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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: Student Government is responsible for revising and updating the bylaws from time to time
5 and;

6 Whereas: The Senate is the appropriate body charged with approve such revisions, and;
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8 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by
9 Student Senate;

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11 Whereas: Title III is currently incomplete and in need of minor revisions;

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14 Whereas: The following changes will be made to Title III

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TITLE III: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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Chapter 300: Authority of the Executive Branch

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21 300.1 The power of entities within the Executive Branch is derived from the
22 Student Government President's constitutional investiture of
23 the executive powers of Student Government.

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25 A. The Executive Branch shall be the administrative arm of Student
26 Government.

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28 B. The Executive Branch shall be responsible for the enforcement and
29 execution of the Student Government Statutes.

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31 C. The Executive Branch shall be responsible for the planning and
32 execution of programs, projects, and services provided to the
33 students through Student Government.

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2 D. The Executive Branch shall be responsible for researching and
3 developing programs to enhance the health, education, safety,
4 and welfare of the Student Body of the University of
5 North Florida.

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7 E. The Student Body President shall address the student body using the
8 most popular media forum at least once every Fall and Spring
9 semesters respectively.

Chapter 301: Composition of the Executive Branch

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13 301.1 The Executive Branch shall be composed of:

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16 A. President
17 B. Vice President
18 C. Student Government Treasurer
19 D. Student Government Attorney General
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21 E. Student Government ~~Deputy General~~ Student Advocate
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23 F. Other Cabinet offices that the President deems necessary
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Chapter 302: The Executive Office

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29 302.1 The Executive Office derives its authority from the Student Government
30 President and has no authorization, power or authority to act unless
31 specifically granted by the President or Vice President.

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33 302.2 The President has sole power of appointment within the Executive Office
34 and may dismiss at his/her discretion, any appointment at any time with the
35 exception of Student Government Treasurer and Attorney General.

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37 302.3 Administrative Authority



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- 2 A. The President may organize the Executive Office, as he/she deems
- 3 necessary and proper within the limits imposed upon him/her by the
- 4 Student Government Constitution and Statutes.
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- 6 B. If a new administration support office or position is created, the
- 7 President must notify the Senate President in writing, immediately, of
- 8 its creation.
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11 **Chapter 303: The Executive Cabinet**

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- 13 303.1 There shall be an Executive Cabinet to advise the Student Government
- 14 President and Vice President on general matters and to assist in the
- 15 coordination of the Executive Branch.
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- 17 303.2 The Director of each administrative support office shall serve as members
- 18 of the Executive Cabinet.
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- 20 303.3 The Executive Cabinet shall meet on a regular basis no less than once every
- 21 thirty-one (31) days during the fall and spring semesters. Minutes of these
- 22 meetings will be recorded and kept on record.
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- 24 303.4 The Executive Cabinet is the Executive Branch's Senior Advisory Body. It
- 25 may not, however, issue any binding resolution or act.
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- 27 303.5 The President serves as the Chairperson of the Cabinet. If he/she is unable
- 28 to do so, the Student Government Vice President will assume the role.
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- 30 303.6 Individuals holding Cabinet level status may be referred to hereinafter as
- 31 "Executive Cabinet Members, Executive Cabinet Officers" or "Executive
- 32 Cabinet Directors."
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- 34 303.7 Suggested Executive Cabinet positions are as follows:
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- 36 A. Chief of Staff
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1. The Chief of Staff would be responsible for the effective operation of the executive office, and execution of discretionary programs or projects for the Executive Office.
2. The Chief of Staff would be responsible for screening of Executive Cabinet applicants, as well as oversee and work with the Vice President to manage the Executive Cabinet and it's offices, as well as work to create policy concerning the Executive Branch.

~~B. Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate~~

- ~~1. The Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate would be responsible for representing the interests of the Student Body, as expressed through the President, to the faculty and administration on all major academic related programs or initiatives of the University.~~
- ~~2. The Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate would serve as the Student Ombuds Officer through the Student Government to assist Students with problems concerning academics or the administration.~~
- ~~3. The Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate would be responsible for researching and developing programs for the President that improve the University of North Florida campus and affect students on a daily basis.~~
- ~~4. The Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate shall be responsible for providing defense counsel to all parties accused of election code violations, barring a conflict of interest.~~

C. Student Lobbyist Director of Governmental Affairs



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1. The Student-Lobbyist Director of Governmental Affairs would be responsible for advising the Executive Office of all matters pertaining to the Florida Legislature and the United States Congress.

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2. The Student-Lobbyist Director of Governmental Affairs would be responsible for representing the interests of the student body, as articulated by the President, to the University Board of Trustees, the Florida Board of Governors, the Florida Board of Education, the State Legislature, and the United States Congress when appropriate.

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D. ~~Public Relations Director~~ Director of Public Relations

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1. The ~~Public Relations Director~~ Director of Public Relations would be responsible for providing the Executive Office information and ideas for publicizing the activities of the Student Government.

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Chapter 304: Student Government Treasurer

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304.1 The Student Government Treasurer is responsible for ensuring financial accountability and serving as the executive liaison to the student body on all matters pertaining to Activity and Service Fee monies.

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304.2 The duties of the Treasurer include:

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- A. Assist the Student Government Accountant and Student Government Budget Business Manager in auditing all Activity and Service Fee accounts.
- B. Report all Activity and Service Fee account errors, inappropriate expenditures, and other activities that are in violation of state, local, or Student Government rules or regulations to the Senate Budget and Allocation Committee and Student Senate.
- C. Advise all entities that request Activity and Service Fee money on all state, local, and Student Government rules and procedures.
- D. Enforce all policies and regulations set forth in the Title VIII of the University of North Florida Student Government Constitution and Statutes.
- E. Enforce all restricted expenditures and provisional language of the Activity and Service Fee Budget.
- F. Shall attend Club Alliance meetings and serve as the activity and service fee advisor to all the chief financial officer to clubs and organizations.

