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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student
2 concerns in all University wide matters, and;
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- 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;
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- 8 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions to the System of Statutes shall
9 be considered by the Senate, and
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- 11 Whereas: The Government Oversight Committee and the Constitution and Statutes Committee are similar
12 in their meaning and can be combined by their duties to form one committee, and;
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- 14 Whereas: These changes are necessary in order to run a more organized government, that benefits the people
15 of the senate through personal growth and understanding of Student Government, and;
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- 17 Whereas: The Legislative Cabinet can be more efficiently run if the Constitution and Statutes and
18 the Government Oversight Committees are combines, and;
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- 20 Therefore: The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are
21 being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our
22 democratic system, by combining the Government Oversight Committee and the Constitution
23 and Statutes Committee to create the Rules and Oversight Committee. This committee shall
24 accomplish both the duties of the GO and C&S committees and will be chaired by the Senate
25 President Pro Tempore.



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TITLE IV: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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27 Chapter 401: Senate Absences

28 401.1 The Student Government Senate Policies and Procedures will dictate the guidelines and
29 procedures for absences in the Senate.

30 401.2 Every senator may request either a summer leave of absence or a three-week leave of absence in
31 the fall or spring semester. Requests must be submitted to the Senate President. Special exceptions
32 may be granted by the ~~Constitution and Statutes~~ Rules and Oversight Committee by two-thirds
33 (2/3) vote.

34 Chapter 405: Senate President Pro Tempore

35 405.1 The Senate President Pro Tempore shall:

- 36 A. Assist the Senate President in performing duties as provided by the Senate Policies and
37 Procedures; and
- 38 B. Serve as the Chair of the ~~Constitution and Statutes~~ Rules and Oversightt Committee and
39 perform all duties outlines in Title XIII.

40 Chapter 410: Senate Committees

41 410.1 There shall be ~~four (4)~~ three (3) standing committees within the Senate. Each of the three (3) ~~four~~
42 ~~(4)~~-standing committees shall perform the duties and follow all procedures as set forth in the
43 statutes and Senate Policies and Procedures. The ~~four~~ three standing committees shall be as
44 follows:



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- 45 A. The Budget and Allocations Committee, herein after referred to as the B&A Committee;
- 46 ~~B. The Constitution and Statutes Committee, herein after referred to as the C&S Committee;~~
- 47 ~~C. B. The University and Student Affairs Committee, herein after referred to as the USA~~
- 48 ~~Committee;~~
- 49 ~~D. The Government Oversight Committee, herein after referred to as the G O Committee;~~
- 50 C. The Rules and Oversight Committee, herein after referred to as the RO Committee;

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52 Chapter 412: Forms of Legislation

53 412.5 Constitutional Referendums

- 54 B. All proposals recommended by majority vote of the Constitutional Convention shall be
- 55 forwarded to Senate and the ~~C&SRQ~~ Committee and must be approved by a 3/4 vote of the
- 56 Senate.



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TITLE XIII: THE GOVERNMENT RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATUTE

Chapter 1300 Introduction and Formation

1300.1 Establishment

- A. There shall be a standing committee of the Senate referred to as the ~~Government Oversight~~Rules and Oversight Committee.
- B. The Rules and ~~Government~~-Oversight Committee may herein be known as the "ROGO" Committee.
- C. The ROGO Committee shall follow Robert's Rules of Order during its proceedings.

1300.2 Purpose

- A. The ~~GO~~RO Committee shall serve as the arm of the Legislature responsible for oversight in all intergovernmental affairs of Student Government.
- B. The ~~GO~~RO Committee shall preliminarily vet and approve all legislative appointments by two-thirds (2/3) vote, and all other appointments by majority vote, prior to confirmation by the Senate.
- C. ~~The GO~~RO Committee shall advise the Senate on intergovernmental affairs of Student Government and on the activities of independent offices.
- D. The RO Committee shall resolve conflicts concerning the Constitution, the Statutes, and the Senate Policies and Procedures.
- E. The RO Committee shall enforce the senator Absence Policy, as outlined in the Legislative Policies and Procedures.
- F. The RO committee shall be responsible for maintaining a current Senate Policies and Procedures manual, and any revisions to this document must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- G. ~~The RO committee shall also be responsible for overseeing and administering~~ the Mentorship Program.

1300.3 The voting members of the committee shall include elected or appointed Senators, the Senate Parliamentarian as well as the Vice Chair. All Legislative officers shall be non-voting ex officio members.



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86 1300.4 Amendments to Title XIII shall be subject to the normal legislative process. The ~~RO-GO~~
87 Committee shall have jurisdiction over ~~Title VI and Title XIII~~ Titles, excluding Title VIII and Title
88 XII.

89 **Chapter 1301 ~~ROGO~~ Committee Chair**

90 1301.1 The ~~GO-RO~~ Committee shall ~~have a Chair~~ be chaired by the Senate President Pro-Tempore,
91 elected ~~through the Senate Policies and Procedures~~.

