STUDENT SENATE BILL 2015-1046

TITLE: Reform of 200 Codes of the Student Body Statutes

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Amends the 200 Codes of the Student Body Statutes as follows:


200.1 In accordance with Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Florida, the Student Senate does hereby provide by law for the succession to the Student Body Offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

200.2 In accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Florida, if the office of Student Body President becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by succession of the Vice President to that office.

200.3 A vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the following procedures:

1. The Student Body President shall recommend a successor to the office of Vice President within fourteen (14) days of the vacancy occurring.

2. At the next regularly scheduled meeting, the Student Senate shall either approve or reject the candidate by a majority vote of the entire seated membership.

3. If the Student Senate rejects the candidate, the President shall recommend a new candidate and the process shall begin again.

4. Should the Senate fail to approve and there NOT be a 2/3 vote of its members present and voting to reject the appointee, the appointee's name will be withdrawn and the President shall again appoint another individual, within the same time frame as 200.3(1), for consideration of the advice and consent of the Student Senate at another special meeting.

200.4 In the event there is at any moment a vacancy in both the offices of Student Body President and Vice President, the Student Senate shall meet to elect a President and Vice President prior to the fourth full day of classes following the occurrence of the latter of said vacancies. A special meeting of the Senate, as provided for in Article II (B) of the Senate Rules & Procedures, may be held for this purpose. Said officers being elected by a two-
thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) majority of the entire seated membership shall serve until the next general campus election. Until said officers are elected and sworn in, the Senate President shall serve as acting Student Body President.

200.42 The official line of succession within the hierarchy of Student Government as needed will be:

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Senate President
4. Student Senate President Pro Tempore

200.5 A vacancy in the office of Student Body Treasurer shall be filled by the following procedures if the Treasurer vacating said office is physically able to do so and has not been impeached, he or she shall nominate to the Student Senate the names of three persons to succeed him or her to the office of Student Body Treasurer within fourteen (14) days of the vacancy.

1. The Student Senate, at a special meeting, by a two-thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) vote of its members present and voting shall elect one of the three persons nominated to succeed to the office of Student Body Treasurer,

2. If one of the persons nominated to succeed to the office of Student Body Treasurer does not receive a two-thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) vote, a runoff shall immediately be held between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. The candidate receiving a majority two-thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) vote in the runoff shall be Treasurer.

3. Should the Student Senate refuse all nominations, the former Student Body Treasurer shall have an additional opportunity within fourteen (14) days to name three persons to succeed to the office of Student Body Treasurer. This procedure shall apply every time a confirmation is not attained.

200.51 If the Treasurer vacating said office is physically unable to nominate to the Student Senate the names of three persons to succeed, him/her, or has been impeached, or has been removed by referendum, the Student Body President shall nominate to the Student Senate the names of three persons to succeed to the office of Treasurer and the process shall proceed as designated in 200.50 A and B 1 and 2.

1. The Student Senate by a two-thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) vote of its members present and voting shall elect one of the three persons nominated to succeed to the office of Student Body Treasurer, except that,

2. By a two-thirds \(\frac{2}{3}\) vote of its members present and voting entire seated
membership, the Student Senate shall have the power to refuse all three of the Presidential nominations, in such cases.

3. The Student Body President shall, upon failure of confirmation, nominate to the Student Senate the names of three different persons for the election of a successor to the office of Student Body Treasurer within fourteen (14) days. Procedures as stated in 200.5, part B, sub-parts 1 and 2 shall continue to be valid.

200.52 During the interim, the Student Body President shall act as Student Body Treasurer.

200.55 The Treasurer vacating said office, or the Student Body President, pursuant to 200.52, shall have two opportunities to submit in writing, the names of three persons to succeed to the office of Treasurer of the Student Body. If the Student Senate does not select any of these persons nominated, then the office shall be filled by an at-large election by the Student Senate. The Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members present and voting shall elect one person to succeed to the office of Student Body Treasurer.

