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- 2   Whereas:     The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student  
3                   concerns in all University-wide matters; and
- 4   Whereas:     The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government  
5                   give the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the  
6                   Student Body of the University of North Florida; and
- 7   Whereas:     Legislation proposing friendly amendments to the Student Government Constitution shall originate  
8                   in the Student Senate and upon unanimous consent, be forwarded to the Student Body President and  
9                   Judicial Council for unanimous approval; and
- 10   Whereas     In an effort to maintain consistency between the governing documents it is necessary to update the  
11                 Constitution; and
- 12   Therefore:    The following friendly amendments are being proposed to the Student Government Constitution;

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of North Florida, in order that we may maintain the benefits of constitutional liberty and may create a representative government through which the individual student voice can be heard, and which students can actively participate in this University by promoting cooperation among the Student Body, Faculty, and Administration, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Student Government of the University of North Florida.

### ARTICLE I: THE ORGANIZATION

#### Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government of the University of North Florida; hereinafter referred to as Student Government.

#### Section 2: Branches of Government

The powers of this Government shall be divided into legislative, executive and judicial branches. No person belonging to one branch shall exercise any powers appertaining to either of the other branches unless expressly provided herein.

#### Section 3: Purpose



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2 The purpose of this Government shall be to represent student concerns in all University-wide  
3 matters while developing and promoting programs and activities of practical value and interest to  
4 students. This shall include but not be limited to the following:

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- 6 A. The allocation of the Activity and Service Fee Budget.
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- 8 B. The evaluation and establishment of student programs,
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- 10 C. The support and development of student activities, clubs and organizations,  
11 publications, and services, and
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- 13 D. The representation of concerns for student morale, welfare, responsibility, and  
14 integrity.
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- 16 E. Other activities as may pertain directly to students
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### ARTICLE II: THE LEGISLATURE

#### Section 1: Composition

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23 The Legislative Powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the Senate, hereinafter  
24 referred to as the Senate, which shall consist of 52 senators.

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#### Section 2: Terms and Qualifications of Senators

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- 28 A. Elected Senators: Elected Senators shall be elected for terms of one (1) year, and  
29 shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) terms.
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- 31 B. Appointed Senators: If a vacancy occurs, the Senate may appoint a substitute to  
32 serve for the remainder of the term as prescribed by law, but subject to the  
33 restrictions enumerated in Section 64B of this Article.
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- 35 C. Qualifications: Every Senator must be an A&S Fee paying student, enrolled in at  
36 least one (1) class during both the Fall and Spring semesters at the University of  
37 North Florida and maintaining a 2.25 GPA or higher unless one has attended the  
38 University of North Florida for less than one (1) semester. Senators may continue to  
39 serve during the summer semester without being enrolled in a class as long as they  
40 are still considered students by the University of North Florida.



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3 **Section 3: Senate Officers:**  
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5 The Senate shall choose its officers, which shall include a permanent presiding officer selected  
6 annually from its membership, who shall be designated as the Senate President. The Senate shall also  
7 annually select from its membership a Senate President Pro-Tempore, who shall assume the duties  
8 of presiding officer in the Senate President's absence. All other duties and requirements of the  
9 aforementioned officers, and/or creation of additional Senate officers shall be prescribed by law.  
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11 **Section 4: Apportionment**  
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13 A. General Apportionment: The Senate shall consist of fifty-two (52) seats, numbered  
14 one (1) through fifty-two (52), with one (1) senator occupying each seat.  
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16 B. Special Provisions

- 17 1.  
18 2. Seat number forty one (41) can only be occupied by a qualified graduate  
19 student.  
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21 3. Seat number forty-two (42) can only be occupied by a qualified graduate  
22 student.  
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24 4. Seat number forty-three (43) can only be occupied by a qualified student  
25 from the College of Arts and Sciences.  
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27 5. Seat number forty-four (44) can only be occupied by a qualified student from  
28 the College of Arts and Sciences.  
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30 6. Seat number forty-five (45) can only be occupied by a qualified student from  
31 the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction.  
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33 7. Seat number forty-six (46) can only be occupied by a qualified student from  
34 the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction.  
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36 8. Seat number forty-seven (47) can only be occupied by a qualified student  
37 from the Brooks College of Health.  
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39 9. Seat number forty-eight (48) can only be occupied by a qualified student  
40 from the Brooks College of Health.



