

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2009-1049**

**TITLE:**        **Accountable Judiciary Act**

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**ADDS to Chapter 401 of the Student Body Statutes as follows:**

401.7 In accordance with state law, no body of the Judicial Branch, including the Supreme Court of the Student Body, shall meet, deliberate, or conduct any official business except in public.

### **Highlights and Explanations**

- Under state law, the University of Florida and Student Government as a whole is an executive agency subject to Florida Sunshine Law, including rules on open meetings.
- Deliberations on cases submitted to the Court constitute meetings to discuss official business, are because of this they must following state public notice and open meetings provisions. However, in the past the Supreme Court of the Student Body has deliberated secretly, ignoring state law.
- This bill simply affirms that deliberations must be conducted in public.