304.3 The Student Government Treasurer is appointed by the Student Government President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate.

Chapter 305: Student Government Attorney General

305.1 The Student Government Attorney General is the chief legal representative of the prosecutor for Student Government.

305.2 The duties of the Attorney General:

- A. The Attorney General is responsible for issuing, upon receipt of a written request by any member of Student Government, an interception of any questions relating to the Student Government



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2 Constitution or Statutes. The Attorney General's interception is
3 binding unless negated upon appeal to the office of the Judiciary.

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5 B. The Attorney General may give both solicited and unsolicited legal
6 advice to any member of Student government at any time.

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8 C. During an election, the Attorney General shall act as an advisor to
9 the Supervisor of Elections Supervisor and also act as chief
10 prosecutor of all allegations of Election Code violations.

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12 B. The Attorney General is responsible for periodically reviewing the
13 Constitution and Statues for mistakes, conflicts or contradictions
14 subject to the approval of the Constitution and Statues Committee.

15 305.3 The Student Government Attorney General is appointed by the Student
16 Government President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate.

17 18 19 **Chapter 306: ~~Deputy Attorney General~~ Student Advocate**

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22 ~~306.1 The Student Government Deputy Attorney General is responsible for~~
23 ~~assisting the Attorney General.~~

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25 ~~306.2 The duties of the Deputy Attorney General shall be:~~

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27 ~~A. In the absence or vacancy of the Attorney General, the Deputy~~
28 ~~Attorney General shall exercise the duties of the Attorney General.~~

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30 ~~B. The Deputy Attorney General shall be the liaison between any A&S~~
31 ~~fee paying student seeking legal interpretation of any part of SG~~
32 ~~Constitution and Statutes and the Attorney General.~~

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34 ~~C. The Student Government Deputy Attorney General shall be~~
35 ~~responsible for other duties as outlined in Statues.~~
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4. ~~The Peer Student Advocate Student Advocate shall be responsible for providing defense counsel to all parties accused of election code violations, barring a conflict of interest.~~

5. ~~The Student Advocate is appointed by the Student Government President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate.~~

Chapter 307: Presidential Appointment and Dismissal Powers

307.1 Candidate Search

A. No position requiring Student Senate confirmation may be filled until the position has been advertised.



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2 B. Advertisements must run, in a widely distributed print media
3 forum, at least once during the candidate search time period.
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307.2 Executive Officer Positions

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7 A. The President shall appoint all Executive Cabinet Officers as defined
8 in 303.6.
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- 10 B. Any individual appointed to a Cabinet level position as indicated in
11 the Student Government Constitution and Statutes shall require
12 confirmation by the Student Senate.
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- 14 C. The President may appoint an Acting Executive Cabinet Officer who
15 shall serve in the role, and will receive compensation until a nominee
16 can be forwarded to the Student Senate. Acting Executive Cabinet
17 Officers may not serve longer than one month without confirmation.
18 The President must report any Acting Cabinet Officer's first official
19 day of work to the Senate President.
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- 21 D. Individuals may serve as an Acting Executive Cabinet Director until
22 the next scheduled Senate Meeting, unless the person in question is
23 unable to attend the next Senate Meeting due to extraordinary
24 circumstances.
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- 26 E. The President-elect shall have the power to designate the Executive
27 Cabinet nominees for his/her administration.
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- 29 1. Upon installation of the Student Government President-elect,
30 Executive Cabinet Officer nominees shall assume all the
31 duties, responsibilities, rights, and compensation incumbent
32 with the position for up to one (1) month, pending Senate
33 confirmation.
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- 35 2. The nominees must be confirmed by a majority vote of the
36 Student Senate.
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3. The confirmed nominee shall then be referred to as the
"designee"
(i.e. Chief of Staff designate).

4. The terms of all Executive Office nominees/designees shall
end with
the term of the Student Government President who
appointed them.

5. The Student Government President may dismiss any
nominee/designee to the Executive Office at his/her
discretion.

Chapter 308: Vacancy in the Office of Vice President

308.1 Vice President Vacancy

A. The Student Government President shall forward a name to the Student
Senate for confirmation.

B. A majority vote of the Student Senate is required for confirmation.

Chapter 309: Executive Transition Period

309.1 The Transition Period begins upon the validation of election results by the
Senate and concludes after the first Senate meeting of the term.

309.2 During this transition period, the outgoing administration must transfer all
records and files regarding Student Government to the newly elected
administration.

309.3 The incoming and outgoing administrations shall share all office space
allocated to the executive branch for purposes of conducting business
relating to the transition.



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309.4 All signature authority for Student Government shall be automatically transferred upon the swearing-in of the new administration.

309.5 The swearing-in of the new administration must be held within fifteen (15) business days after the final elections complaint has been resolved.

Chapter 310: External Affiliations

310.1 The President shall be responsible for leading the UNF delegation to the Florida Student Association (FSA) and will either serve as the UNF representative on the FSA Board of Directors or will appoint a designee to do so.

310.2 The President shall serve as the primary Student Government representative to community organizations including, but not limited to, the Student Alliance of Jacksonville.

Therefore: Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government, that the following changes to Title III be made effective immediately.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Constitution and Statutes Committee

Introduced by: Senator Nathaniel Fritz

Senate Action: Unanimous Consent

Date: 9/27/10

Signed, Mack Volk

Mack Volk, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-10F-2433 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 04 day of 10, 2010.

Signed, Sitou Byll-Cataria

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