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 4. Faithfully represent the needs and interests of the students they represent to the SGC.
 5. Fulfill all special assignments as delegated by the SGC.
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** Some changes made*

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- A. SGA annual elections will be held for two (2) days of the second week following Spring Break (usually the third week of March).
- B. Campaigning for election to SGC will begin on each campus the week following Spring break (usually the second week of March).
- C. Position for specific schools, colleges, lower division and graduate seats, and the Broward campus will be elected by the student membership of that school, college, division or campus. College of Law students are ineligible to vote for the graduate seats.
- D. The annual elections will be held for the offices of SGC President, Vice President, and all SGC representatives on each campus. The President, Vice President, and all at-large positions will be elected campus-wide. Positions for specific schools, colleges, lower division and graduate seats, and the Broward campus will be elected by the student membership of that school, college, division or campus. The housing representative on the University Park campus shall be elected by those students currently living in the housing facilities at University Park. The housing representative on the Biscayne Bay Campus shall be elected by those students currently living in the housing facilities at Biscayne Bay Campus.
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- F. All SGC positions are elected for one year, with the terms beginning the first day of Summer semester and ending the last day prior to the following summer semester.
- G. A vote on Constitutional amendments and referenda may also be conducted during the annual election. Campus-specific amendments and referenda on any issue may be called with approval by two-thirds vote of SGC representatives present at a meeting at which there is a quorum. Amendments and referenda pertaining to University-wide issues may be called by either SGC and require approval by two-thirds vote of the University Council at a meeting at which there is a quorum or may be called through petition of five (5) percent of the total student population of the University.
- H. All provisions of this article will commence with the 1993 general election.

ARTICLE VIII

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Powers

Each SGC of the Student Government Association shall have the power to conduct the following business during official meetings at which there is a quorum:

- A. Determine positions and elect individuals as necessary to conduct the business of the SGC, and arrange its meetings provided there is a regular meeting with fixed time and place at least twice monthly.
- B. Call for a special election or referendum with two-thirds vote of the SGC representatives in attendance at the meeting.
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- F. Pass motions and resolutions to conduct the business of the SGC with the required vote of the SGC representatives.
- G. May remove any member of the SGC from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire SGC. In the event that the Chair of the meeting is the subject of the removal proceedings, the SGC will elect an acting chair that will preside over the meeting
- H. Carry out other such responsibilities and duties as are consistent with the purposes of SGA and conform to state laws and University policies.

ARTICLE IX University Council

A. Purpose

It is the responsibility of the University Council to represent student interests and address student needs on matters of University-wide, county, or state concern. The University Council also serves to aid in the coordination and support of the activities of each SGC. Issues may be brought before the Council by recommendation of the SGC of either campus or the University Council itself.

B. Powers and Duties of the University Council

1. The University Council shall meet at least monthly, alternating between University Park and Biscayne Bay Campus. The SGC President hosting the meeting shall set the agenda and chair the meeting. The other SGC President shall be the Vice Chair of the meeting.
2. Quorum for the University Council shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one, provided that at least one member representing each SGC is present.
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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Wide
informal
meeting to
review draft
of Constitution

ARTICLE I
Purpose

- A. ~~Name~~. The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the SGA.
- B. The Purpose of the SGA is to serve as the governing body responsible for representing the student interests and addressing student needs on matters of University, county, state, or federal concerns. *Local*
- C. The responsibilities of the SGA are to represent students' interests through:
 - 1. Serving on University and campus committees;
 - 2. Identifying and supporting student interests to the administration and faculty at each campus;
 - 3. Working with the administration and faculty to address student issues at each campus;
 - 4. Allocating Activity and Service Fees.

ARTICLE II (Now Article III)
Composition

* The SGA is composed of two Student Government Councils (SGC), one to represent the interests of students at University Park (hereafter referred to as SGC-UP) and one to represent the interests of students at the Biscayne Bay Campus and Broward Centers (hereafter referred to as SGC-BBC). *Broward Pines Center*

- A. The SGC-UP shall be comprised of the following:
 - 1. The Executive Branch:
 - a. SGC President,
 - b. SGC Vice President, *c. SGC Comptroller*
 - d. e.* Executive Cabinet,
 - e. d.* Committee Chairs (as listed in the SGC-UP Bylaws).
 - 2. The Legislative Branch:
 - a. Representatives from the following Colleges/Schools:
 - i) Architecture, *and the Arts*
 - ii) Arts and Sciences,
 - iii) Business Administration,
 - iv) Education,
 - v) Engineering,
 - vi) Health and Urban Affairs,
 - vii) Honors College,
 - viii) Law School;
 - b. Two (2) Graduate Student representatives;