200.6 Except as provided in 200.4, any person succeeding to the Student Body offices of President, Vice President, or Treasurer shall immediately assume the full powers and duties of that office and shall serve for the remainder of the regular term of that office.

200.7 All elections to provide for executive succession shall be held in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Each member of the Student Senate voting in such an election shall cast only one vote for one of the three nominated candidates. In the event that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Student Senate is not cast for one of the three candidates nominated, then the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated from the three nominations and a run-off election between the two remaining candidates shall be held to determine the successor to the executive office.

200.71 If no nominee receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote in a run-off election for the cases of 200.3 or 200.4, then both nominees shall be rejected.

200.8 A vacancy by resignation shall only exist when the officer submits a notarized letter to the Student Senate President and a copy to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of said letter.

200.9 If either the Student Body Vice President or Student Body Treasurer shall be appointed by the above methods due to a vacancy created by the last day of Summer B, then the remaining half of the term shall be placed on the Fall ballot as a general election for the respective office.

200.100 The President may not implement or fund any Student Government Program or organization sharing a name with a political party that is currently registered with the Supervisor of Elections, or has been registered with the Supervisor of Elections within the last two years.
A run-off of the top two candidates will be held if no candidate receives a majority vote in the first round. A candidate receiving a majority vote in the run-off will succeed to the Office of Treasurer.

201.1 The Executive Cabinet is responsible to the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President in whose name each member of the Executive Cabinet Officer acts.

201.11 The Executive Cabinet Chairperson shall assist the Student Body Vice President in overseeing the Executive Cabinet Directors.

201.12 The student body vice president, upon consultation with the student body president, shall oversee the executive cabinet directors.

201.11 The Executive Cabinet Secretaries, Presidential Council of Advisors shall serve as advisors to the Student Body President on public policy decisions as well as the responsibilities established in Chapter 202.

201.12 The Executive Cabinet Chairpersons shall assist the Student Body Vice President in overseeing the Executive Cabinet Directors in addition to the responsibilities established in Chapter 203.

201.3 The Student Body President shall have the power to remove any member of the executive cabinet.

201.2 The Student Body President shall have the power to remove any member of the President’s Cabinet pursuant to the conditions of the appropriate office as well as the conditions of removal in Chapters 306 and 307.

201.3 The Student Body Vice President shall have the power to remove any member of the Vice President’s Cabinet pursuant the conditions of removal in Chapters 306 and 307.

201.31 The Student Body President additionally shall have the power to remove any member of the Vice President’s Cabinet upon consultation with the Student Body Vice President.

201.4 One or two students shall serve in each Executive Cabinet Officer area.

201.5 An Executive Cabinet Officer shall assume office upon majority confirmation by the entire seated membership members of the Student Senate present and voting.

201.51 The Student Senate shall be notified of the Executive Cabinet Officer appointments no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the senate meeting at which the nominee is to be presented for confirmation.
The officers of the Executive Cabinet shall be defined as the following:

1. Presidential Council of Advisors
2. Vice Presidential Executive Cabinet

The Campus Executive Secretaries shall consist of the following offices:

1. Secretary of Athletics and Recreation
2. Secretary of Campus Safety
3. Secretary of Graduate, Professional and Family
4. Secretary of Finance and Fees
5. Secretary of Health Affairs
6. Secretary of Legal Affairs
7. Secretary of Press
8. Secretary of Solicitations and Sponsorships
9. Secretary of Student Services
10. Secretary of Academic Affairs
11. Secretary of Technology
12. Secretary of Satellite

The Presidential Council of Advisors shall consist of the following officers:

1. Advisor on Athletics and Recreation
2. Advisor on Campus Safety
3. Advisor on Graduate, Professional and Family
4. Advisor on Finance and Fees
5. Advisor on Health Affairs
6. Advisor on Legal Affairs
7. Advisor on Solicitations and Sponsorships
8. Advisor on Student Services
9. Advisor on Academic Affairs
10. Advisor on Technology
11. Advisor on Satellite
12. Advisor on Diversity
13. Advisor on Press
14. Advisor on Legislative Affairs
15. Solicitor General

