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## University of South Florida Student Government Senate

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Fall 2013



*The intent of these amendments are to update the referendum and election recall procedures, increase the GPA requirement of Student Government members, clarify the election of Senate Executive members, and update sections pertaining to the Judicial Branch.*

### A SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

**Be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that, after the approval of the Student Body, the following amendments be added to the end of the Student Government Constitution:**

AMENDMENT VII: Any student has the right to call for a University-Wide initiative/referendum election provided that a petition is signed by at least 5% of the USF Tampa campus student body and is submitted as outlined in statutes.

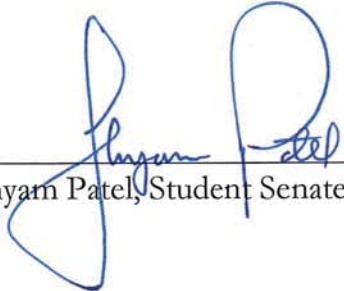
AMENDMENT VIII: Any student has the right to call for a college-specific Senatorial recall election provided that a petition signed by at least 60% of the number of students that voted for Senate within that respective college in the most recent general election in which ballots were cast is submitted as specified by Statutes. Any student has the right to call for a University-Wide Presidential recall election, provided that a petition signed by at least 60% of the total number of votes cast for president in the general election is submitted as specified by statutes.

AMENDMENT IX: The members of Student Government must maintain a 2.5 cumulative, institutional GPA. Any Student Government member serving at the time of the adoption of this language shall not be held to these criteria until the end of their respective term.

AMENDMENT X: Senators shall take their oath of office and vote for their officers, as outlined in statutes, prior to the beginning of their term, which begins the first Monday following Spring commencement.

AMENDMENT XI: The Supreme Court shall be comprised of seven (7) Justices.

AMENDMENT XII: The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over all cases, controversies, and referendums, excluding those delegated to other entities by the University Board of Trustees, involving the Student Body and Student Government Association, including the power to declare any act of the Student Government Association unconstitutional.

  
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Shyam Patel, Student Senate President

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013  
Date

  
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William Warmke, Student Body President

10/3/13  
Date

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