- c. Two (2) Lower Divisions representatives;
 - d. One (1) Housing representative;
 - e. Three (3) Undergraduate At-Large representatives.
3. The Judicial Branch:
- a. Chief Justice;
 - b. Five (5) Justices.
- B. The SGC-BBC shall be comprised of the following:
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 - b. SGC Vice President;
 - d.e.* c. Comptroller
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Committee Chairs (as listed in the SGC-UP Bylaws).
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- a. Representatives from the following Colleges/Schools:
 - i) Arts and Sciences,
 - ii) Business Administration,
 - Education* ~~iii) Health and Urban Affairs,~~
 - iv) Hospitality Management,
 - ~~v) Journalism and Mass Communication,~~
 - vi) Honors College;
 - b. Two (2) Graduate Student representatives;
 - c. Two (2) Lower Divisions representatives;
 - d. One (1) Housing representative;
 - e. One (1) Broward representative, *University Center* ~~who must be a student taking at least fifty percent (50%) of his/her credits at Broward;~~
 - f. Three (3) Undergraduate At-Large representatives.
3. The Judicial Branch:
- a. Chief Justice,
 - b. Five (5) Justices.
- C. If a new college/school is created with its own dean, a new representative seat will be added to the SGC on the campus where the college/school is based.
- D. The SGA also will be comprised of a University-Wide Council (hereafter referred to as UWC) and a University-Wide Budget Committee.
- E. The function of the UWC shall be to coordinate the activities of the SGCs and to represent the interests of all Florida International University (FIU) students on matters of University-Wide, *local* ~~county~~, state, and federal concerns.
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1. The UWC will be comprised of:
- a. Each SGC President,
 - b. Each SGC Vice President,
 - c. Each SGC Comptroller,
 - d. Each SGC Speaker of the House.
- F. The function of the University-Wide Budget Committee shall be to draft the annual budget of the SGA;
1. All votes of the University-Wide Budget Committee will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee;

(Have one U.W. Committee)

2. The BBC and Pines Center shall be allocated annually a percentage not greater than 2.25 times of the percentage of revenue collected by the combination of the BBC and Pines Center remaining after the allocation of:
 - a. fixed expenses,
 - b. the SGA university-wide accounts;
3. The Pines Center shall be funded from the total amount allocated to the BBC and Pines Center and shall be at the sole discretion of the SGC-BCC;
4. The University-Wide Budget Committee will be comprised of:
 - a. Each SGC President,
 - b. Each SGC Vice President,
 - c. Each SGC Comptroller,
 - d. Two representatives of the SGC-UP (the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro-Tempore),
 - e. One representative of the SCG-BBC (the Speaker of the House).

ARTICLE III
Authority

Now Article II

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- A. The SGA is authorized to exist in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Title XVI, chapter 229 (0229.003 and 0229.008) and chapter 240 (0240.136, 0240.236 and 0240.5277); and under the provisions of the Florida Administrative Code, 1984, 6C-6.11 (1); 6C-6.12 (1) (a); 6C-6.12 (1) (b); and 6C-6.12 (1) (c). Unless specifically addressed within the Constitution of the SGA or the SGC Bylaws, issues of parliamentary procedure will defer to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority.
- B
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ARTICLE IV
Executive Branch

The executive branch of each SGC will be composed of the following: President, Vice President, Comptroller, Executive Cabinet, ~~Governing/Standing Council Presidents,~~ Committee Chair Persons and Elections Commissioner.

To be discussed

- A. Qualifications of the SGC President:
1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50%) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office;
 2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanction as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct to run for and hold office;
 3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average or no less than a 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office;
 4. Must have held at least one of the following positions with the SGA for at least two ~~consecutive~~ academic semesters, or 154 days prior to the first day of official campaigning: Vice President, Representative, Academic Services Chair, Student Services Chair, Student Union Chair, Comptroller, and/or Governing Council

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Presidents. An exception to this section is a Vice President succeeding to the office of President;

5. Must be of at least sophomore standing, ~~having earned thirty (30) or more credits~~, to run for and hold office;
6. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester;
7. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time;
8. May run for only one position on a Council during any general or special election;
9. Must not exceed term limits as described in Article XII.

B. Duties of the SGC President shall be to:

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1. Preside over the SGC meetings and make all necessary arrangements for those meetings, including setting the agenda and conducting the business of the meeting in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and all provisions of the SGA Constitution and SGC Bylaws;
2. Represent the interests of the SGC to the administration and faculty of his/her campus;
3. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC President in regard to the UWC;
4. Serve on and/or nominate and/or appoint individual students to campus governing bodies and to University committees;
5. Have the power to convene special SGC meetings, provided there is at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of such meetings;
6. Appoint assistants, as needed, subject to majority approval of the SGC members in attendance at a regular meeting;
7. Authorize any disbursement of SGC funds in the absence of the Comptroller;
8. Set and maintain a minimum of twenty (20) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself;
9. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities as detailed by the SGA Constitution and SGC Bylaws.

