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# SENATE LEGISLATION

## SB-17F-3242

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- Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- Whereas: The 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; and;
- Whereas: The Student Government Constitution and Statutes has inconsistent formatting, and;
- Whereas: The current formatting of the Student Government Constitution and Statutes wastes space, and;
- Whereas: The Student Government Constitution and Statutes unnecessarily repeats information, and;
- Therefore: The following necessary and proper revision to the Student Government Constitution and Statutes is being proposed in order to ensure consistent formatting, decrease the size of the document, and eliminate repetitions.

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TITLE X: CODE OF ETHICS

**Chapter 1000: Rights**

1000.1 Student's Rights

~~A. Freedom of Speech: No branch of the Student Government of the University of North Florida shall hinder nor restrict any students' freedom of speech.~~

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~~B. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association: No branch of the Student Government shall restrict any students right to peacefully assemble and freely associate during the open meetings of Student Government as long as decorum is maintained and in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the branch holding said meeting~~

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~~C. Freedom of Press: No branch of the Student Government shall censor the student media of the University of North Florida.~~

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~~E.D.~~ Right to Information

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

~~2. Upon request, every Student shall be entitled to copies of Student Government documents within a reasonable time frame, which shall include but not be limited to:~~

~~a. Senate aAgendas and mMinutes,~~

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~~5.2. Activity and Service~~ ~~A&S~~ ~~f~~ ~~Fee~~ ~~b~~ ~~Budget.~~

1000.5 Due Process

Every student shall be entitled to the same course of formal proceedings that are set out in the Student Government Constitution, Statutes, and Policies and Procedures. The formal proceedings shall include but not be limited to:

- ~~1. A&S~~ ~~f~~ ~~Travel~~ ~~r~~ ~~Requests.~~
- ~~2. A&S~~ ~~s~~ ~~Special~~ ~~r~~ ~~Requests.~~
- ~~3. d~~ ~~e~~ ~~claration~~ ~~o~~ ~~f~~ ~~c~~ ~~andidacy~~ ~~f~~ ~~o~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~lection.~~
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**Chapter 1001: Code of Ethics**

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.
- B. Conflict or Conflict of Interest - a situation in which regard for a private interest tends to lead to a disregard of a public duty or interest.
- C. Student Government Member - One of the individuals of whom an organization or a deliberative assembly consists, and who enjoys the full rights of participating in the organization.
- D. Intimidation - A threat or threats made with the purpose of compelling a student government member or members to act against his or her conscience, or to prohibit said member(s) from acting within the discretion of his or her position.
- E. Retaliation - The act of inflicting physical or professional harm against a student government member in response to a decision made within the discretion of his or her position.

1001.2 Standards of Conduct

- A. Conflict of Interest:
  1. No Student Government Member can act in a way that promotes their own personal interest over the interest of the student body.

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2. Any Student Government member that participates in any private business, professional activity, or group which would receive a personal benefit from any government action that is performed by Student Government, shall be required to abstain from voting on any aspect of said legislation. The only exceptions being wherein the entire voting body would be affected by said legislation or when salaried officers are voting on final passing of the budget.

B. ~~Misuse of the Student Government Property: No Student Government member shall use or allow the use of Student Government property, facilities, and vehicles with total disregard for their intended use and unnecessarily shortens its expected useful 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.~~

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D. ~~Inducing to Act:~~

1. 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.
2. No officer or employee of the Student Government shall cover up evidence or misrepresent a fact pertaining to a violation.
3. No Justice shall allow personal interest to influence a vote.

E. ~~Intimidation: No Student Government officer or employee shall in any way engage in intimidation.~~

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F. ~~Retaliation: No Student Government member shall in any way engage in retaliation.~~

G. It is the duty of every Student Government Member to hold themselves to the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in all Student Government matters.

H. No Student Government Member shall commit written, printed, or verbal defamation.



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I. Purposely misrepresent any material fact(s) through their speech or actions.

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**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 gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, creed, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status, disability, and any combination thereof, or what is outlined in the University Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity, and Diversity Statement.

1002.2 No Student Government officer, employee, Branch, Agency, ~~registered student organization~~ RSO, or any entity which receives any Student Government funding shall practice discrimination as defined in 1002.1 of the Student Government Statutes.

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**Chapter 1003: Enforcement of Ethical Standards**

- A. Failure to observe the ethical standards outlined in this title shall constitute an act of malfeasance as described in Title VII, Chapter 702 §1A.
- B. Failure to observe the ethical standards outlined in this title shall be punishable as described ~~outline~~ in Title VII, Chapter 703.

**HISTORY:**  
SB-96F-958 (October 29, 1996)  
SB-02SB-1568 (September 19, 2002)  
SB-04F-1828 (November 29, 2004)  
SB-04F-1843 (December 17, 2004)  
SB-05S-1895 (June 6, 2005)  
SB-16S-2955 (April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016)  
SB-16SB-3024 (July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016)



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**Therefore:** Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title X be made effective contingent upon the date of validation of the Fall 2017 election, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Legislative Action**

Author: Constitution Revision Committee  
 Sponsor: Senator Vargas  
 Committee: Constitution & Statutes  
 Committee Action: 4-0-0  
 Date of Committee Action: October 20, 2017  
 Senate Action: Unanimous Consent  
 Date of Action: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

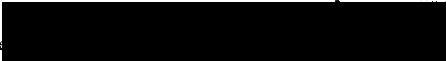
Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President  
 on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017

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Signed:   
*Nina Lee, Interim Student Senate President*

**Executive Action**

Let it be known that SB-17F-3242 is hereby  
 APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED  
 on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2017

Signed:   
*Thomas Beaucham, Student Body President*

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary