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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: Majority vote is not a strict enough standard to ensure that qualified candidates for appointment
8 are being forwarded to the Senate, which is why the standard is being set higher, and;
- 9 Whereas: The Government Oversight Committee shall serve to make the functions of the Student Senate
10 more efficient.
- 11 Therefore: This bill has been created to amend Title XIII to ensure that the Government Oversight
12 Committee is forwarding the most qualified candidates for appointment to the Senate.

TITLE XIII: THE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATUTE

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Chapter 1300 Introduction and Formation

1300.1 Establishment

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- 26 A. There shall be a standing committee of the Senate referred to as the Government Oversight
27 Committee.
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- 29 B. The Government Oversight Committee may herein be known as the “GO” Committee.
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- 31 C. The Government Oversight Committee shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order during its
32 proceedings.

1300.2 Purpose

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- 36 A. The Government Oversight Committee shall serve as the arm of the Legislature responsible
37 for oversight in all intergovernmental affairs of Student Government.



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B. The Government Oversight Committee shall preliminarily vet and approve all appointments, by ~~majority vote~~ two-thirds (2/3) vote, prior to confirmation by the Senate.

C. The Government Oversight Committee shall advise the Senate on intergovernmental affairs of Student Government and on the activities of independent offices.

1300.3 Membership

A. The membership of the Government Oversight Committee shall consist of:

1. The voting members of the committee shall include elected or appointed Senators, as well as the Vice Chair. Non-voting ex-officio members shall include all Legislative officers, all Executive Cabinet members, all members of the Judicial Branch leadership, as well as all executives of independent and/or intergovernmental offices and Student Government advisors.

1300.4 Amendments

A. Amendments to Title XIII shall be subject to the normal legislative process.

B. The Government Oversight Committee shall have jurisdiction over Title VI and Title XIII.

Chapter 1301 Leadership of the Government Oversight Committee

1301.1 The Government Oversight Committee Chairperson

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

B. The Government Oversight Committee Chairperson shall:

1. Follow duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.
2. Hold all meetings according to Senate Policies and Procedures.
3. Give a report to Senate at every meeting.
4. Only vote in the event of a tie.



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

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

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9 1301.2 The Government Oversight Committee Vice-Chairperson

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11 A. The Government Oversight Committee Vice Chairperson shall follow all the duties outlined
12 in the Senate Policies and Procedures.

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14 **Chapter 1302 Appointments**

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16 1302.1 Appointments to Legislative Branch

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18 A. The Senate shall only be allowed to fill vacancies through the process of appointing
19 thoroughly vetted and qualified candidates.

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22 B. The Senate shall fill vacancies for fall or spring seats from the preceding semester before
23 filling current semester vacancies.

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25 1302.2 Appointment Requirements

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27 A. The qualifications for appointment shall not exceed the constitutional requirements for
28 candidacy.

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30 B. All qualified candidates for Senate appointment shall be required to:

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32 1. Announce intention to seek appointment at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting. The
33 Applicant must stay the entire meeting and obtain the Senate President's signature on the
34 designated page of the Senate Appointment Application.

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36 2. Submit a completed time stamped Appointment Application, following all stated deadlines
37 and directions on the application made available by the Government Oversight Committee
38 Chair.

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40 3. Attend two (2) full committee meetings following their announcement, one of which must
41 be a meeting of the Government Oversight Committee.



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1302.3 Appointment Process

- A. Candidates who meet all requirements for appointment shall be placed on the next regularly scheduled Government Oversight meeting agenda.
- B. The Government Oversight Committee shall then interview all candidates and reach, by ~~majority~~ two-thirds (2/3) vote, consensus to either forward the appointee to the full Senate for confirmation, or deny the application.
- C. Upon forwarding for confirmation, the appointee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting for a confirmation hearing.
- D. The Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, reach a consensus to either confirm or deny an appointee's request for a Senate Seat.
- ~~E. a Senate seat.~~
- ~~F.F.~~ If confirmed, the appointee shall be sworn in as a Senator immediately.
- ~~G.F.~~ If there are still candidates seeking ~~confirmation appointment~~ after all vacant seats are filled, those candidates' applications shall remain active for ~~forty five~~ sixty (60) days. In the event of an open seat, candidates for Senatorial confirmation will first be selected from the pool of active applications.
- ~~H.G.~~ The decision of forwarding a specific appointee from a pool of active candidate applications shall be made by a ~~majority~~ two-thirds (2/3) vote at the candidates' Government Oversight Committee interview.
- ~~I.H.~~ If denied by the Government Oversight Committee or the Senate, the candidate must repeat the appointment process in order to be reconsidered for a vacant Senate seat. Once denied, the Government Oversight Committee shall interview any remaining candidates from the pool of active applications, and forward an appointee by ~~majority~~ two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- ~~J.I.~~ The Government Oversight Committee may not forward a greater number of appointees to the Senate than the number of vacant seats at the time of ~~Senate Confirmation~~ the Government Oversight Committee in which they are forwarded to the Senate.

Chapter 1303 Confirmations



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3 1303.1 Confirmation Process for Presidential Appointments

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5 A. The Government Oversight Committee shall interview all Judicial and Executive ~~appointees~~
6 appointments and reach, by majority vote, consensus to either forward the candidate to the
7 full Senate for confirmation, or deny the application.
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9 B. The Government Oversight Committee Chair shall issue on behalf of the committee before
10 the Senate a recommendation of action for each appointee during their confirmation
11 hearings.
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13 C. The Government Oversight Committee Chair must receive written notice of appointee no
14 later than three (3) business days prior to the next regularly scheduled Government
15 Oversight Committee meeting.
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17 1303.2 Special Confirmations

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19 A. The Elections Commissioner
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21 1. The Elections Commissioner shall be subject to reconfirmation after the first year of their
22 two (2) year term by majority vote of the Government Oversight Committee.
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25 **Therefore: Let it be enacted that these amendments to Title XIII of the Student Government**
26 **Constitution and Statutes be effective immediately.**

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28 **Legislative Action**

Executive Action

29 **Author:** Chairman Warren Butler
30 **Sponsors:** Chairman Warren Butler
31 **Committee:** Government Oversight Committee
32 **Committee Action:** 6-1-0
33 **Senate Action:** Unanimous Consent
34 **Date of Action:** November 21, 2016

Let it be known that SB-16F-3071 is hereby
35 APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED
36 on this 21 day of December, 2016.

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Signed: 
Caleb Grantham, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 22nd day of Nov., 2016

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Signed: 
Dallas Burke, Student Senate President

