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## **SB-20S-3487: Title XIII Changes**

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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent  
2 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 3 Whereas: The Government Oversight Committee is a standing Committee of the Student Government  
4 Senate responsible for oversight in all intergovernmental affairs of Student Government and  
5 preliminarily vetting and approving legislative appointments;
- 6 Whereas: When Senators of Student Government are elected by the student body, the Senate becomes a  
7 truly representative body;
- 8 Whereas: The appointment process is not intended to confirm a seat for a Senator, rather only to fill seats  
9 that are open the semester prior to their time of appointment;
- 10 Whereas: Those who seek a Senate seat during or near the time of elections should go through the elections  
11 process;
- 12 Therefore: The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are  
13 being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our  
14 democratic system:

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16 **TITLE XIII: THE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATUTE**

17 **Chapter 1303 Appointments**

18 1303.1 The Senate shall only be allowed to fill vacancies through the process of  
19 appointing thoroughly vetted and qualified candidates.

20 1303.2 The Senate shall fill vacancies for fall or spring seats from the preceding  
21 semester before filling current semester vacancies.

22 1303.3 The qualifications for appointment shall not exceed the constitutional  
23 requirements for candidacy.

24 1303.4 All qualified candidates for Senate appointment shall be required to:

- 25 A. Announce intention to seek appointment at any regularly scheduled Senate meeting after  
26 the Candidate Declaration of Intent Forms deadline are due for elections occurring within  
27 that semester. -As there are no elections during the summer semester, appointments are  
28 permitted. The applicant must stay the entire meeting and obtain the Senate President's  
29 signature on the designated page of the Senate Appointment Application.



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30 B. Submit a completed time stamped Appointment Application, following all stated deadlines  
31 and directions on the application made available by the GO Committee Chair.

32 C. Attend two (2) full committee meetings following their announcement, one of which must  
33 be a meeting of the GO Committee.

34 1303.5 Appointment Process

35 A. Candidates who meet all requirements for appointment shall be placed on the next regularly  
36 scheduled GO meeting agenda.

37 B. The GO Committee shall then interview all candidates and, after reaching a two-thirds (2/3)  
38 consensus, forward individual appointments to the full Senate for confirmation.

39A. Each appointee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting for a  
40 confirmation hearing.

41 A. The Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, reach a consensus to confirm an appointee's  
42 request for a Senate seat.

43 B. If confirmed, the appointee shall be sworn in as a Senator immediately.

44 C. If there are still candidates seeking appointment after all vacant seats are filled, those  
45 candidates' applications shall remain active for forty five (45) days. In the event of an open  
46 seat, candidates for Senatorial confirmation will first be selected from the pool of active  
47 applications.

48 D. The decision of forwarding a specific appointee from a pool of active candidate applications  
49 shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the candidate's GO Committee interview.

50 E. If denied by the GO Committee or the Senate, the candidate must repeat the appointment  
51 process in order to be reconsidered for a vacant Senate seat. Once denied, the GO  
52 Committee shall interview any remaining candidates from the pool of active applications,  
53 and forward an appointee by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

54 F. The GO Committee shall forward no more than one appointee for each vacant seat.  
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59 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title XIII of the SG Constitution and  
60 Statutes be made effective July 1, 2020.

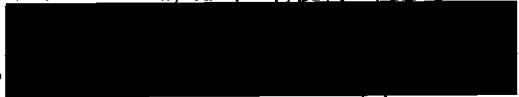
61 **Legislative Action**

Executive Action

62 **Author:** Kayla Dougherty  
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**Committee:** Government Oversight Committee  
**Committee Action:** 5-0-0  
**Date of Committee Action:** 2/28/2020  
**Senate Action:** 23-0-0  
**Date of Action:** 3/6/2020

Let it be known that SB-18S-XXXX is hereby  
APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED  
on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH 2020

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President  
on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Signed,   
*John Aloszka, Student Body President*

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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Signed:   
*Thatcher Hart, Student Senate President*