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University of South Florida Student Government Senate

SB [S] 54-021

Reform of Accountability and Responsibility Entrustment Act (RARE)

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The intent of this legislation is to update Title 6 to incorporate the updates and new additions to chapters.

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

600

Judicial, Senate, and Executive Committee

600.1 The purpose of the Judicial, Senate, and Executive Committee (JuSenEx) shall be to ensure open communication between the branches of Student Government and provide a forum to address general issues.

600.2 JuSenEx shall be comprised of the following members:

- 600.2.1** Student Government Advisor serving as ex-officio and chair of the committee.
- 600.2.2** Student Body President
- 600.2.3** Student Body Vice-President
- 600.2.4** Senate President
- 600.2.5** Senate President Pro-Tempore
- 600.2.6** Supreme Court Chief Justice
- 600.2.7** Supreme Court Senior Justice
- 600.2.8** Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Office Manager serving as ex-officio member

600.3 Any of the members listed above may appoint a member of their branch to sit for them should they be unable to attend the meeting.

600.4 The JuSenEx committee must approve website infrastructure changes in regards to the Student Government website.

600.5 Student Government employee pay scales and pay rates shall be determined and approved with a majority vote of JuSenEx.

~~600.4~~**600.6** Coordinate and collaborate with other Student Government branches on events and/or initiatives that are mutually agreed upon.

Chapter

602

University Wide Committees

602.1 Any USF student who seeks to join a University Wide Committee shall complete an application. The application shall be available for at least five (5) business days on the Student Government website and submitted before the application deadline set by the Student Body President. Student representatives will be chosen from the pool of applicants for each respective University Wide Committee.

~~602.1~~**602.2** Student Government reserves the right to select student membership on University Wide Committees. Such membership shall not be made in conflict with the University Charter, Policy and Procedures Manual, Student Body Constitution, Student Government Statutes, or the Committee's specific charter.

~~602.2~~**602.3** It shall be the responsibility of the Student Body President to select and, if necessary, remove a Student Representative from these committees. These appointments shall be made no later than ten business days after a vacancy for a student seat occurs.

~~602.3~~**602.4** Student Representatives shall be coordinated by the Student Body President, or his/her designee, with the Student Body President maintaining the right to remove or appoint Student Representative according to the procedure outlined in the Student Government Statutes. Should the Student Body President choose to remove a Student Representative from any committee, he or she will be required to submit a written explanation to the Chair of the Senate Committee on University, Community, and Government Affairs.

~~602.4~~**602.5** The Student Body President, or his/her designee, shall submit student representative reports to the Chair of the Senate Committee on University, Community, and Government Affairs through electronic mail at the end of each semester wherein ~~within five business days of the~~ the representative's university-wide committee ~~meeting has met~~. Failure to submit the reports ~~within five business days of the committee meeting~~ by the end of the semester will result in a written warning from the Senate University, Community, and Government Affairs Chair. Failure to submit reports within two additional business days (seven business days since the committee meeting) will result in a subpoena by the Senate Committee on University, Community, and Government Affairs. Both disciplinary actions shall be perused at the discretion of the chair.