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10. Seat number forty-nine (49) can only be occupied by a qualified student from the Coggin College of Business.
11. Seat number fifty (50) can only be occupied by a qualified student from the Coggin College of Business.
12. Seat number fifty-one (51) can only be occupied by a qualified student from the College of Education and Human Services.
13. Seat number fifty-two (52) can only be occupied by a qualified student from the College of Education and Human services.
14. Seats numbers one (1) through forty (40) are open to all students qualified under section 2C of this Article.

### Section 5: Meetings of the Senate

- A. Organizational Meeting: Within one (1) calendar month of each general election, the Senate shall convene for the purpose of organization and selection of officers as prescribed by law.
- B. Regular Meeting: A regular meeting of Senate shall convene during each academic semester a minimum of two (2) times each thirty-one (31) day period, excluding the last week of each semester. The Senate can waive this requirement, for only one (1) meeting per semester, by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- C. Special Meeting: The President, by written proclamation, presented to the Senate President, stating a legitimate purpose, may convene, forty-eight (48) hours after the presentation, the Senate in special meeting during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from the President, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate. The President's power to convene the Senate may be prevented only upon a petition of one-half of the Senate's membership. The Senate's power of prevention cannot be general in nature and must apply only to the President's respective proclamation and order to convene.

### Section 6: Definition of Legislation



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- 2 A. Bills: Bills shall be legislative proposals to appropriate monies, approve  
3 Constitutional amendments and revisions, and adopt statutory amendments and  
4 revisions, and other binding acts.  
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6 B. Joint Resolutions: Joint Resolutions shall be resolutions stating the will of Student  
7 Government.  
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9 C. Simple Resolutions: Simple Resolutions shall be the formal expression of the opinion  
10 of the Senate or the legislative vehicle used for the internal regulation of the  
11 senatorial policies and procedures.  
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### Section 7: Passage of Legislation

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14 A. The origination of legislation in Senate shall be prescribed by law.  
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16 B. The passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions shall be governed pursuant to Section 8 of  
17 this Article.  
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19 C. The passage of Simple Resolutions that only express the official opinion of the  
20 Senate shall require a majority vote and are not subject to the Executive Veto power  
21 outlined in Section 8 of this Article.  
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23 D. The passage of Simple Resolutions that amend or revise Senatorial policies and  
24 procedures shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate and are not subject to the  
25 Executive Veto power outlined in Section 8 of this Article.  
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### Section 8: Executive Approval and Veto

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30 A. Every Bill or Joint Resolution passed by majority vote of the Senate shall be  
31 presented, by the Senate President, to the President as prescribed by law, but not to  
32 exceed five (5) business days.  
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34 B. The Bill or Joint Resolution shall become law if the President approves and signs it,  
35 or fails to veto it within five (5) business days after its presentation.  
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37 C. In all cases except general appropriation bills, a Presidential veto shall extend to the  
38 entire Bill or Joint Resolution. The President may veto any specific appropriation in  
39 a general appropriation bill, but may not veto any qualification or restriction without  
40 vetoing the appropriation to which it relates nor may he or she approve any general



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- 2                    appropriation which becomes law or is appropriated after his or her term of office.  
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4                    D.    After a Bill, Joint Resolution, or specific appropriation has been vetoed, the  
5                    President shall transmit written and/or oral objections thereto to the Senate at the  
6                    next regular meeting.  
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8                    E.    If any Senator motions to override a veto the vetoed Bill or specific appropriation at  
9                    the next Regular Meeting following the Presidential veto, the vetoed legislation shall  
10                   be placed on the floor of the Senate, and be subject to normal parliamentary motions  
11                   and must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote override.  
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13                   F.    The Senate, after reconsidering the vetoed legislation, may, by two-thirds vote, re-  
14                   enact the bill or reinstate the specific appropriation, over which the president shall  
15                   have no veto authority. Any Bill re-enacted under this provision shall immediately  
16                   become law. Any specific appropriation re-instated under this provision shall be  
17                   allocated with all reasonable brevity.  
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19                   G.    Vetoed Bills or specific appropriations that are amended in any way after Senate  
20                   reconsideration shall become de facto a new piece of legislation and be subject to  
21                   Presidential veto authority.  
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23                   H.    If no Senator motions to reconsider at the next regular session, the vetoed Bill or  
24                   specific appropriation cannot be brought back to the floor. This provision applies  
25                   only to vetoed legislation for the purpose of Senate re-enactment or reinstatement  
26                   and in no way shall infringe upon the ability of Senate to bring any previously vetoed  
27                   Bill or specific appropriation back through normal legislative procedures, subject  
28                   again to presidential veto.  
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30                   I.    If a joint resolution is vetoed by the President, it shall automatically return to the  
31                   Senate as a simple resolution.  
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### Section 9: Prohibited Laws