C. Presidential Veto Power

1. SGC Presidents must act on legislation passed by the House by either signing to enact or signing to veto. The President will have four (4) business days to sign passed legislation. Legislation not signed by the end of the fourth business day shall be approved by default.
2. Signing to enact: The President may ratify legislation passed by the House by signing to enact within four (4) business days of the House's action.
3. Signing to veto: The President may refuse legislation passed by the House by signing to veto within four (4) business days of the House's action.
4. Vetoed legislation must be returned to the House that passed it.
5. The House can override a Presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its total membership. *10 days, within.*
6. The President's power to enact or veto legislation is limited to the Council he/she serves.
7. The President's power to enact or veto legislation is not extended to the UWC.
8. Business days are defined as Mondays through Fridays during each semester. Semester breaks, weekends, and holidays in which classes are not held are excluded.

D. Qualification of the SGC Vice President:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least ^{Fifty} 50 percent (50 %) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office;
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in Student Code of Conduct to run for and hold office;
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average or 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office;
4. Must be of at least sophomore, having earned thirty (30) or more credits, standing to run for and hold office;
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester;
6. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time;
7. May run for only one position on a Council during any general or special election.

E. Duties of the SGC Vice President shall be to:

1. ~~X~~ Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50%) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office;
2. Fulfill all SGC presidential responsibilities for that campus in the absence of the President as detailed in the SGA Constitution and SGC Bylaws;
3. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC Vice President in regard to the UWC;
4. ~~He/She will vote only in the case of a tie;~~
5. Oversee all SGC committee chairs;
6. Set and maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself;
7. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC Vice President as detailed by the SGA Constitution and SGC Bylaws.

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F. Qualifications for the SGC Comptroller:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50%) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office;
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct to run for and hold office;
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average and 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office;
4. Must be of at least sophomore standing, having earned thirty (30) or more credits, to run for and hold office;
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester;
6. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time.

G. Duties of the Comptroller:

1. Shall assist the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee(s) in the management and disbursement of SGC Funds;

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- 2. Shall perform other duties as outlines in the Student Government Finance Code;
- 3. The Comptroller will set and maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself;

- H. Committee Chairpersons (excluding Comptroller) and ~~Governing/ Standing Council~~ Presidents will set and maintain a minimum of ten (10) weekly office hours, five (5) of which must be in the office itself;
- I. Paid Appointees will set and maintain a minimum of five (5) weekly office hours, three (3) of which must be in the office itself;
- J. No officer, appointed or elected, shall have any authority not specified in this document, the SGC Bylaws, or as may be granted to him/her or by majority vote of the SGC;
- K. Officers in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours.
- L. Executive Cabinet:

- 1. Selection of Executive Cabinet/Staff
 - a. The members of the executive cabinet will be selected by the President and Vice President and approved by the SGC.
 - b. The makeup of the cabinet and exact positions are the discretion of the President and Vice President, yet shall include but are not limited to: Chief of Staff, Director of ~~Student~~ Legislative Affairs, Intern Coordinator, and Special Events Coordinator.
- 2. An executive cabinet member may be removed from his/her position with no less than a majority vote of the SGC representatives. The SGC President, if deemed necessary, may also remove an executive cabinet member.

Could to be further in article V discussion

- M. Standing Committees:
 - 1. Each SGC shall have the following Standing Committees:
 - a. Academic Affairs,
 - b. Finance,
 - c. International Students,
 - d. Student Services,
 - e. Student Union.
 - 2. The Chairpersons of each of the above committees must meet the qualifications of Student Government Representatives outlined in ARTICLE V.
 - 3. The Chairperson of the International Students Committee must be an international student.
 - 4. Each SGC can establish additional standing committees it deems necessary to carry out the business of its campus. Structure and powers of standing committees shall be delineated in the SGC Bylaws of each SGC.

- N. Selection of Committee Chairpersons:
 - 1. Standing Committee Chairpersons will be chosen through an application process and appointed by a simple majority of the entire SGC. To be eligible, all candidates will submit proper applications and platforms for review by the Council. A chairperson may be removed from office by a majority vote of the ~~the~~ SGC.
 - 2. Standing Committee Chairpersons will be elected by a simple majority vote by the Council at a regular meeting of the new term prior to June 15th.
 - 3. The vote will be by secret ballot.

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ARTICLE V
Legislative Branch

A. Qualifications for Representative:

- fifty* 1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending no less than ~~50~~ percent (50%) of his/her classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office;
2. Representatives of specific schools, colleges, or class levels must be accepted students of that school, college, or class level as defined in the SGC Bylaws. Graduate students shall be eligible to run only for President, Vice President, Comptroller, Broward representative, graduate representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC. Law students shall be eligible to run only for President, Vice President, Comptroller, College of Law representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC;
3. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct to run for or hold office. Law students may not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the College of Law Student Handbook;
4. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average, a 2.5 cumulative law school grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average and 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold their position on SGC;
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate credit hours, three (3) graduate credit hours, or seven (7) law school credit hours;
6. Representatives in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) undergraduate credit hour requirements, and the seven (7) law school credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours;
7. The housing representatives must reside in University housing on the campus where they're running to be eligible to run for and hold office;
8. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time;
9. May run for only one position on a SGC during any general or special election.

