STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-112

TITLE: Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article IV Section 5

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WHEREAS, the Supreme Court decision, “Interpretation of The University of Florida Constitution: Section 4 of Article VIII,” ruled the constitutional amendment decided in the Spring 2010 elections that would “ensure that terms of executive department heads expire concurrently with the terms of the elected executive officials” did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, currently, the executive departments serve a one-year term beginning and ending on May 1st, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Executive Officers serve one-year terms beginning and ending on the last day of the spring term; and,

WHEREAS, the executive departments should serve concurrent terms with the Student Body Executive Officers; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that an amendment shall be placed on the Spring 2017 ballot by the Supervisor of Elections that reads, “Should the Student Body Constitution be updated and amended to set executive department terms to serve concurrently with the elected Student Body Executive Officers and read in part: “Article IV, Section 5: Executive departments may be established by Student Body law, with the head of each department to be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed with at least a concurrence of a majority of the Student Senate. Officers of the executive departments shall be responsible to the Student Body President for the execution of their duties and shall be subject to removal by the Student Body President. The terms of the heads of the executive departments shall expire concurrently with the expiration of the regular terms of the elected executive officials. The heads of the executive departments may appoint subordinate aides or other officials not provided for by Student Body law, if deemed necessary?”"
Proviso: A copy of this bill will be sent to the Supervisor of Elections and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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