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35                   A.    Senate shall not enact a Bill or Joint Resolution that conflicts with or violates any  
36                   Federal law, State law, Local law or ordinance. This shall include but not be limited  
37                   to Bills of Attainder, Ex Post Facto laws. The Student Government Judicial Branch  
38                   shall negate and remove, if presented for Judicial Review, existing Student  
39                   Government law if it conflicts with this provision.  
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- 2           B. Senate shall not enact a Bill or Joint Resolution which adds any qualification or  
3           restriction for membership in the Student Government not already outlined in  
4           Section 2C of Article II, Section 64B of Article II, Section 2B of Article III, or  
5           Section 3B of Article IV. The Judicial Council shall negate and remove, if presented  
6           for Judicial Review, existing Student Government law if it conflicts with this  
7           provision.

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9           **Section 10: Additional Powers and Duties**

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11           The Senate shall:

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13           A. Enact under the procedures outlined in Section 9 of this Article, constitutional  
14           bylaws to be known as Student Government Statutes, with the exception of bylaws  
15           concerning elections, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.  
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17           B. Approve and allocate the fiscal budget of the Student Government, subject to the  
18           provisions of Section 9 of this Article and Chapter 1009.24 of the Florida Statutes.  
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20           C. Establish its own meeting times, rules, and procedures.

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23           **ARTICLE III: THE EXECUTIVE**

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25           **Section 1: Executive Powers**

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27           All Executive Powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the President of the Student  
28           Government assisted by the Vice President and such administrative officers as the President shall  
29           appoint in accordance with this Article. The Student Government President shall hereinafter be  
30           referred to as the President, the Student Government Vice President as the Vice President.

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32           **Section 2: Terms and Qualifications of the President and Vice President**

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34           A. Terms: The President and Vice President shall be elected for terms of one (1) year,  
35           and shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) terms.  
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37           B. Qualifications: The President, Vice President, and all members of the Executive  
38           Branch must be A&S Fee paying students, enrolled in at least one (1) class during  
39           both the Fall and Spring semester, and maintaining a 2.25 GPA or higher.  
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2           **Section 3: Vacancies**

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- 4           A.     If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume
- 5                     office for the remainder of the term.
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- 7           B.     If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President, the President shall have the
- 8                     power to appoint a new Vice President, subject to majority approval from Senate.
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- 10          C.     If a vacancy occurs in both the office of the President and the Office of the Vice
- 11                     President, the Senate President shall assume the office of the President for the
- 12                     remainder of the term.
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14           **Section 4: Executive Cabinet**

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- 16          A.     The President shall have the power to appoint all Executive Cabinet Officers with
- 17                     majority approval from Senate. The removal of Executive Cabinet Officers shall be
- 18                     prescribed by law.
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- 20          B.     The creation, termination, and/or funding of Executive Cabinet Positions shall be
- 21                     prescribed by law.
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- 23          C.     The President must appoint a qualified individual to the position of Treasurer within
- 24                     the first month of taking office. This position shall be a member of the Executive
- 25                     Cabinet and report directly to the Senate Budget and Allocations Committee. The
- 26                     appointment, termination, and duties of this position shall be prescribed by law.
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28           **Section 5: Additional Duties and Powers of the President**

29           The President shall:

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- 32          A.     Be the chief executive of Student Government.
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- 34          B.     Administer and enforce all laws of Student Government.
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- 36          C.     Provide for the compilation and publication of Constitutional legislation.
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- 38          D.     Co-sign, along with the Student Government Business Manager, on all expenditures
- 39                     from the Student Government operating budget.
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- 2 E. Call and preside over executive meetings of Student Government and student  
3 assemblies when appropriate.  
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5 F. Oversee Executive Agency operations.  
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#### Section 6: Duties and Powers of the Vice President