The Executive Cabinet Directors shall consist of the following areas:

1. Career Development
2. Disability Affairs
3. Greek Affairs
4. Housing Affairs
5. Community Involvement
6. LGBTQ Student Affairs
7. Multicultural Affairs
8. Orange and Blue  
9. Women’s Affairs  
10. International Affairs  
11. Innovation Academy  
12. Interfaith Affairs  
13. Veterans Affairs

201.62 The Executive Cabinet Director shall be arranged in the following offices:

A. Diversity Division Chairperson

1. Disability Affairs Director  
2. Interfaith Affairs Director  
3. International Affairs Director  
4. Women’s Affairs Director  
5. LGBTQ+ Student Affairs Director  
6. Multicultural Affairs Director

B. Student Life Division Chairperson

1. Orange and Blue Director  
2. Greek Affairs Director  
3. Housing Affairs Director  
4. Veteran Affairs Director  
5. Health Affairs Director

C. Leadership Development Division Chairperson

1. Career Development Director  
2. Community Involvement and Service Director  
3. Gator Leadership Director

D. Academic Affairs Division Chairperson

1. Innovation Academy Director  
2. Graduate and Professional Director  
3. Education and Affordability Director

201.647 There shall be at least one Executive Cabinet Chairperson for every six Executive Cabinet Directors and no more than one for every three Executive Cabinet Directors.

201.78 The Student Body President may create a new Executive Cabinet Chairperson, Executive Cabinet Director, or Campus Executive Secretary Executive Agency, or Advisor. Any position created under 201.78 may only exist for the Student Body Vice President’s term of office. If the position, or a position with a similar purpose, is extended past the Student Body President’s term of office, it must be codified under 201.61 or 201.62.
201.81 Any individual nominated as an Advisor to the Presidential Council of Advisors shall take office upon a majority vote of the members present and voting of the Student Senate.

201.82 Any individual serving in a position created under 201.78 may be removed from the position pursuant to 201.2.

201.9 The Student Body Vice President may create a new Executive Cabinet Chairperson or Executive Cabinet Director, or Campus Executive Secretary. Any position created under 201.79 may only exist for the Student Body Vice President’s term of office. If the position, or a position with a similar purpose, is extended past the Student Body Vice President’s term of office, it must be codified under 201.63.

201.7491 Any individual nominated for a position created under 201.79 shall take office upon majority confirmation by vote of members present and voting of the Student Senate.

201.7292 Any individual serving in a position created under 201.79 may be removed from the position pursuant to 201.3 or 201.31.

202.1 The Executive Cabinet of Student Government shall consist of each Executive Cabinet Officer as defined by Chapter 201 and shall be presided over by the student body vice president at the direction of the student body president.

202.2 The Executive Cabinet will meet at the discretion of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President during the school year, so long as the cabinet meets at least once a month.

202.21 The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President may set any formal or informal structures or reporting techniques that they deem appropriate for the efficient and productive operation of the Executive Cabinet.

202.22 The Student Body Vice President, in cooperation with the executive cabinet, will compile a calendar of Student Government events including but not limited to: Student Government Cabinet, Student Government Production, ACCENT, STAAR, Student Government elections, or any other Student Government funded organizations who choose to submit important dates.

202.23 The calendar shall be completed by the end of the third week of Fall and Spring semesters.

202.24 If applicable, additions to the calendar must be made for the purpose of posting the events on the computer accounts on a monthly basis at the discretion of the Student Body Vice President.

202.3 Each Cabinet Officer is noted as being the official representative of the student body for his/her particular subject area.

202.31 Each Cabinet Chairperson is responsible for assisting the Student Body Vice President in overseeing the cabinet directors in the respective area to which the chairperson is appointed.

202.32 Each Cabinet Director has the responsibility to formulate projects and programs relating to their division that will benefit the student body. Each program and project will comply with student body law and be executed as determined by the Vice President.