B. Duties of the SGC Representatives shall be to:

1. Attend regularly scheduled and special meetings of the SGC;
2. Serve on one (1) SGC committee;
3. Serve on one (1) campus or University committee, community committee, or special project;
4. Accurately represent the needs and interests of the students they represent to the SGC;
5. Fulfill all special assignments as delegated by the SGC; *and its Bylaws*
6. Set and maintain a minimum of five (5) weekly office hours, three (3) of which must be in the office itself.

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ARTICLE VI
Judicial Branch

- to be reviewed*
- A. The Student Judiciary shall be composed of five (5) Justices and one (1) Chief Justice. The Chief Justice will recommend nominees for these positions to the SGC for approval. The members' terms shall end on the last day of the Spring Semester. The Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution or his/her designee will train the members of the Student Judiciary.
- B. The Student Judiciary will serve as the internal standards board for the SGC. This board will be assigned responsibilities and duties as necessary to maintain proper division of powers, while being the chief agent for interpretation of the SGA Constitution.
- C. **Qualifications and Duties for the Student Judiciary:**
1. Must be a currently enrolled student of Florida International University. Additionally, at least fifty percent (50%) of his/her current classes must be at the campus he/she represents;
 2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct to run for or hold office;
 3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average or 2.0 term grade point average and 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for or hold office;
 4. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester;
 5. Justices who have served on the Student Judiciary for a minimum of one (1) full semester, elected representatives and officers, or standing committee chairpersons are eligible to serve as Chief Justice. Elected officials and committee chairpersons must have served a minimum 154 days in office to become eligible;
 6. The Student Judiciary will meet at least monthly or when deemed necessary by the Chief Justice;
 7. No Justice may hold or be a candidate for any SGC office until after the passage of at least one full semester after he/she has ceased to serve on the Student Judiciary;
 8. The Chief Justice shall serve as chief administrator of the Student Judicial Branch and will not have a vote on the Student Judiciary;
 9. Each year, on October 9th the Student Judiciary shall review and update the SGA Constitution; this day will be called "FIU Constitution Day."
- D. **Powers and Limitations**
1. The Student Judiciary shall be empowered to determine if actions by the SGC are within their Constitutional bounds and whether suggested SGC Bylaws conflict with the Constitution;
 2. The Student Judiciary cannot take action by itself. An outside party must file a complaint for a case to be heard. The outside party eligible to file a complaint can be any FIU student, including members of the SGC;
 3. A member may recuse him/herself of taking part in hearing or deciding on a complaint if he/she is an active member of the club or organization in this complaint;

- E. A justice may be removed from the Student Judiciary by a majority vote of the SGC.
- F. The Chief Justice shall receive annually an amount up to thirty-five percent (35%) of the President's pay, distributed bi-weekly.

ARTICLE VII Censure and Removal

- A. The basis for removal of a SGC member shall be malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, conviction of a felony, and/or any violations of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws;
- B. SGC members may also be removed based on the guidelines established in the Florida Statutes;
- C. The SGA recognizes the need for due process in the censure of or removal from office, by the SGC, of any SGC Member, ~~Standing Committee Chair, Commissioner of Elections, Executive Staff Member, and any other appointed or elected SGA official.~~
- D. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct, including violations of the law, will be referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution for review;
- E. For the censure or removal of a SGC member, to take place, the member must first be accused in the form of a written complaint submitted to the Student Judiciary. The Student Judiciary must then evaluate the validity of the complaint. If validity is confirmed, the Student Judiciary moves to immediate trial. Any discussion resulting from a recommendation for removal or censure of the accused from office, by the Student Judiciary, will be open solely to the voting members of the SGC and/or the Student Judiciary;
- F. If a trial is deemed necessary, the Chief Justice, in consultation with the SGC Advisor will schedule an information session with the charged student to inform him/her of the allegations, charges, student rights, and explain the judicial process;
- G. The charged student has the right to challenge the inclusion of any Justice prior to the scheduled hearing. The challenge must be in writing, and be based on cause, which clearly provides evidence of a conflict of interest, bias, pressure, or influence that could preclude a fair and impartial hearing;
- H. The Process for Appeal is outlined in the SGC Bylaws.