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9 A. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President only in extreme  
10 circumstances, such as physical incapacitation, which makes it impossible to  
11 discharge the duties of the office.  
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13 B. The Vice President shall coordinate the efforts of the Executive Cabinet and shall  
14 serve as coordinator for the formulation and completion of Executive Cabinet  
15 projects.  
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#### Section 7: Duties and Powers of the Treasurer

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19 A. The Treasurer shall serve as the executive liaison to the Student Body on all matters  
20 pertaining to Activity and Service Fee procedures.  
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22 B. The Treasurer shall work with the Senate Budget and Allocation Committee, Student  
23 Government Accountant, and Student Government Business Manager in monitoring  
24 all Activity and Service Fee accounts and advising all A & S Fee requesters on proper  
25 procedure and regulations.  
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27 C. The Treasurer shall fulfill all job responsibilities as well as duties prescribed by law.  
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#### Section 8: Duties and Powers of the Attorney General

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31 A. The Attorney General shall be an executive position appointed by the President and  
32 confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.  
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34 B. The Attorney General shall be the Chief Executive Prosecutor in all Student  
35 Government matters.  
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37 C. The Attorney General shall fulfill all job responsibilities as well as duties prescribed  
38 by law.  
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### ARTICLE IV: THE JUDICIARY

#### Section 1: Judicial Powers

The Judicial Power of Student Government shall be vested in the Judicial Council.

#### Section 2: Composition of the Judicial Council

- A. The Judicial Council shall be composed of nine (9) total Justices.
- B. A Chief Justice shall be elected annually from within the Council to serve as the presiding officer and shall serve a one (1) year term.
- C. An Associate Chief Justice shall be appointed annually from within the Judicial Council by the Chief Justice and shall assume the duties of the Chief Justice in the event of his/her absence.
- D. Other officers that the Council deems necessary shall be chosen according to Judicial Rules and Procedures.

#### Section 3: Terms and Qualifications of Justices

- A. Terms: Upon installation, justices may serve as long as they remain qualified. Acting Justices may also resign their position at any time for any reason.
- B. Qualifications: Justices must be A & S fee paying students, enrolled in at least one (1) class during both the fall and spring semester, and maintain a 2.25 GPA or higher.

#### Section 4: Installation of Justices

- A. Procedure: When there is a vacancy on the Judicial Council, the President shall forward a Judicial Nominee to Senate for majority confirmation. Upon majority confirmation from Senate, the Judicial Nominee shall immediately be installed as an acting Justice.

#### Section 5: Jurisdiction and Judicial Review

- A. Powers: The Judicial Council shall have the power of Judicial Review over all Executive and Legislative Acts. This power shall include and be limited as



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prescribed by law.

1. The Judicial Council must negate and remove existing Student Government Statute, Appropriation, Law, Joint Resolution, Executive Order, and/or Senatorial policy when in conflicts with any provisions of the Student Government Constitution.

2. The Judicial Council must negate and remove existing Student Government Statute, Appropriation, Law, Joint Resolution, Executive Order, and/or Senatorial policy when in conflicts with any Federal law, State law, Local law or ordinance. Prior to any judgment that negates or removes existing Student Government Statute, Appropriation, Law, Joint Resolution, Executive Order, and/or Senatorial policy that is being challenged on the grounds that it violates Federal law, State law, Local law or ordinance, or University regulation, the Judicial Council must consult with the University of North Florida's General Counsel.

3. The Judicial Council may issue a temporary stay against the application of a Student Government Statute, Appropriation, Law, Joint Resolution, Executive Order, and/or Senatorial policy in time sensitive matters not to exceed ten (10) business days, in order to provide ample time for a judicial hearing and decision. The Judicial Council shall not issue more than two (2) stays for any one complaint or issue.

4. The Judicial Council shall serve as the final deciding body for all disputes between Student Government student employees, members, and/or elected officials which involve Student Government law. Judicial relief in such cases shall be prescribed by law but must always be comparable to the Judicial power exercised by courts in the United States Federal Court System.