202.33 Each Cabinet Secretary is responsible for meeting with the Student Body President and advising him or her on their respective area of expertise.

202.5 Each Executive Cabinet Officer will be required to keep at least three office hours per week when class is in session to insure that the student body can contact and
share concerns and opinions with the members of the Executive Cabinet. One of these hours must be served in the Student Government Office at a scheduled time that is constant during the semester. The other two hours can be served doing various cabinet-related activities on campus or in the community that will be approved by the Student Body Vice President or his or her designee. These hours will be recorded and kept on file with the Vice Student Body President.

202.51 The Vice Student Body President will insure that Executive Cabinet Officers are available and hold their office hours. Executive Cabinet Officers not holding their assigned office hours may be removed from office.

221.1 All students assigned to any cabinet in any position must be approved by the President or Vice Student Body President.

221.31 Each Cabinet Officer may appoint eligible students to serve as cabinet staff to assist the Officer in insuring that the goals and objectives of the cabinet are fulfilled. In addition assignments to cabinet staff may be made by the President or Vice Student Body President.

221.32 Each Cabinet Officer, acting with the consent and approval of the President and Vice President, may set any formal or informal chains of command or structure needed for the overall efficiency of his/her individual cabinet.

222.99 Any and all eligible students desiring the opportunity to become involved in Student Government shall be given the opportunity to do so, and will work with the elected leadership of the student body to insure the overall success of the organization.
CHAPTER 202 PRESIDENT’S CABINET OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

202.1 The Presidential Council of Advisors will meet at the discretion of the Student Body President during the school year as long as the Presidential Council of Advisors meet at least once every two weeks.

202.4 The Student Body President may set any formal or informal structures or reporting techniques that they deem appropriate for the efficient and productive operation of the Presidential Council of Advisors.

202.5 Each Advisor of the Presidential Council of Advisors is noted as being the official representative of the Student Body in their particular subject area.

202.51 Each Advisor of the Presidential Council of Advisors is responsible for meeting with the Student Body President and advising on their respective area of expertise.

202.6 Each officer of the President’s Cabinet will be required to keep at least three (3) office hours per week when class is in session to ensure that the Student Body can contact and share concerns and opinions with the members of the President’s Cabinet. One of these hours must be served in the Student Government Office at a scheduled time that is constant during the semester. The other two hours can be served doing various cabinet-related activities on campus or in the community that will be approved by the Student Body President or their designee. These hours will be recorded and kept on file with the Student Body President.

202.61 The Student Body President will ensure that officers of the President’s Cabinet are available and hold their office hours. Officers not holding their assigned office hours may be removed from office pursuant to 201.2.

202.7 Each officer of the President’s Cabinet may appoint eligible students to serve as staff to assist the officer in insuring that the goals and objectives of the President’s Cabinet are fulfilled. In addition, assignments to the President’s Cabinet staff may be made by the Student Body President.

202.71 Each officer of the President’s Cabinet, acting with the consent and approval of the Student Body President, may set any formal or informal chains of command or structure needed for overall efficiency of their individual office.

202.8 The Solicitor General shall be considered part of the Presidential Council of Advisors and shall be subject to the same provisions as every other member unless noted otherwise.

202.81 The Solicitor General shall be able to, with the authorization of the Student Body President, defend the legality or constitutionality of Student Body Law in the UF Supreme Court of the Student Body.
CHAPTER 203 VICE PRESIDENT’S CABINET OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

203.1 The Vice President’s Cabinet shall consist of each Executive Cabinet Director and Executive Cabinet Chairperson as defined in 201.62 and shall be presided over by the Student Body Vice President.

203.2 The Vice President’s Cabinet will meet at the discretion of the Student Body Vice President during the school year, so long as the Vice President’s Cabinet meets at least once every two weeks.

203.3 The Student Body Vice President may set any formal or informal structures or reporting techniques that they deem appropriate for the efficient and productive operation of the Vice President’s Cabinet.