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 2. Quorum for the UWC shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one, provided that at least one member representing each SGC is present;
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 4. ~~The UWC shall make necessary appointments or create ad hoc committees it deems necessary to carry out the business of the UWC;~~
 5. The UWC shall not create any standing committees;
 6. The UWC shall choose the official representatives involving both SGC to lobby on behalf of student needs and interests with state, local, and federal government organizations;
 7. The UWC may propose Constitutional amendments by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council to become ratified in a student body election;
 8. UWC may propose legislation and university-wide statutes or SGC Bylaws consistent with this Constitution, which are necessary and proper for the general welfare of the entire student body.
- C. Vacancies in the UWC
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 1. The SGC Vice President;

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SGC Bylaws

- A. Each SGC shall maintain a set of campus-specific SGC Bylaws that may be amended only by a majority vote of that ~~entire~~ SGC;
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ARTICLE XVI

U. Wide Informal meeting
to Review Draft of Constitution
Major Changes in the New Constitution

8.24.06

1. The Constitution was divided to clearly define a three-branch government. (Article II Sections A and B)
 - a. This was needed for clarity and in order to make our constitution HB 353 compliant.
 - b. With the new division of the branches we needed to change the voting powers of the President and Vice President. (Article IV)
 - i. The President is no longer allowed a vote- having him/her vote along with having veto power gave him too much power in the Legislature. (IV Section C)
 - ii. The Vice President gained the President's power to vote, but only in the case of a tie. (IV Section E)
 - c. The Student Judiciary also gained the power to censure without the approval of the House. The House is still needed to confirm a decision to remove, however. Once again, there was too much judicial power in the Legislature for the judicial branch to be an effective check and balance. (Articles VI and VII)
2. As outlined in HB 353, there were items added to the list of reasons for censure or removal of elected and appointed officials of SGA. (Article VII)
 - a. In order to be compliant, all votes for removal had to be changed from 2/3 to a simple majority. That was changed throughout the document.
3. The Campus Life Committee was removed. (The president can add it as a cabinet position at his/her discretion). (Article IV Section M)
 - a. With regards to BBC on this issue, since this Committee is quite active in their campus, they can re-add it as a Standing Committee in their Bylaws.
 - b. In the same way, this SGC can add a standing technology committee, so we decided not to add one in the Constitution.
4. Governing Council President was added to the list of acceptable positions that could be held before running for President. (Article IV Section A4) Along this same line, the term limit for these positions was added. (Article XII)
5. Official titles were also changed in order to be consistent.
 - a. The Finance Chair is now always referred to as the Comptroller.
 - b. The Director of Legislative Affairs is now the Director of Student Lobbying.
 - c. The Judicial Board is now the Student Judiciary (so it is not confused with one of the boards in the Executive Branch) and the members are either justices or the Chief Justice.
6. The Articles were rearranged and combined in order to help clearly define the branches and the division of the powers and people.
7. The Nursing Representative was removed from SGC-BBC and replaced with Honors College Representative.
8. Any other changes were just grammatical or an update to what is already current practice.

Updated 8.24.06

Updated on March 16th, 2006 by Aurelio "PJ" Rivera.

1. Article II now article III; Article III now article II.

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

8.24.06
U. Wide
Informal
meeting to
review draft
of Constitution

ARTICLE I Purpose

- A. ~~Name~~ The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the SGA.
- B. The ~~Purpose~~ ^{SGA} of the Student Government Association is to serve as the governing body responsible for representing student interests and addressing student needs on matters of University, county, or state concern. ^{local}
- C. The responsibilities of the SGA are to represent students' interests through:
1. Serving on University and campus committees.
 2. Identifying and supporting student interests to the administration and faculty at each campus.
 3. Working in with the administration and faculty to address student issues at each campus.
 4. Allocating Activity and Service Fees. ^{administration, faculty, and students to address}

ARTICLE II (New article III) Composition

The SGA is composed of two Student Government Councils, one to represent the interests of students at University Park (hereafter referred to as SGC, University Park) and one to represent the interests of students at the Biscayne Bay Campus and Broward Centers (hereafter referred to as SGC, Biscayne Bay Campus).

- A. The SGC, University Park shall be composed of the following:
1. SGC President
 2. SGC Vice President
 3. Representatives from the following Colleges/Schools:
 - a. Architecture
 - b. Arts and Sciences
 - c. Business Administration
 - d. Education
 - e. Engineering
 - f. Health & Urban Affairs
 - g. Honors College
 4. Two (2) graduate student representatives
 5. Two (2) lower division representatives
 6. One (1) housing representative
 7. Three (3) at-large representatives
 8. One (1) College of Law representative
- B. The SGC, Biscayne Bay Campus shall be composed of the following:
1. SGC President
 2. SGC Vice President
 3. Representatives from the following Colleges/Schools:
 - a. Arts and Sciences
 - b. Business Administration
 - c. Health & Urban Affairs
 - d. Hospitality Management
 - e. Journalism and Mass Communication
 - f. Nursing
 4. Two (2) graduate student representatives
 5. Two (2) lower division representatives
 6. One (1) housing representative
 7. Three (3) at-large representatives
 8. One (1) Broward representative, who must be a student taking a majority of credits at Broward
- C. If a new college/school is created with its own dean, a new representative seat will be added to the SGC on the campus where the college/school is based.