92 ~~1301.2 The GO-Committee Chairperson shall be elected in the spring by a majority vote of the Senate.~~
93 ~~In the event of a conflict of interest, a fall Senate election shall be held for the GO-Committee~~
94 ~~Chairperson position.~~

95 1301.3 The ~~GO-Committee Chair~~ Senate President Pro-Tempore shall:

- 96 A. Follow duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.
- 97 B. Hold all meetings according to Senate Policies and Procedures.
- 98 C. Give a report to Senate at every meeting.
- 99 D. Only vote in the event of a tie.
- 100 E. Call and set the agenda for meetings of the ~~GO-RO~~ Committee and submit minutes
101 following each meeting to the Senate President.
- 102 F. Issue, on behalf of the committee, a recommendation of action before the Senate for each
103 appointee during their confirmation hearing.

104 **Chapter 1302 ~~GO-RO~~ Committee Vice- Chair**

105 1302.1 The ~~GO-RO~~ Committee Vice-Chair shall follow all the duties outlined in the Senate Policies
106 and Procedures.

107 **Chapter 1303 Appointments**

108 1303.1 The Senate shall only be allowed to fill vacancies through the process of appointing thoroughly
109 vetted and qualified candidates.

110 1303.2 The Senate shall fill vacancies for fall or spring seats from the preceding semester before filling
111 current semester vacancies.

112 1303.3 The qualifications for appointment shall not exceed the constitutional requirements for
113 candidacy.



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- 114 1303.4 All qualified candidates for Senate appointment shall be required to:
- 115 A. Announce intention to seek appointment at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting. The
- 116 applicant must stay the entire meeting and obtain the Senate President's signature on the
- 117 designated page of the Senate Appointment Application.
- 118 B. Submit a completed time stamped Appointment Application, following all stated deadlines
- 119 and directions on the application made available by the ~~GO Committee Chair~~ Senate
- 120 President Pro-Tempore.
- 121 C. Attend two (2) full committee meetings following their announcement, one of which must
- 122 be a meeting of the ROGO Committee.
- 123 1303.5 Appointment Process
- 124 A. Candidates who meet all requirements for appointment shall be placed on the next regularly
- 125 scheduled ROGO meeting agenda.
- 126 B. The ROGO Committee shall then interview all candidates and, after reaching a two-thirds
- 127 (2/3) consensus, forward individual appointments to the full Senate for confirmation.
- 128 C. Each appointee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting
- 129 for a confirmation hearing.
- 130 A. The Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, reach a consensus to confirm an appointee's
- 131 request for a Senate seat.
- 132 B. If confirmed, the appointee shall be sworn in as a Senator immediately.
- 133 C. If there are still candidates seeking appointment after all vacant seats are filled, those
- 134 candidates' applications shall remain active for forty five (45) days. In the event of an open
- 135 seat, candidates for Senatorial confirmation will first be selected from the pool of active
- 136 applications.
- 137 D. The decision of forwarding a specific appointee from a pool of active candidate applications
- 138 shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the candidate's ROGO Committee interview.
- 139 E. If denied by the ROGO Committee or the Senate, the candidate must repeat the
- 140 appointment process in order to be reconsidered for a vacant Senate seat. Once denied, the
- 141 ROGO Committee shall interview any remaining candidates from the pool of active



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142 applications, and forward an appointee by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

143 F. The GO-RO Committee shall forward no more than one appointee for each vacant seat.

144 **Chapter 1304 Confirmations**

145 1304.1 Confirmation Process for Presidential Appointments

146 A. The ROGO Committee shall interview all Judicial and Executive appointments and reach,
147 by majority vote, consensus to forward the candidate to the full Senate for confirmation.

148 B. The Senate President Pro-Tempore GO-Committee Chair shall issue on behalf of the
149 committee before the Senate a recommendation of action for each appointee during their
150 confirmation hearings.

151 c. The Senate President Pro-Tempore GO-Committee Chair must receive written notice of
152 appointee no later than three (3) business days prior to the next regularly scheduled
153 Government Oversight Rules and Oversight Committee meeting.

154 1304.2 Special Confirmations

155 A. The Elections Commissioner shall be subject to reconfirmation after the first year of their
156 two (2) year term by majority vote of the GO-RA Committee.

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160 Therefore: Let the renaming of Constitution & Statutes Committee and Government Oversight
161 Committee to the Rules and Oversight Committee, or "RO," be reflected throughout the
162 Student Government Constitution and Statutes upon passage of this legislation.
163 Furthermore: Throughout all of the Student Government documents, where it states "four (4)"
164 regarding the amount of standing committees, let it be changed to "three (3)" standing
165 committees.
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Legislative Action

Author: Kayla Dougherty
Sponsor: Thatcher Hart
Committee: Constitution and statutes
Committee Action: 5-0-0
Committee: Government oversight
Committee Action: 4-0-0
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Senate Action: 20-0-0
Date of Action: 3/13/2020

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body
President

on this 13 day of March, 2020.

Signed, [Redacted Signature]

Thatcher Hart, Student Senate President

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Executive Action

Let it be known that SR-20S-2469 is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED

on this 13 day of MARCH, 2020

Signed, [Redacted Signature]

John Aloszka, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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