B. General Restrictions: The aforementioned power of Judicial Review outlined in Section 5 of this Article cannot be enacted unless an A & S fee paying student files a written complaint. Furthermore, the complainant cannot be a member of the Judicial Council and any judgment rendered must be within the purview of the complaint.

C. Constitutional Restriction: The Judicial Council may not change, amend, negate, or remove any provision of the Student Government Constitution at any time for any reason.



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3 **Section 6: Administration: Practice and Procedure**  
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- 5           A.     Quorum for a Student Government Judicial Council hearing shall be set at fifty  
6                   percent (50%) plus one (1) of the current membership.  
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- 8           B.     The Chief Justice of the Judicial Council shall serve as the chief administrative officer  
9                   of the judiciary and shall be vested with, and shall exercise, in accordance with rules  
10                  adopted by the court, the authority to:  
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- 12                   1.     Assign duties among the Justices of the Council.
  - 13                   2.     Conduct and preside over Council proceedings.
  - 14                   3.     Rule on procedural questions that arise during the course of the judicial  
15                          proceedings.
  - 16                   4.     Report in writing to the Respondent of any complaint filed with the Judicial  
17                          Council.
  - 18                   5.     Be responsible for administering the "Oath of Office" to all Student  
19                          Government officers.
  - 20                   6.     Periodically inform the Senate of the condition of the Judiciary.
  - 21                   7.     Report to the Senate such defects in the laws as may have been brought to  
22                          the attention of the Council and suggest such amendments or additional  
23                          legislation which is deemed necessary.  
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- 25           C.     The Judicial Council shall establish its own meeting times, rules, and procedures.  
26                   Rules and procedures of the Judicial Council may be negated and removed through a  
27                   bill requiring a two-thirds vote of Senate and Presidential signature approval. If the  
28                   President does not approve, the Senate may override his veto by three-fourths (3/4)  
29                   vote.  
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- 31           D.     The Judicial Council shall conduct open Hearings for all cases.  
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### ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS



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### Section 1: Eligible Voters

- A. Every student currently registered and paying A&S Fees to the University of North Florida shall be entitled to vote in all General and Special Elections.
- B. Only Students currently registered in the College of Arts and Sciences and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Inter-College Election for Senatorial Seat forty-three (43) and forty-four (44).
- C. Only Students currently registered in the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Inter-College Election for Senatorial Seat forty-five (45) and forty-six (46).
- D. Only Students currently registered in the Brooks College of Health and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Inter-College Election for Senatorial Seat forty-seven (47) and forty-eight (48).
- E. Only Students currently registered in the Coggin College of Business and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Inter-College Election for Senatorial Seat forty four (49) and fifty (50).
- F. Only Students currently registered in the College of Education and Human Services and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Inter-College Election for Senatorial Seat fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52).
- G. Student Government will enact no law to this Section which adds any additional eligibility criteria or law which unfairly hinders a registered student's right to vote.

### Section 2: Candidacy

- 1. To qualify as a candidate for Student Government Presidential/Vice-Presidential elective office one must be:
  - a. An Activity and Service fee paying student
  - b. Enrolled in at least one (1) class during the semester in which the election is taking place.



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c. Maintain a 2.25 GPA or higher. A student is exempt from this requirement if they have not completed their first semester of college and do not have a GPA.

d. Capable of fulfilling a full term. A student who is graduating at the end of the semester in which the election is taking place is not qualified for Student Government elective office.

e. All Presidential/Vice-Presidential candidates are required to run on a two person ticket, with a clear distinction of which office each individual is seeking.

2. To qualify for Student Government Senatorial elective office one must be:

a. An Activity and Service fee paying student

b. Enrolled in at least one (1) class during the semester in which the election is taking place.

c. Maintain a 2.25 GPA or higher. A student is exempt from this requirement if they have not completed their first semester of college and do not have a GPA.

d. A student who is graduating at the end of the semester in which the election is taking place is not qualified for Student Government elective office.

