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# SENATE LEGISLATION

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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 Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given  
5                   the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the Student  
6                   Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 7   Whereas:     Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions to the System of Statutes shall  
8                   be considered by the Senate, and;
- 9   Whereas:     In the case of a faltering and unabashedly egregious exploitation of power and conflict with the  
10                  Constitution, revisions must be made, and;
- 11   Whereas:    It would be a conflict of interest for the Attorney General to offer legal counsel to a student or  
12                  party which they are prosecuting, and;
- 13   Whereas:    It is essential for students to have access to legal counsel when accused of violations under the  
14                  purview of Student Government, and;
- 15   Whereas:    Title III, Chapter 306 defines the duties of the Student Advocate.
- 16   Therefore:   The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are  
17                  being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our  
18                  democratic system.
- 19                  Chapter 306: Student Advocate
- 20                  306.1 Student Advocate
- 21                  A. The Student Advocate shall be responsible for representing the interests of the Student Body,  
22                  as expressed through the President, to the faculty and administration on all major academic related  
23                  programs or initiatives of the University.
- 24                  B. The Student Advocate shall serve as a Student Liaison through the Student Government to  
25                  assist Students with problems, concerns, and complaints, such as those involving academics and  
26                  the administration, through informal means such as counseling, negotiation, and mediation.
- 27                  C. The Student Advocate shall be responsible for researching and developing programs for the  
28                  President that improve the University of North Florida campus and affect students on a daily  
29                  basis.



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D. The Student Advocate shall serve as the Chief Public Defender for Student Government, barring a conflict of interest, and shall, upon request, provide defense counsel to any party concerning matters under the purview of Student Government.

E. The Student Advocate is appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

**Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title III be made effective immediately upon passage.**

**Legislative Action**

**Executive Action**

Author: Cole Poppell  
Sponsor: Senator Samantha Mims  
Committee: Constitution and Statutes  
Committee Action: 6-0-0  
Senate Action: 22-0-0  
Date of Action: 9/12/2016

Let it be known that SB-16F-3028 is hereby

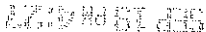
**APPROVED / VETOED**

on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.


Signed,   
*Caleb Grantham, Student Body President*

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President  
on this 19 day of Sep., 2016.

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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Signed:   
*Dallas Burke, Student Senate President*