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- D. The SGA also will be comprised of a *University Wide Council* and a *University Wide Budget Committee*.
- E. 1. The function of the University Wide Council shall be to coordinate the activities of the SGC's and to represent the interests of all FIU students on matters of University-wide, county, state, and federal concern.
2. The University Council will be comprised of:
- Each SGC President.
 - Each SGC Vice President.
 - Each SGC ~~Finance Chairperson~~ *Comptroller*.
 - One representative of the SGC-UP (the Speaker of the House) who is selected by the SGC-UP council.
 - One representative of the SGC-BBC (the Speaker of the House) who is selected by the SGC-BBC council.
- F. 1. The function of the University-Wide Budget Committee shall be to:
- Draft the annual budget of the Student Government Association.
 - To be discussed* All votes of the University Wide Budget Committee will be required a 2/3 vote of the committee.
 - The BBC and Pines Center shall be allocated annually a percentage not greater than 2.25 times of the percentage of revenue collected by the combination of the BBC and Pines Center remaining after the allocation of (1) fixed expenses and (2) the SGA university wide accounts.
 - The Pines Center shall be funded from the total amount allocated to the BBC and the Pines Center and shall be at the sole discretion of the SGC-BBC.
2. The University Wide Budget Committee will be comprised of:
- Each SGC President.
 - Each SGC Vice President.
 - Each SGC Finance Chair.
 - Two (2) representatives of the SGC-UP: the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro-Tempore, who are elected by the SGC-UP council.
 - One representative of the SGC-BBC: the Speaker of the House who is elected by the SGC-BBC council.

**ARTICLE III
Authority**

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- A. This SGA was established through the power of the President of the University by direction of the Board of Regents, which established the first Student Government Senate in June 1973.
- B. The SGA is authorized to exist in accordance with the Florida Administrative Code, 1984, 6C-6.11 (1); 6C-6.12 (1) (a); 6C-6.12 (1) (b); and 6C-6.12 (1) (c).
- C. Unless specifically addressed within the Constitution of the Student Government Association or the Bylaws of the Councils, issues of parliamentary procedure will defer to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE IV
Officers of the SGC

A. The officers of each SGC will be the President and Vice President.

B. Qualifications of the SGC President:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50%) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office.
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanction as detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document to run for and hold office.
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.50 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average or no less than a 3.00 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office.
4. Must have held at least one of the following positions with the SGA for at least two academic semesters, or 154 days prior to the first day of official campaigning: President, Vice President, Representative, Academic Services Chair, Student Services Chair, Student Union Chair, Elections Commissioner, and/or Finance Chair. An exception to this section is a Vice President succeeding to the office of President.
5. Must be of at least sophomore standing to run for and hold office.
6. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester.
7. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time.
8. May run for only one position on a Council during any general or special election.
9. Must not exceed term limits as described in Article XIII (Term Limits).

C. Duties of the SGC President shall be to:

1. Preside over the SGC meetings and make all necessary arrangements for those meetings, including setting the agenda and conducting the business of the meeting in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and all provisions of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. He/she will vote only in case of a tie.
3. Represent the interests of the SGC to the administration and faculty of his/her campus.
4. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC President in regard to the SGA University Council.
5. Serve on and/or nominate and/or appoint individual students to campus governing bodies and recommend names for appointment to University committees.
6. Have the power to convene special campus SGC meetings, provided there is at least 48 hours notice of such meetings.
7. Appoint assistants as needed, subject to majority approval of the SGC members in attendance at a regular meeting.
8. Authorize any disbursement of SGC funds in the absence of the ~~Finance Committee Chairperson~~ ^{Controller}.
9. Set and maintain a minimum of twenty (20) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself.
10. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities as detailed by the SGA Constitution and Bylaws or as delegated by the SGC. *By Law's Executive Discretionary*

D. Presidential Approval/Veto Power

1. SGC Presidents must act on legislation passed by the Representatives by either **signing to enact** or **signing to veto**. The President will have four (4) business days to sign passed legislation. Legislation not signed by the end of the fourth business day shall be approved by default.
2. **Signing to enact:** The President may ratify legislation passed by the Representatives by signing to enact within four (4) business days of the Representatives' action.

3. **Signing to veto:** The President may refuse legislation passed by the Representatives by signing to veto within four (4) business days of the Representatives' action.
4. Vetoed legislation must be returned to the Representatives that passed it.
5. The Representatives can override a Presidential veto by a 2/3 vote of its total membership.
6. The President's power to enact or veto legislation is limited to the Council he/she serves.
7. The President's power to enact or veto legislation is **not** extended to the University Council.
8. Business days are defined as Mondays through Fridays during each semester. Semester breaks, weekends, and holidays in which classes are not held are excluded.

E. Qualifications of the SGC Vice President:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50 %) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office.
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibility document to run for and hold office.
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.50 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average or 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office.
4. Must be of at least sophomore standing to run for and hold office.
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester.
6. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time.
7. May run for only one position on a Council during any general or special election.

F. Duties of the SGC Vice President shall be to:

1. Fulfill all SGC presidential responsibilities for that campus in the absence of the President as detailed in the SGA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC Vice President in regard to the SGA University Council.
3. Set and maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself.
4. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the SGC Vice President as detailed by the SGA Constitution and Bylaws or as delegated by the SGC.