Chapter

603

Personnel Policy Board

- 603.1 The purpose of this chapter is to define the composition and duties of the Student Government Personnel Policy Board, hereafter referred to as the PPB.
- 603.2 The PPB shall act as a formal appeals board for any Student Government Employee who feels their ~~his or her~~ employment has been terminated without justifiable cause.
- 603.3 “Justifiable Cause” shall, for purposes of this chapter, refer to reasons for termination consistent with State or Federal Law regarding termination of employees.
- 603.4 The PPB shall be comprised of the following members:
- 603.4.1 The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair
 - ~~603.4.2 Student Body Vice-President~~ Attorney General
 - ~~603.4.2~~ Solicitor General
 - ~~603.4.3~~ Senior Justice of the Supreme Court
 - ~~603.4.4~~ Ranking Justice of the Supreme Court
 - ~~603.4.5~~ Senate President Pro Tempore
 - ~~603.4.6~~ Two (2) Senators chosen by election
 - ~~603.4.2.1~~ 603.4.6.1. The Senators must not be the sponsors of impeachment, on the impeachment committee, or on the judicial review committee of the individual in question
 - ~~603.4.2.2~~ 603.4.6.2. If the PPB is convened while the Senate is not in session, the two Senators shall be appointed by the Senate President.
 - ~~603.4.3~~ Executive Branch Chief of Staff
 - ~~603.4.4~~ 603.4.7 A member from Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations other than the Director as ex officio non-voting member ~~Advisor~~
- 603.5 The PPB shall convene after a terminated employee files an official complaint of termination without justifiable cause to the Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Director. The terminated employee shall include any evidence with their complaint. The appealing employee shall have the burden of proof to show there was a lack of justifiable cause in their termination. Senate President Pro Tempore, and he or she finds the complaint valid.
- 603.6 The Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Director ~~Senate President Pro Tempore~~ shall timestamp the official complaint of termination without justifiable cause and evidence to create a hard copy for filing. investigate the matter to the best of his or her ability for validity, and he or she shall question the accused and the accusing party.

~~603.7~~ The appealing employee shall have the burden of proof to show there was a lack of justifiable cause in his or her termination.

~~603.7~~ The Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Director shall ~~If the Senate President Pro Tempore feels the employee was not terminated with justifiable cause, he or she shall~~ immediately ~~inform~~ notify the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair via email that an official complaint of termination without justifiable cause was submitted.

~~603.8~~ The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair shall convene the PPB within ten (10) business days after receiving the official complaint ~~of termination without justifiable cause~~ from the Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Director.

~~603.9~~ The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair shall be responsible for notifying the affected branch, agency, or bureau, the employee who filed the complaint, and the members of the PPB of the time, date, and location of the meeting at least two (2) business days in advance, ~~who shall convene the PPB within ten (10) business days after his or her preliminary investigation. The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair shall be responsible for informing the affected agency, employee, and the PPB members of the meeting date, time, and location of the PPB at least two (2) business days before the meeting.~~

~~603.8~~603.10 Once the PPB convenes, the procedure for appeal shall be as follows:

~~603.8.1~~603.10.1 The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ethics Chair shall chair the meeting and vote only in the event of a tie.

~~603.10.2~~ The affected employee shall have up to a ten (10) minute period to state ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ reasons for filing the appeal.

~~603.8.2~~ ~~The affected employee will enter a period of question and answer from the board. ; followed by a discretionary period of questioning from the board.~~

~~603.10.3~~ The affected employer shall have up to a ten minute period to state his or her reasons for termination

~~603.8.3~~603.10.4 The affected employer will enter a period of question and answer from the board, ~~followed by a discretionary period of questions from the board.~~

~~603.10.5~~ The board shall then deliberate on its decision, and then vote.

~~603.8.4~~603.10.6 The board shall announce the decision to both parties within two (2) business days once the decision is reached with a majority vote.

Chapter

605

~~Branch Campuses~~ Student Memorial Committee

605.1 The purpose of the Student Memorial Committee shall be to plan the student memorial ceremonies, determine the eligibility of names to be placed on the memorial, and recommend any maintenance needed.

605.2 The Student Memorial Committee shall be composed of the following members:

~~604.1.1~~ 604.2.1 The Student Government Advising, Training, and Operations Director or designee as non-voting ex-officio chair.

604.2.2 Two (2) members of the Executive Branch appointed by the Student Body President.

604.2.3 Two (2) members of the Legislative Branch appointed by the Senate President.

604.2.4 One (1) member of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Justice.

604.2.5 The Dean for Students or designee

604.2.6 The Dean for Undergraduate Studies or designee

605.3 The Student Memorial Committee shall determine the eligibility of students in the following process:

604.3.1 Names of students shall be received from the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Dean for Students Office, or Office of Graduate Studies.

604.3.2 A&S students paying fees who have passed away during the semester they are enrolled in and/or the following semester are entitled to their name on the student memorial.

