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# Senate Bill SB-14F-2811 Title XIII Revisions, Government Oversight Committee Statutes

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*SB-14F-2811: Title XIII Revisions*

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

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

6       Whereas:     University of North Florida; and;

7       Whereas:     The Government Oversight Committee has jurisdiction in all matters relating  
8                   to Title XIII and;

9       Whereas:     Legislation dealing with necessary and proper revisions to the System of  
10                   Statutes may be considered by the Senate; and;

11       Therefore:    The following necessary and proper revision to XIII is being proposed:

12                   **TITLE XIII: THE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATUTES**

13                   **Chapter 1301 Leadership of the Government Oversight Committee**

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15                   1301.1 The Government Oversight Committee Chairperson

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17                   A.     The Government Oversight Committee shall have a Chairperson, elected through  
18                   the Senate Policies and Procedures.

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20                   B.     The Government Oversight Committee Chairperson shall:

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22                   1.     Follow duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.

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24                   2.     Hold all meetings according to Senate Policies and Procedures.

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26                   3.     Give a report to Senate every meeting.

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30                   5.     Call and set the agenda for meetings of the Government Oversight  
31                   Committee and submit minutes following each meeting to the Senate  
32                   President.

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34                   6.     The Government Oversight Committee Chair shall issue, on behalf of the  
35                   committee, a recommendation of action before the Senate for each appointee  
36                   during their confirmation hearing.



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1301.2 The Government Oversight Committee Vice-Chairperson

- A. The Government Oversight Committee shall have a Vice-Chairperson, elected through the Senate Policies and Procedures.
- B. The Government Oversight Committee Vice-Chairperson shall:
  - 1. Follow duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.

**Chapter 1302 Appointments**

1302.1 Appointments to Senate Legislative Branch

- A. The Senate shall only be allowed to fill vacancies through the process of appointing thoroughly vetted and qualified candidates.
- B. The Senate shall only fill vacancies for spring seats during the preceding fall semester and fall seats during the preceding spring and summer semesters.

1302.2 Appointment Requirements

- A. The qualifications for appointment shall not exceed the constitutional requirements for candidacy.
- B. All qualified candidates for Senate appointment shall be required to:
  - 1. Complete a Senate Appointment Application to be established and made available by the Government Oversight Committee.
  - 2. Announce their intent to seek appointment at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting after the submission of their application.
  - 3. Attend two (2) full committee meetings following their announcement, one of which must be a meeting of the Government Oversight Committee.

1302.3 Appointment Process

- A. All qualified candidates who meet all requirements for appointment shall be placed on the next regularly scheduled Government Oversight Committee meeting agenda. ~~of the Government Oversight Committee.~~



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- B. The Government Oversight Committee shall then interview all appointees and reach, by majority vote, consensus to either forward the candidate to the full Senate for confirmation, or deny the application.
  - C. Upon forwarding for confirmation, the candidate shall be placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting agenda of the Senate for a confirmation hearing.
  - D. The Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, reach a consensus to either appoint the candidate to a Senate seat, or deny the application.
  - E. If confirmed, the appointee shall be sworn in as a Senator immediately.
  - F. ~~The appointment process shall only be used in the event of a vacancy in the membership of the Senate.~~

95 | **Chapter 1303 Confirmations**

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- ~~A. \_\_\_\_\_ A. The Government Oversight Committee shall have the opportunity to interview all Executive appointees before their confirmation hearings in the Senate.~~
  - ~~B. The Government Oversight Committee shall interview all Judicial appointees before their confirmation hearings in the Senate.~~
  - ~~C. The Government Oversight Committee shall then interview all Judicial and Executive appointees and reach, by majority vote, consensus to either forward the candidate to the full Senate for confirmation, or deny the application.~~
  - DB. The Government Oversight Committee Chair shall issue on behalf of the committee before the Senate a recommendation of action for each appointee during their confirmation hearings.
  - E. The Government Oversight Committee Chair must receive written notice of appointee no later than three (3) business days prior to the next regularly scheduled Government Oversight Committee meeting.



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121 1303.2 Special Confirmations  
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 123 A. The Elections Commissioner  
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 125 1. The Elections Commissioner shall be subject to reconfirmation after the first  
 126 year of their two (2) year term by majority vote of the Government  
 127 Oversight Committee.  
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 129 Therefore: Let it be enacted that the aforementioned amendments to the Title XIII be made  
 130 effective immediately.

### Legislative Action

Author: GO Committee  
 Sponsor: Amanda Wollam  
 Committee: Government Oversight  
 Committee Action: Unanimous Approval with 7 Voting Members  
 Senate Action 29-0-0  
 Date of Action: October 27, 2014

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 on this 28 day of October, 2014.

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**Kaitlin D. Ramirez**

Signed:  
*Kaitlin D. Ramirez, Student Senate President*

### Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-14F-2811 is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED  
 on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.  
**Joseph C. Turner**

Signed,  
*Joseph C. Turner, Student Body President*

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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