ARTICLE V Committee Chairs & Appointees

A. Qualifications for the SGC Finance Chair:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending at least 50 percent (50%) of classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office.
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Students Rights and Responsibilities document to run for and hold office.
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and 2.0 term grade point average and 3.00 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold office.
4. Must be of at least sophomore standing to run for and hold office.
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate or six (6) graduate credit hours for each semester in office, excluding summer semester.
6. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time.

B. Duties of the Finance Chair:

1. Shall assist the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee(s) in the management and disbursement of SGC Funds.
 2. Shall perform other duties as outlined in the Student Government Finance Code
 3. The Finance Chair will set and maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) weekly office hours, ten (10) of which must be in the office itself.
- C. Standing Committee or Council chairs (excluding Finance) will set and maintain a minimum of ten (10) weekly office hours, five (5) of which must be in the office itself.
- D. Paid Appointees will set and maintain a minimum of five (5) weekly office hours, three (3) of which must be in the office itself.
- E. No officer, appointed or elected, shall have any authority not specified in this document, the Bylaws of the SGC, or as may be granted to him or her by majority vote of the SGC.
- F. Officers in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours.

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ARTICLE VI Representatives

A. Qualifications of Representatives:

1. Must be a student of Florida International University and attending no less than 50 percent (50%) of his/her classes at the campus he/she represents to run for and hold office.
2. Representatives of specific schools, colleges, or class levels must be accepted students of that school, college, or class level as defined in the Bylaws. Graduate students shall be eligible to run only for President, Vice President, Finance Chair, Broward representative, graduate representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC. Law students shall be eligible to run only for President, Vice President, Finance Chair, College of Law representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC. College of Law students are ineligible to run for the graduate representative seat.
3. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document to run for or hold office. Law students may not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the College of Law Student Handbook.
4. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average, a 2.5 cumulative law school grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average and 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold their position on SGC.
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate credit hours, three (3) graduate credit hours, or seven (7) law school credit hours.
6. Representatives in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) undergraduate credit hour requirements, and the seven (7) law school credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours.
7. The housing representatives must reside in University housing on the campus where they're running to be eligible to run for and hold office.
8. May run for or hold office on only one SGC at a time.

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respective campus. The University Council may make recommendations to the administration and faculty on behalf of the entire student body, and when necessary, call for and conduct a University-wide referendum.

4. The University Council shall make necessary appointments or create ad hoc committees it deems necessary to carry out the business of the University Council.
5. The university council shall not create any standing committees.
6. The University Council shall choose the official representatives involving both GCS to lobby on behalf of student needs and interests with state and local government organizations.
7. The University Council may propose Constitutional amendments by a 3/4 vote of the University Council to become ratified in a student body election.
6. University Council may propose legislation and University-wide statutes or Bylaws consistent with this Constitution, which are necessary and proper for the general welfare of the entire student body.

C. Vacancies in the University Council

1. In the event that a seat becomes vacant on the University Council, the seat shall be filled by an alternate selected by the SGC that produced the vacancy. All appointments require simple majority vote of the members at an SGC meeting. The selected alternate shall retain his/her position on the UC until the position that produced the vacancy is filled.
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ARTICLE X Standing Committees and Cabinets

A. Standing Committees

1. Each SGC shall have the following Standing Committees:
 - Academic Affairs
 - Student Services
 - Student Union Board
 - Campus Life/Activities Board
 - Finance Committee
 - International Students Committee
2. The Chairpersons of each of the above committees must meet the qualifications of Student Government Representatives
3. The Chairperson of the International Students Committee must be an international student.
4. Each SGC can establish additional standing committees it deems necessary to carry out the business of its campus. Structure and powers of standing committees shall be delineated in the Bylaws of each SGC.

B. Selection of Committee Chairpersons

1. Standing Committee Chairpersons will be chosen through an application process and appointed by a simple majority of the entire SGC. To be eligible, all candidates will submit

- proper applications and platforms for review by the Council. A chairperson may be removed from office by a majority vote of the entire SGC.
2. Standing Committee Chairpersons will be elected by a simple majority vote by the Council at a regular meeting of the new term prior to June 15th.
 3. The vote will be secret ballot.
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C. Selection of Executive Cabinet/Staff

1. The members of the executive cabinet will be selected by the President and Vice President and approved by the Council.
2. The makeup of the cabinet and exact positions are the regard of the President and Vice President, yet shall include but are not limited to: Chief of Staff, Director of Student Lobbying, Executive Assistant, Internship Coordinator, Special Events Chair, and Athletics Coordinator.
3. There will be a permanent Director of Student Lobbying included within the cabinet.
4. An executive cabinet member may be removed from his/her position with no less than two-thirds vote of the SGC representatives. An executive cabinet member may also be removed by the SGC President if deemed necessary.