604.3.3 Students who have passed away while serving in any branch of the military and currently enrolled shall be entitled to have their name on the student memorial.

604.3.4 Members of the USF community who have passed away during University related activities.

604.3.5 In the case of extraordinary circumstances the committee may choose to deviate from the above mentioned requirements.

605.4 The recommended maintenance shall be determined by Physical Plant, Committee members, or students. The committee shall analyze the recommendations to factor in cost and feasibility.

605.5 The Student Memorial committee shall be responsible for planning the student memorial ceremony in the following manner:

604.5.1 A ceremony shall be held at least once a year

604.5.2 Contact the appropriate parties of those who have passed away

604.5.3 Plan the logistics of the ceremony

604.5.4 Any additional duties needed to complete the student memorial ceremony

~~605.2—Students of Branch Campuses shall be afforded the same rights and privileges of any student at the University of South Florida, Tampa Campus.~~

~~605.3—Consistent with State Law, the University Board of Trustees may establish a Student Government on any Branch Campus.~~

~~605.4—Each Student Government shall be organized and maintained by students and shall be composed of at least a Student Body President, a Student Legislative Body, and a Student Judiciary. The Student Government at each Branch Campus shall determine its own internal rules and policies.~~

~~605.5—The Student Government of the Tampa Campus recognized the following Branch Campus Student Governments:~~

~~605.4.1—The Student Government of the Sarasota-Manatee Campus~~

~~605.4.2—The Student Government of the St. Petersburg Campus~~

Chapter

606

Student Government Programming Council

606.1 The purpose of the Student Government Programming Council (SG Programming Council) shall be to have representation of all Student Government entities in the programming of SG-wide events.

606.2 The SG Programming Council shall be comprised of:

606.2.1 At least 2 members of the Executive Branch appointed by the Student Body President

606.2.2 At least 2 members of the Legislative Branch appointed by the Senate President

606.2.3 2 members of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Justice

~~**606.2.4** 1 member of Student Government Computer Services appointed by the agency director~~

~~**606.2.5** 1 member of SAFE Team appointed by the agency director~~

~~**606.2.6** 1 member of Bulls Radio appointed by the agency director~~

~~**606.2.7**~~**606.2.4** Student Government Advising, Training and Operations Director or his or her designee. (ex officio, non-voting)

606.3 The formation of the Programing Council shall be determined by a majority vote of JuSenEx no earlier than the approval of the Executive Branch Structure and no later than the last Friday in June.

606.4 All appointments shall be made by the close of business ~~on the last Friday of the month of June~~ to the Director of SGATO the next business day after the SG Programming Council has been formed.

606.5 The Director of SGATO shall call the first meeting of the SG Programming Council to order within five (5) business days of formation ~~by the close of business of the first Friday in the month of July to order~~ for the purposes of electing a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

606.6 The SG Programming Council may also assign or elect Project Team Leaders for particular events at the discretion of the committee. ~~'s SOPs.~~

~~**606.7** The SG Programming Council's SOPs shall be passed by the close of the committee's third meeting.~~

~~**606.8**~~**606.7** The SG Programming Council shall plan and organize the following SG-wide events:

606.7.1 Student Government Inauguration

606.7.2 The SG ~~Holiday Party~~ Fall and Spring Social

~~**606.7.1**~~**606.7.3** The SG Holiday Party

~~**606.7.2**~~**606.7.4** The SG End of the Year Banquet

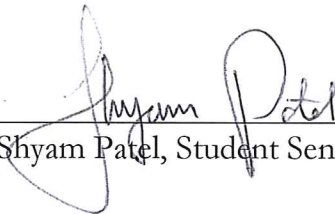
~~Any philanthropic team events~~

~~606.7.3~~ 606.7.5 Any collaborative and/or team event

~~606.7.4~~ 606.7.6 Any Intramural SG Teams registered with Campus Recreation

~~606.9~~ The SG Programming Council shall advise and assist SGATO with the organization and planning of the Student Government PLUNGE retreat.




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