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## University of South Florida Student Government Senate



SB [S] 52-013

### An Act to Remove the Office of the Attorney General from Judicial Appointment Procedures

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*The intent of this legislation shall be to fully remove the Office of the Attorney General from all Judicial hiring procedures to ensure the absence of any conflict of interest in the proceedings.*

### A SENATE STATUTORY AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that the following changes be made to the Student Government Statutes:

#### Chapter 303 Standing Positions

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**303.1** The positions outlined in this chapter shall serve as permanent positions of the Executive Branch and are not subject to the proceedings of Chapter 304. The positions outlined in this Chapter shall still remain subjected to all other processes and restrictions outlined within the Constitution and Statutes, unless otherwise specified. These processes specifically include, but are not limited to, Chapter 306 and Chapter 807 of these Statutes.

#### **303.2 Chief of Staff**

**303.2.1** The Chief of Staff shall serve as the primary Advisor to the President and Vice President and assist in the management of the Executive Branch.

#### **303.3 Office of the Attorney General**

**303.3.1** The Office of the Attorney General shall act as the official legal counsel and representation of Student Government and enforcement entity of Student Government governing documents and University Policies.

**303.3.2** Officers in the Office of the Attorney General may include:

**303.3.2.1.** The Attorney General

**303.3.2.2.** The Solicitor General

**303.3.2.3.** The Deputy Attorney General

**303.3.3** No member of the Office of the Attorney General shall be involved in the hiring or appointment of any Supreme Court Justice.

### **303.4 Attorney General**

**303.4.1** The Attorney General shall be responsible for the clarification and enforcement of all Student Government Regulations and Laws. The Attorney General shall also serve as legal counsel for Student Government and the prosecutor of impeached officials in all cases before the Student Supreme Court.

**303.4.2** The Attorney General shall be responsible to:

- 303.4.2.1.** Draft legal documents on behalf of the Executive Branch and the President
- 303.4.2.2.** Provide written legal opinions for the purpose of clarifying and enforcement of statutes or any other legal documents of Student Government. Such opinions must be requested to the Office of the Attorney General in writing;
- 303.4.2.3.** Enforce and clarify all Student Government laws, rules, policies and procedures and protect the legal interests of the entity of Student Government;
- 303.4.2.4.** ~~Assist in the appointment of Student Supreme Court Justices on behalf of the Student Body President;~~
- 303.4.2.5.** Serve as legal counsel to Student Government in all matters before the Student Supreme Court;
- 303.4.2.6.** Serve as prosecutor of all cases of impeached officials before the Student Supreme Court;

**303.4.3** The Attorney General shall only be removed from his or her office by means of impeachment

### **303.5 Solicitor General**

**303.5.1** The Solicitor General shall be used as a resource to students with their knowledge of Student Government Governing Documents, University Policies, and Parking and Transportation Rules and Procedures. The Solicitor General shall serve as the defense in cases which include, but not limited to, election violation appeals on behalf of the candidates, parking and transportation appeals, and resource to any Student Government Impeached official for purposes of clarifying rules and assisting defendants in understanding trial procedures.

**303.5.2** The Solicitor General shall be responsible to:

- 303.5.2.1.** Assist in researching and clarifying statutes and other policies to students during their appeal process.
- 303.5.2.2.** Review documents upon request of the student who wish to file an appeal to the Supreme Court.
- 303.5.2.3.** Serve as legal counsel at the request of the students in all matters that may come before the Student Supreme Court which may include
  - 303.5.2.3.1.** Parking Appeals
  - 303.5.2.3.2.** ERC Candidate Appeals
  - 303.5.2.3.3.** Grievances against Student Government members
  - 303.5.2.3.4.** Impeachment Proceedings
  - 303.5.2.3.5.** Appeals of Student Government Laws, Actions, or Decisions

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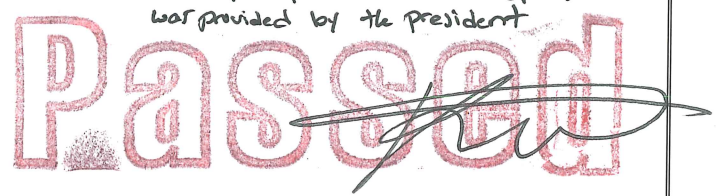
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