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## Senate Bill SB-05S-1895 Title X - Code of Ethics

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# SENATE LEGISLATION

## SB-05S-1895

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### *SB-05S-1895: Title X: Code of Ethics*

2   Whereas:     The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent  
3                    student concerns in all University wide matters, and;

4   Whereas:     The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student  
5                    Government given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are  
6                    necessary and proper for the Student Body of the University of North Florida;

7   Whereas:     Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by  
8                    Student Senate;

9   Whereas:     The Constitution and Statutes Committee is responsible for making revisions to the  
10                  Student Government Constitution and Statutes as needed, and;

11   Whereas:    Title X is in need of revision;

12   Whereas:    The current Title X: Code of Ethics is vague, outdated, and lacking many of the values  
13                  and ethics that the current Student Government strives to follow;

14   **Therefore:    Let it be enacted, that the following changes be made to Title X:**

15                  **Chapter 1000 Rights**

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17                  1000.1 Student's Rights

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19                    A.     Freedom of Speech

20                      1.   No branch of the Student Government of the University of  
21                            North Florida shall hinder nor restrict any students freedom of  
22                            speech as provided by Senate Policies and Procedures

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24                    B.     Freedom of peaceful assembly and association

25                      1.   No branch of the Student Government shall restrict any students  
26                            right to peacefully assemble and freely associate during the open  
27                            meetings of Student Government as long as decorum is  
28                            maintained and in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of  
29                            the branch holding said meeting

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C. Freedom of press

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1. No branch of the Student Government shall censor the student media of the University of North Florida.

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D. Right to information

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1. Every Student shall be able to attend all open meetings of Student Government

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E. Due Process

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### **Chapter 1001 Code of Ethics**

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#### 1001.1 Definitions for the Standards of Conduct

- A. Benefit - gain or advantage, or anything regarded by the person to be benefited as a gain or advantage, including the doing of the act beneficial to any person in whose welfare (s)he is interested.

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- 2 B. Conflict or Conflict of Interest - a situation in which regard for a
- 3 private interest tends to lead to a disregard of a public duty or
- 4 interest.
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- 6 ~~C. Corruption — an action done with a wrongful intent and for the~~
- 7 ~~purpose of obtaining, or compensating or receiving compensation~~
- 8 ~~for, any benefit resulting from some act or omission of a public~~
- 9 ~~servant, which is inconsistent with the proper performance of~~
- 10 ~~his/her public duties.~~
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- 12 D. Student Government Officer or Employee - any officer, agent or
- 13 employee of the Student Government whether elected or appointed,
- 14 including but not limited to, any executive, legislative, or judicial
- 15 officer.
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20 1001.2 Standards of Conduct

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- 22 A. Conflict of Interest:
- 23 Any officer or employee of the Student Government that participates
- 24 in any private business, professional activity, or group which would
- 25 receive a financial benefit from any legislation that is presented
- 26 before Student Government, shall be required to abstain from voting
- 27 on any aspect of said legislation. The only exceptions being wherein
- 28 the entire voting body would be affected by said legislation or when
- 29 salariied officers are voting on final passing of the budget.
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- 32 B. Misuse of the Student Government Property:
- 33 No officer or employee shall use or allow the use of Student
- 34 Government property, facilities, and vehicles with total disregard for
- 35 their intended use and unnecessarily shortens its expected useful
- 36 lifespan.
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- C. Unlawful Compensation:  
No Senator, executive cabinet member, justice, or employee paid with A&S Fee's shall accept any form of compensation, monetary or otherwise, for help passing legislation, amending rules, receiving funding, or otherwise coming to an official decision.
- D. Inducing to Act:  
No officer or employee of the Student Government shall aid, advise, procure, or in any way induce another to act in violation of this chapter.
- E. No officer or employee of the Student Government shall cover up evidence or misrepresent a fact pertaining to a violation.
- F. No Justice shall allow personal interest to influence a vote.

### Chapter 1002 Anti-Discrimination Policy

- 1002.1 Discrimination shall be defined as the differential treatment of a student or student group solely on the basis of his or her race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status, disability, or any combination thereof.  
~~Discrimination shall further be defined as the denial of due process or the infringement of rights of any student.~~
- 1002.2 No Student Government officer, employee, Branch, Agency, registered student organization, or any entity which receives any Student Government funding shall practice discrimination as defined in 1002.1 of the Student Government Statutes.

#### STUDENT SENATE ACTION

Respectfully Submitted: Constitution and Statutes Committee  
 Introduced by: Senator Blair Mitchelson  
 Senate Action: 20-5-0  
 Date: 6/6/2005  
 Signed, **Matthew Schmitt**  
*Matthew Schmitt, Student Senate President*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION

Let it be known that SB-05S-1895 is hereby  
**PASSED** / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED  
 on this 13 day of June, 2005  
 Signed, **Thomas J. Foran III**  
*Tom Foran, Student Body President*