203.4 Each Executive Cabinet Chairperson and Executive Cabinet Director is noted as being the official representative of the Student Body in their particular subject area.

203.5 The Student Body Vice President, in cooperation with the Vice President’s Cabinet, will compile a calendar of Student Government events, including, but not limited to: Vice Presidential Cabinet Programs, Student Government Productions, ACCENT, S.T.A.A.R., Student Government elections, or any other Student Government funded organizations who choose to submit important dates.

203.51 The calendar shall be completed by the end of the third week of Fall and Spring semesters.

203.52 If applicable, additions to the calendar must be made for the purpose of posting the events on the computer accounts on a monthly basis at the discretion of the Student Body Vice President.

203.6 Each Executive Cabinet Chairperson is responsible for assisting the Student Body Vice President in overseeing the Executive Cabinet Directors in the respective area to which the Chairperson is appointed.

203.7 Each Executive Cabinet Director has the responsibility to formulate projects and programs relating to their division that will benefit the Student Body. Each program and project will comply with Student Body Law and be executed as determined by the Student Body Vice President.

203.8 Each officer of the Vice President’s Cabinet will be required to keep at least three office hours per week when class is in session to ensure that the Student Body can contact and share concerns and opinions with the members of the Vice President’s Cabinet. One of these hours must be served in the Student Government Office at a scheduled time that is constant during the semester. The other two hours can be served doing various cabinet-related activities on campus or in the community that will be approved by the Student Body Vice President or their designee. These hours will be recorded and kept on file with the Student Body Vice President.
203.81 The Vice Student Body President will ensure that the Executive Cabinet Chairpersons and Executive Cabinet Directors are available and hold their office hours. Officers of the Vice President’s Cabinet not holding their assigned office hours may be removed from office pursuant to 201.3 and 201.31.

203.9 Each Executive Cabinet Chairperson and Executive Cabinet Director may appoint eligible students to serve as cabinet staff to assist the officer in insuring that the goals and objectives of the Vice President’s cabinet are fulfilled. In addition, assignments to staff may be made by the Student Body Vice President.

203.91 Each Executive Cabinet Chairperson and Executive Cabinet Director, acting with the consent and approval of the Student Body Vice President, may set any formal or informal chains of command or structure needed for the overall efficiency of their individual office.
CHAPTER 205 ASSISTANT TREASURER (87-169, 90-141, 98-100, 2000-136)

209.1 In accordance with Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Florida, the Student Senate does hereby create the office of Assistant Treasurer, as provided by law for the wellbeing of the Student Body.

209.2 The Student Body Treasurer shall have the power to appoint as many Assistant Treasurers as is deemed necessary to ensure the efficient operation of Student Government Finance. Appointments are subject to a required two-thirds (2/3) approval by Student Senators present and voting in the Student Senate.

209.3 The Assistant Treasurer(s) shall assist the Student Body Treasurer in any capacity that the Treasurer deems appropriate.

209.4 An Assistant Treasurer may, upon written consent of the Treasurer, act in the Treasurer's behalf in the capacity of Chief Finance Officer of the Student Body of the University of Florida in the absence of the Treasurer Student Body Treasurer.

209.5 No Assistant Treasurer may serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Student Body of the University of Florida Student Body Treasurer in the absence of the Student Body Treasurer for a period of longer than two (2) weeks without a two-thirds (2/3) approval of those present and voting at a regular meeting of the Student Senate.
CHAPTER 210 UNIVERSITY AND PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES (AM-B117, 69-100, 69-117, 81-112, 84-150, 98-100)

210.1 University and Presidential Committees are extremely important institutions of University governance and idea formulation and interaction. As such, student participation on these committees is in most cases of the utmost importance to the Student Body and to the entire University. The communication between the administration, the faculty, and the students which is so important to mutual understanding within our University can only be enhanced by interaction between these three groups.

210.2 It is recognized that the University President is the ultimate resident authority of the University and of its institutions, governance and administration, with the aid of Faculty Senate and Student Government each representing their respective constituencies in University affairs.

