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1		SB-03F-1717: Changes to SG Scholarship Polices and Procedures
2 3	Whereas:	The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student concerns in all University wide matters;
4 5 6 7	Whereas:	The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the Student Body of the University of North Florida;
8 9	Whereas:	Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by the Student Senate;
10	Whereas:	The Scholarship Policies and Procedures is in need of revision and simplification;
11 12	Whereas:	The Student Senate's responsibility is to make our statutes proper for the needs of our students;
13 14	Whereas:	Within these policies is a change in the scholarship amount for Senate and Judicial Scholarships;
15 16	Whereas:	Within these policies is codifying the ability for the Scholarship Committee to create, maintain, or change scholarships;
17	Whereas:	Attached to this legislation is the proposed amended and updated copy;
18 19 20	Therefore:	Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government that the proposed revisions are made into the Student Government Scholarship Policies and Procedures.
Senate Action Executive Action Respectfully Submitted: Senator Charles R. Jordan Let it be known that SB-03F-1717 is hereby Introduced by: Senator Charles R. Jordan		

Senate Action: <u>15:9:0</u> Date: <u>October 2, 2003</u> ned, <u>Charles R. Jordan</u> *Charles R. Jordan, Student Senate President* PASSED (VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED on this 10 day of October 2003 Signed, Jerry Watterson Jerry Watterson, Student Body President

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- I. Purpose and Responsibility
 - A. To serve as the procedures and regulations regarding the selection, allocation, and award process of all monies provided by Student Government in the form of scholarships, grants, or awards from the SG Scholarship Account.
 - B. Authority to use these funds for scholarships is found in Florida Statute 1011.43, which states as follows:

"1011.43 Investment of university agency and activity funds; earnings used for scholarships.--Each university is authorized to invest available agency and activity funds and to use the earnings from such investments for student scholarships and loans. The university board of trustees shall provide procedures for the administration of these scholarships and loans by rules."

- C. Fiduciary Responsibility for Student Government Scholarships shall reside with the Vice President for Student Affairs in order to provide continuity, legitimacy, and responsibility to the scholarship program. Final decisions and budget authority for SG Scholarships shall rest with the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- II. Senate and Judicial Scholarships
 - A. Members of the SG Senate and the SG Office of the Judiciary shall receive a \$500 SG scholarship for holding office for a full year in good standing. The Senate President shall be ineligible to receive this scholarship.
 - B. The Senate President shall be responsible for forwarding lists of eligible senators to the Student Body President for verification and forwarding to the SG Comptroller.
 - C. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for forwarding lists of eligible justices to the Student Body President for verification and forwarding to the SG Comptroller.
- III. Executive and Legislative Leadership Scholarship
 - A. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Senate President shall receive SG Scholarships not to exceed the number of hours

enrolled and up to 15 credit hours of tuition during the fall, spring, and/or summer term in which they hold their respective offices.

- B. In the event that the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, or Senate President is impeached, removed, or resigns from office, that individual shall forfeit any future scholarship allotments.
- C. The Executive and Legislative Leadership Scholarships shall be awarded prior to the start of each semester for pending purposes; However, the individuals' schedules must be confirmed after the add/drop period to ensure the correct amount was awarded. If monies in excess of the correct amount were awarded, a University hold shall be placed on that student's records until payment of the excess amount is repaid in full.
- D. In the event that the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, or Senate President does not receive credit for a class, due to a failing grade, that individual shall repay the entire scholarship allotment related to that class.
- E. Out-of-state students shall be eligible to receive a scholarship in the amount of the full in-state tuition only, and must cover the balance. Classes taken for a third time or students being charged for excess credit hours shall not be covered by this scholarship.
- IV. Student Government Scholarships
 - A. Any scholarship, grant, or award funded from the SG Scholarship account must only be allocated through the review and approval of the SG Scholarship Committee.
 - B. The Scholarship Committee shall have the ability to create, change, or delete scholarships, so long as those scholarships meet the criteria presented in these policies.
 - C. The SG Comptroller shall make recommendations to the committee regarding the projected interest revenue, which drives the overall scholarship budget. The Committee shall then determine the number of scholarships, the amount of each scholarship, and the number of awards per scholarship each semester or as they see fit in accordance with the consensus figure established by the SG Comptroller and SG Scholarship Committee.
 - D. The SG Scholarship Committee shall not allocate more money then the amount which is to be predetermined based on the amount of interest generated from the Fund Balance for that fiscal year.

- E. The SG Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - 1. Student Body President or designee
 - 2. Student Body Vice President or designee
 - 3. Senate President or designee
 - 4. Student Government Advisor
 - 5. A representative of the Office of Financial Aid
 - 6. SG Comptroller, who shall serve as a non-voting member of the Committee in the capacity of Chair.