### Section 3: Types of Elections

A. General Elections: Elections that will be held exactly once (1) during the fall and spring semesters for the purpose of determining which candidates will assume all Student Government Elective Offices, with the exception of Senatorial apportioned seats forty – three (43) through fifty-two (52), and any Special Election called pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

B. Special Elections: All other elections which are not General Elections or Inter College Elections.



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- 2 C. Inter-College Elections: Elections held during the fall semester and during the spring  
3 semester for the purposes of determining which candidates will assume Senatorial  
4 apportioned seats forty-three (43) through fifty-two (52).  
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#### Section 4: Senatorial Elective Offices

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- 8 A. Seats one (1) through twenty (20) and seat forty-one (41) shall be open for election  
9 during the fall General Election.
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- 11 B. Seats twenty-one (21) through forty (40) and seat forty-two (42) shall be open for  
12 election during the spring General Election.
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- 14 C. With the exception of seats forty-one (41) and forty-two (42), Senatorial Seats  
15 offered during a General Election shall be at-large, with vacant seats being occupied  
16 by the candidates receiving the most votes.
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- 18 D. Seats forty-one (41) and forty-two (42) shall be occupied by the candidate receiving  
19 the most votes who also fulfills the requirements outlined in Section 4B of Article II.  
20 These seats take priority over the remaining at-large seats in that they, if possible,  
21 shall be allotted to the qualified candidate with the most votes prior to the allotment  
22 of at-large seats.
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- 24 E. Seat forty-three (43) shall be open for election during one of the fall Inter-College  
25 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
26 II and Section 1 of this Article.
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- 28 F. Seat forty-four (44) shall be open for election during one of the spring Inter-College  
29 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
30 II and Section 1 of this Article.
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- 32 G. Seat forty-five (45) shall be open for election during one of the fall Inter-College  
33 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
34 II and Section 1 of this Article.
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- 36 H. Seat forty-six (46) shall be open for election during one of the spring Inter-College  
37 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
38 II and Section 1 of this Article.
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- 40 I. Seat forty-seven (47) shall be open for an election during one of the fall Inter-College





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2 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
3 II and Section 1 of this Article.

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5 J. Seat forty-eight (48) shall be open for an election during one of the spring Inter-  
6 College Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of  
7 Article II and Section 1 of this Article.

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9 K. Seat forty-nine (49) shall be open for an election during one of the fall Inter-College  
10 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
11 II and Section 1 of this Article.

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13 L. Seat fifty (50) shall be open for an election during one of the spring Inter-College  
14 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
15 II and Section 1 of this Article.

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17 M. Seat fifty-one (51) shall be open for an election during one of the fall Inter-College  
18 Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of Article  
19 II and Section 1 of this Article.

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21 N. Seat fifty-two (52) shall be open for an election during one of the spring Inter-  
22 College Elections and shall be subject to the restrictions enumerated in Section 4B of  
23 Article II and Section 1 of this Article.

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25 O. The Student body may, upon written petition presented to the Chief Justice bearing  
26 the names and signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the student body, call a  
27 special election for one, several, or all of the seats occupied by appointed Senators or  
28 left vacant by elected ones. This Special Election shall be held within twenty (20)  
29 business days from the date of the presentation.

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31 P. All further Senatorial election requirements and procedures shall be prescribed by  
32 law.

### Section 5: Executive Elective Offices

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36 A. The Presidential/Vice-Presidential Election shall be held during the spring General  
37 Election.

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39 B. All further Executive election requirements and procedures shall be prescribed by  
40 law.



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### Section 6: Validation

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In the absence of a legitimate challenge to the validity of the entire General, Inter-College, or Special Elections, the Senate shall validate election results no later than ten (10) business days after the last day of the election if all appeals to Judicial Council have been resolved.

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### Section 7: Installation

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A. The installation process shall begin at the next Senate meeting following the validation of any General, Inter-College, or Special Elections results, as in accordance with Section 6 of this Article. Upon installation, elected officials shall assume all abilities and responsibilities of their respective office.

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B. Elected candidates shall be sworn into office by the Chief Justice or another member of the Judicial Council as designated by the Chief Justice, using the following oath:

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"I (name of Individual), do hereby affirm to uphold the office of (Title), and to abide by the laws of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Student Government of The University of North Florida, and to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability, so help me God."

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## ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT PROCESS

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### Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

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An amendment to this constitution may be proposed to the student body through:

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A. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of Senate, or

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B. A written petition presented to the Chief Justice bearing the names and signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the student body.