210.3 Membership on all committees governing the University shall be determined by the University President unless otherwise specified in the University Constitution, the Student Body Constitution, or charters under which some committees may operate.

210.4 Student Government shall reserve the right to make all nominees for student membership on University and Presidential Committees to the University President. Such nominees shall not be made in conflict with the University Constitution, the Student Body Constitution, committee charter, or Student Body Law.

210.41 Student Government’s appointments to University and Presidential committees shall be made by the Student Body President with the advisement of the Student Government Executive Committee (as defined in Chapter 533).

210.42 The Student Body President’s appointments shall be confirmed by the Student Senate with a majority vote of the members present and voting, pursuant to the power prescribed in Article 3, Section 6, Sub-Section (h) of the Student Body Constitution.

210.5 All faculty and administration membership in University and Presidential Committees shall be made by the University President or as specified in the University Constitution or committee charters.

210.6 Unless otherwise specified in this law or a committee charter, a single term for student membership on all University and Presidential Committees shall be for one year.

210.7 The University President may remove any student member of a University or Presidential Committee.

210.8 The Student Body President may nominate, through the same process as nominating student University and Presidential committee members, one student alternate to each Committee contingent upon approval of the University President.

210.81 Student alternate nominations shall also be subject to the voting procedure prescribed in 210.42.

210.9 The University President together with Student Government may issue charters to individual committees under which said committees shall operate.
CHAPTER 211 CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (2008-125)

211.1 The three constitutional officers of the Executive Branch, the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President and the Student Body Treasurer, may each appoint one individual with the formal title of Chief of Staff to serve in their respective areas of Student Government.

211.2 Each Chief of Staff shall serve as an assistant to the officer he or she serves in accomplishing executive tasks. The duties of the Chiefs of Staff may include but not be limited to preparing documents; serving as a liaison between other students, officers and the Executive Officer; conducting research; and attending meetings in the Executive Officer’s absence. He or she shall relay all pertinent information to the Executive Officer.

211.3 The Executive Officer alone shall determine the specific responsibilities and expectations of the appointed Chief of Staff.

211.4 The Chief of Staff shall not assume any specific constitutionally-defined powers of the Executive Officer which may include but not be limited to the ability to vote, sign documents, allocate Student Government funds, or dismiss officers.

211.5 Only the appointing Executive Officer may declare or dismiss a Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff shall not need approval of any other officer or body.

211.51 The Chief of Staff shall not be a member of the Executive Cabinet.

211.52 The Chief of Staff shall be subject to removal as outlined in Chapter 307 of the Student Body Statutes.
CHAPTER 213 SG OFFICER ACCOUNTABILITY AND REMOVAL ACT – POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH (98-116)

213.1 TITLE: “SG Officer Accountability & Removal Act

213.2 The Student Body President shall have the power to suspend any Student Government Officer pursuant to the definitions, rules, guidelines and procedures of Chapter 307 infra.
CHAPTER 214 EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHMENT ACT (2009-121)

214.1 Definitions

a. Executive Order – A decree written by the Student Body President that would allow the creation of the following: departments, offices, or policies derived from the enumerated powers of the Student Body President in Article III of the Student Body Constitution; ensure that Statutes and Constitutional Procedures are implemented; and/or any other provision not included in the previously stated list that are necessary to fulfill the duties of the Student Body President per the University of Florida Constitution and Statutes. Executive Orders may only be reversed:

b. By any sitting Student Body President, or;

c. If overturned by the University of Florida Supreme Court, or;

d. If legislation proposed by the University of Florida Student Senate opposing the Executive Order is passed by two thirds (2/3) majority of members present and voting.

In all other cases, Executive Orders are considered binding and standing.

214.2 Executive Orders

a. The Student Body President shall have the sole ability to enact executive orders pursuant to the definitions, rules, and procedures.

b. All executive orders created pursuant to this section shall be posted as soon as possible for no less than one week following their creation in the same manner as a notice for a public meeting. This posting shall include the full text of the executive order.