**ARTICLE XI
Removal from the SGC**

- A. The basis for removal of a SGC member shall be malfeasance, misfeasance, and/or non-feasance.
- B. SGC members may also be removed based on the guidelines established in the Florida Statues.

**ARTICLE XII
Vacancies and Succession**

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- B. Should a candidate for President running individually become ineligible to take office after an election and before the start of the term, the candidate shall be succeeded by the presidential candidate with the next highest number of votes. If a race is uncontested, then the winner of the Vice President's position shall succeed to President upon start of the term.
- C. If the office of the SGC President becomes vacant, the order of succession shall be as follows:
 1. The SGC Vice President.
 2. A person elected by a temporary election by a vote of two-thirds of the SGC members present at a meeting at which there is quorum, until a pre-scheduled mid-year special election or regular annual election, whichever comes first. Nominees must meet the qualifications of the office of President.
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Bylaws**

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**ARTICLE XVII
Employment and Remuneration**

All members of each SGC shall be entitled to compensation as follows:

- A. SGC Presidents shall receive annually an amount up to \$10,000.00, distributed bi-weekly.
- B. SGC Vice Presidents and Finance Committee Chairpersons shall receive annually an amount up to 75 percent (75%) of the President's pay, distributed bi-weekly.
- C. Other SGC Standing Committee Chairpersons shall receive annually an amount up to 35 percent (35%) of the President's pay, distributed bi-weekly.
- D. Other SGC Representatives shall receive annually an amount up to 25 percent (25%) of the President's pay, distributed bi-weekly.
- E. Salaries for other appointed or elected positions of each SGC, including such positions as State Lobbyist,

Elections Commissioner, Parliamentarian, and Secretary; shall be left to the discretion of the individual executive council of each campus, but cannot exceed the annual salary of a standing committee chairperson.

- F. Members or appointed individuals of each SGC holding more than one (1) position shall receive remuneration for only one (1) position, whichever is highest.
- G. Remuneration will be through a payroll method.
- H. Hours and wages for appointed elected positions will be distributed according to the allocation of funds to each SGC's emolument account.
- I. Each SGC shall assist in the selection, appointment, evaluation, and termination of personnel who perform professional and/or administrative functions in the SGC office. When appropriate, the SGC President and the SGC Advisor(s) will confer in the determination of job descriptions and compensation.

ARTICLE XVIII Dissolution

This Constitution will be dissolved upon the full ratification of a new Student Government Constitution.

ARTICLE XIX Ratification

Ratification of this Constitution or any other Constitution replacing this document shall be achieved through a two-thirds affirmative vote of the University Council members present and voting at a meeting at which there is a quorum, a simple majority vote of the student body voting in a University-wide election, and the approval of the President of Florida International University.

ARTICLE XX Student Judicial Board

- A. The Student Judicial Board will serve as the internal standards board of the SGA. This board will be assigned responsibilities and duties as necessary to maintain proper division of powers, while being the chief agent of interpretation of the SGA Constitution.
- B. The Judicial Board shall be composed of five (5) members and one (1) chairperson. The Judicial Chairperson will recommend nominees for these positions to the SGC for approval. The members' terms shall end on the last day of the Spring Semester. The Director of Judicial and Mediation Services or his/her designee will train the members of the student Judicial Board.
- C. Qualifications and Duties

Each Student Judicial Board Member:

1. Must be a currently enrolled student of Florida International University. Additionally, at least 50 percent of his/her current classes must be at the campus he/she represents
2. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document to run for or hold office.
3. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average or 2.0 term grade point average and 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and 2.5 term grade point average

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to run for or hold office.

4. Board members who have served on the Judicial Board for a minimum of one full semester, elected representatives and officers, or standing committee chairpersons are eligible to serve as Judicial Board Chair. Elected officials and committee chairpersons must have served a minimum 154 days in office to become eligible.
5. The Student Judicial Board will meet at least monthly or when deemed necessary by the Chair.
6. No member of the Board may hold or be a candidate for any SGC office until after the passage of at least one full semester after he/she has ceased to serve on the board.
7. The Chair shall serve as chief administrator of the Judicial Board and will not have a vote on the board.

D. Powers and Limitations

1. The Judicial Board shall be empowered to determine if actions by the SGC are within their Constitutional bounds and whether suggested Bylaws conflict with that Constitution.
2. The Board cannot take action by itself. An outside party must file a complaint for a case to be heard. The outside party eligible to file a complaint can be any FIU student, including members of the SGC.
3. A member may recuse him/herself of taking part in hearing or deciding on a complaint if he/she is an active member of the club or organization in this complaint.

E. A member or Chair may be removed from the Student Judicial Board by a two-thirds vote of the SGC.

F. The Chair shall receive annually an amount up to thirty-five percent (35%) of the President's pay, distributed bi-weekly.

ARTICLE XXI
Eligibility

Seven (7) calendar days will be given following the posting of grades for each semester to correct any deficiencies in order to meet eligibility requirements.