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University of South Florida Student Government Senate

SB [S] 55-014
Extending Time for the Declaratory
Judgment Panel
55th Term
Fall 2014



*The intent of this legislation is to appropriate reasonably extended time for the Declaratory
Judgment Panel to convene.*

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

504

Declaratory Judgment Panel¹

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- 504.1** The purpose of the Declaratory Judgment Panel, hereafter referred to as the “Panel”, shall be to offer a conclusive and legally binding opinion, with regard to the clarification of Student Government Statutes, which may not take into account circumstances specific to the request, nor mandate any further action to be taken.
- 504.2** The Declaratory Judgment Panel shall be comprised of the following members:
- 504.2.1** The Chief Justice
 - 504.2.2** Two Justices elected by the Supreme Court to serve for the remainder of the Student Government term.
 - 504.2.2.1** Should a Justice no longer be able to serve on the aforementioned Panel, the Court shall elect another Justice to fill the position at the next scheduled meeting.
 - 504.2.2.2** Any Justice on the Panel, excluding the Chief Justice, may be brought up for a vote of confidence by a supermajority vote of the Supreme Court.

¹ SB [S] 52-005 adds this chapter

504.3 Should a Justice be removed from office or resign, the Supreme Court shall elect another Justice to fill the position as defined in the Supreme Court Rules of Procedure.

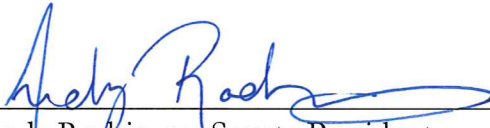
504.4 Only Officers of Student Government may make a request for Declaratory Judgment.

| 504.5 The Panel must meet within five (5) ~~two (2)~~ business days of a request being made.

504.6 The opinion of the Panel may be appealed to the entire Court and must be heard within five (5) business days.

504.7 In the event that the Supreme Court should not meet the minimum required number of appointed Justices to satisfy the statutorily prescribed quorum, the Declaratory Judgment process may not be utilized.

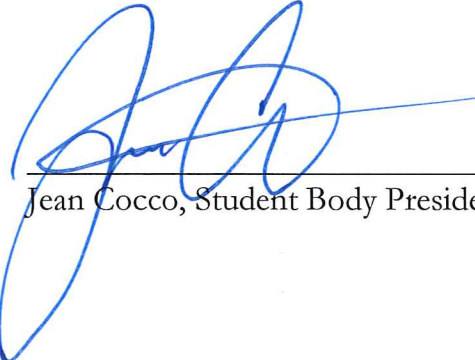




Andy Rodriguez, Senate President

9/10/14

Date



Jean Cocco, Student Body President & Trustee

9/22/14

Date

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