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### Section 2: Procedure after Proposal

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A. All proposed amendments shall be published in the major student publication and otherwise made available to the Student Body for ten (10) business days prior to the vote by the Student Body.

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- B. Proposals made via the Senate or as written petition bearing the names and signature of at least ten percent (10%) but less than twenty percent (20%) of the student body shall be introduced as a constitutional referendum at the next General Election.
  
- C. Proposals made via a written petition bearing the names and signatures of twenty percent (20%) or more of the student body may be introduced, at the discretion of the petitioner(s), as a Special Constitutional Referendum, which shall be voted on by the student body within fourteen (14) business days of its presentation and shall have the following restrictions.
  - 1. Special Constitutional Referendums can individually encompass only a singular subject.
  - 2. Special Constitutional Referendums cannot be proposed during the summer semester

#### Section 3: Ratification

The proposed amendment shall immediately become part of this Constitution if more eligible students vote "Yea" than "Nay" at the General or Special Election.

#### Section 4: Friendly Amendments

- A. Friendly Amendments shall be defined as those amendments that do not alter the intent or any possible legal interpretation of our Constitution.
  
- B. Friendly amendments may be made to this Constitution in the Form of a Special Joint Resolution. This Joint Resolution must include all the friendly amendments that are to be made and must present them in their full context. In order for any such joint resolution to take effect the following procedure must be adhered to:
  - 1. Senate must pass any such resolution unanimously.
  - 2. The resolution must be signed by the President.
  - 3. The Joint Resolution shall be submitted to the Judicial Council and prior to the bill taking effect the entire judicial council must meet in a order to discuss



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2 the proposed changes and determine if there is conflict with the above  
3 definition of a friendly amendment.

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5 4. If the changes are approved unanimously by the Judicial Council the Joint  
6 Resolution shall take effect.  
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### ARTICLE VII: IMPEACHMENT

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11 **Section 1: Method**

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13 Procedural Requirements of the impeachment of Senatorial, Executive and/or Judicial Members  
14 shall be prescribed by law, pursuant to the following requirements.  
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- 16 A. For a member of the Executive Branch to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3) of Senate  
17 and a majority of the Judicial Council must concur.  
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19 B. For a member of Legislative Branch to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3) of Senate and  
20 a majority of the Judicial Council must concur.  
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22 C. For an appointed member of the Judicial Council to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3)  
23 of Senate and the President must concur. If the President does not concur, the  
24 Senate may still impeach the Justice with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of concurrence.  
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26 D. Upon receipt of a petition of 20% of the currently enrolled A & S Fee paying  
27 students of the University of North Florida requesting that an elected student  
28 government official be removed from office, within 60 days after the filing of a  
29 petition, a referendum must be held in which a majority vote of the students will  
30 remove the officer from their seat. Also, the grounds for removing a Student  
31 Government Officer must be expressly contained within the petition and are limited  
32 to the following: malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence,  
33 permanent inability to perform official duties, or conviction of a felony.  
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35 **Section 2: Removal**

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37 Upon fulfillment of the requirements enumerated in Section 1 of this Article, the impeached official  
38 shall immediately be removed from office and may not seek appointment for any Student  
39 Government Office until the after the next General Election.  
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2 Furthermore: Let this resolution be forwarded to the Student Body President for review and approval.  
3 Upon approval, let this resolution be forwarded for unanimous consent by the Judicial  
4 Branch. Upon unanimous approval by all three branches, let it be enacted by the University  
5 of North Florida Student Government that the proposed friendlies to the Constitution be  
6 made.

### Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Connor Garrity  
Introduced by: Connor Garrity  
Senate Action: Unanimous Consent  
Date: 10/13/13

Signed, **Christopher Brady**  
*Chris Brady, Student Senate President*

### Executive Action

Let it be known that JR-13F-2705 is hereby  
PASSED VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED  
on this 17 day of SEPT 2013

Signed, **Carlo Fassi**  
*Carlo Fassi, Student Bddy President*

### JUDICIAL APPROVAL

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THE JUDICIAL  
BRANCH APPROVED JR-13F-2705  
UNANIMOUSLY ON OCTOBER 21ST 2013

SIGNED,

**Alex Goetz**

*ALEX GOETZ, CHIEF JUSTICE*