator, they  
2215 may enroll into the Orientation upon written notification to the Senate Speaker at  
2216 least ten (10) business days prior to the beginning of an Orientation Session.  
2217 (v) Any Senator or Appointed Senator may request exemption from Orientation with  
2218 a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Prior to the vote, they shall present before the  
2219 Senate Body reasoning for their exemption and any proof of competency on the  
2220 proceedings of the SGA.

### 2221 (c) Administration and Content

2222 (i) The Speaker and/or Speaker Pro Tempore shall lead all sessions of Orientation.  
2223 The SGA Advisor is permitted to assist in administering of the sessions.  
2224 (ii) Orientation shall be administered at least once during the Summer Legislative  
2225 Session, and once during the Fall Legislative Session.  
2226 (1) Summer Orientation shall be permitted to live-stream sessions.  
2227 (iii) Orientation must be held within twenty (20) business days of the appointment of  
2228 any Senator to a vacant seat.



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- (iv) Orientations are permitted to be held at SGA, or SGC-MMC Retreats.
- (v) All content shall be provided in a written format for Senators to refer to in addition to other formats the content shall be presented in.
- (vi) Orientation content shall comprise:
  - (1) Purpose, Mission, and Authority of SGA
  - (2) Structure of SGA
  - (3) Purpose, Powers, and Duties of the Legislative Branch
  - (4) Senator Requirements and Expectations
  - (5) Standing Committees and their Duties and Expectations
  - (6) Proceedings of Senate Meetings
  - (7) Parliamentary Procedure
  - (8) Legislation, Passage, Veto, and Veto Amendment
  - (9) Investigative Authority of the Senate
  - (10) General Impeachment Proceedings
  - (11) Yearly Budget Proceedings
  - (12) Goal Planning
- (d) Competency
  - (i) The Speaker and/or Speaker Pro Tempore shall deliver a report detailing each Senator's competency at the conclusion of an Orientation. The report shall carry no merit to a Senator's execution of the duties of their office.

## Section III: Enforcement

This Bill shall be presented to the Student Body, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, and all relevant committees on behalf of the Student Body by the SGA;

## Section IV: Enactment

This Bill and all its contents shall be the official law of the SGC-MMC upon passage by the SGC-MMC Senate and approval of the SGC-MMC Student Body President;

## Section V: Implementation

Upon the enactment of this Bill, this shall be the official law of the SGC-MMC and shall make any prior legislation that conflicts with this legislation hereby null and void;

Upon the enactment of this Bill, the contents of the it shall be made incorporated into the SGC-MMC Statutes and those provisions of the SGC-MMC Statutes which contradict this Bill shall be made null and void;

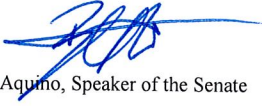

Upon the enactment of this Bill, all legislation of the 35th Session of the Senate shall be retroactively re-indexed in according to the provisions set forth for matters of proper archiving;



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- 2266 Upon the enactment of this Bill, all entries of the 35th Session of the Senate in the Statutes  
2267 Amendments Archive shall be retroactively re-coded in accordance to the provision set forth for  
2268 matters of proper archiving;  
2269 Upon the enactment of this Bill, all new Senators appointed in the Spring 2019 Semester shall be  
2270 subject to the requirements of New Senator Orientation;  
2271 Upon the enactment of this Bill, all excused absence determinations of the Speaker prior to the  
2272 enactment of this Bill shall not be amended;  
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| SB1820   |                         |                            |
| THE 35TH SESSION OF THE SGC-MMC SENATE   |                         |                            |
| IN FAVOR OF <u>22</u>  | AGAINST <u>0</u>        | ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u>       |
| AMENDMENTS: <u>NONE</u>  |                         |                            |
| DATE <u>1/7/19</u>   | <u>PASS</u>             | FAIL                       |
| <br>Brandon Aquino, Speaker of the Senate |                         |                            |
| Brandon Aquino, Author   | Victoria Larosn, Author | Mitra Ahmahdinejad, Author |
| Victoria Larson, RLJC Chair  |                         |                            |
| PRESIDENTIAL RULING  | ENACT                   | <u>VETO</u>                |
| <br>Sabrina Rosell, President            |                         |                            |

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# AMENDMENT SUBMISSION FORM

BILL NUMBER: SB 1821

COSPONSORS: Senator Victoria Larson, Senator Leila Zahedi

AMENDER CONTACT: Mitra Ahmadinejad

AMENDER PHONE NUMBER: 9548429994

AMENDER FIU EMAIL: mahma024@fiu.edu

AMENDMENT NUMBER: A01

AMENDMENT DATE: 01/28/2019

DOES THE AMENDER WISH TO TESTIFY? YES ☒ NO ☐

IS THIS A REVISION? YES ☐ NO ☒

*if yes, please provide original Amendment Number*

AMENDER SIGNATURE

SPEAKER SIGNATURE

RLJ CHAIR SIGNATURE

## AN AMENDMENT TO SB1821

### Section 3.03 Installation of Senators

- (f) Installation of Senators shall occur at the inauguration ceremony for the term that they are elected. Any Senators not sworn in at inauguration shall be sworn in at the next Senate meeting they are present.
- (g) Installation of appointed Senators shall occur at the Senate meeting in which they are confirmed at. The installation of multiple appointed Senators may be done at once.
- (h) One of the following oaths of office shall be administered:

*"I, (Officer's Full Name) do solemnly swear ~~(or affirm)~~ that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution and the laws of the state of Florida, the Constitution and the laws of the Student Government Association of Florida International University, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God ~~(or on pain of impeachment)~~.*

*Or, "I, (Officer's Full Name) affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution and the laws of the state of Florida, the Constitution and the laws of the Student Government Association of Florida International University, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability.*

- i) ~~Candidates may choose to replace the words "so help me God" with "on pain of impeachment," when taking the oath of office. The person administering the oath shall inform the candidate of the option to change the ending of the oath prior to the administration of the oath.~~

### Section 3.09 Senate Procedures

- (v) Pursuant to the issuance of the above subpoenas, hearings shall be held during Senate meetings and are to be used to investigate the actions of any SGC-MMC Official, Agency, or Council.

- (1) In the cases of investigative hearings, the Speaker or Internal Affairs Committee Chairperson may administer oaths or affirmations:

- a) One of the following oaths shall be administered:

*"Do you solemnly ~~(swear/affirm)~~ that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, ~~(so help you God/on pain of impeachment?)~~"*

DATE: 1/23/14

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VOTE: YAY 22

NAY 1

ABSTAIN 0



AN AMENDMENT TO SB1821

Or, "Do you solemnly affirm that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

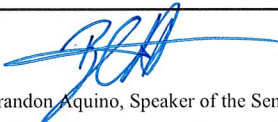
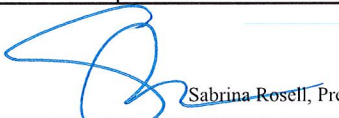
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ABSTAIN 0

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| DATE <u>1/20/19</u>  | <u>PASS</u>      | FAIL                 |
| <br>Brandon Aquino, Speaker of the Senate |                  |                      |
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| DATE <u>2/4/19</u>   |                  |                      |
| <br>Sabrina Rosell, President             |                  |                      |