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## SENATE LEGISLATION

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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 Constitution Revision Committee agreed that the Student Body President should be able to get an extension in regard to hiring the Student Body Treasurer if needed; and;

Whereas:

The Committee agreed that it is imperative that the Student Body President should report to the student body regularly through the most popular form of communication; and;

Whereas:

The Committee wanted to clarify the membership of the Student Body Treasurer; and;

Therefore:

The following necessary and proper revision to the Student Government Constitution is being proposed in order to ensure the Student Body President has adequate time to hire the Student Body Treasurer, the Student Body President regularly communicates with the student body, and the Student Body Treasurer's role is clarified.

#### ARTICLE III: THE EXECUTIVE

##### Section 1: Executive Powers

All Executive Powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the President of the Student Government assisted by the Vice President and such administrative officers as the President shall appoint in accordance with this article. The Student Government President shall hereinafter be referred to as the President, the Student Government Vice President as the Vice President.

##### Section 2: Terms of the President and Vice President

Terms: The President and Vice President shall be elected for terms of one (1) year, and shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) terms.

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##### Section 3: Vacancies

- A. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume office for the remainder of the term.
- B. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President, the President shall have the power to appoint a new Vice President, subject to majority approval from Senate.
- C. If a vacancy occurs in both the office of the President and the office of the Vice President, the Senate President shall assume the office of the President for the remainder of the term.



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##### Section 4: Executive Cabinet

- A. The President shall have the power to appoint all Executive Cabinet Officers with majority approval from Senate. The removal of Executive Cabinet Officers shall be prescribed by law.
- B. The creation, termination, and/or funding of Executive Cabinet Positions shall be prescribed by law.
- ~~A. The President must appoint a qualified individual to the position of Treasurer within the first month 30 days of taking office. An extension may be filed for approval to the Senate President for an additional 30 days. This position shall be a member of the Executive Cabinet and regularly report to the Senate Budget and Allocations Committee. The appointment, termination, and duties of this position shall be prescribed by law.~~

##### Section 5: Additional Duties and Powers of the President

The President shall:

- A. Be the chief executive of Student Government;
- B. Administer and enforce all laws of Student Government;
- C. Co-sign, along with the Student Government Business Manager, on all expenditures ~~from Executive from Executive~~ Branch indexes;
- D. Call and preside over executive meetings of Student Government and student assemblies when appropriate;
- E. Oversee executive agency operations; and
- ~~F. Address the Student Body using the most popular media forum at least once every fall and spring semesters respectively. Address the Student Body using the most popular form of communication regularly throughout their term.~~

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##### Section 6: Duties and Powers of the Vice President

- A. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President only in extreme circumstances, such as physical incapacitation, which make it impossible to discharge the duties of the office, or upon their request.
- B. The Vice President shall coordinate the efforts of the Executive Cabinet and shall serve as coordinator for the formulation and completion of Executive Cabinet projects.

##### Section 7: Duties and Powers of the Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall serve as the executive liaison to the Student Body on all matters pertaining to



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A&S Fee procedures.

- B. The Treasurer shall work with the Senate Budget and Allocation Committee, Student Government Accountant, and Student Government Business Manager in monitoring all A&S Fee accounts and advising all A & S Fee requesters on proper procedure and regulations.
- C. The Treasurer shall fulfill all job responsibilities as well as duties prescribed by law.
- D. This position shall be a member of the Executive Cabinet and regularly report to the Senate and B&A committee. The appointment, termination, and duties of this position shall be prescribed by law.

#### Section 8: Duties and Powers of the Attorney General

- A. The Attorney General shall be an executive position appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.
- B. The Attorney General shall be the Chief Executive Prosecutor in all Student Government matters.
- C. The Attorney General shall fulfill all job responsibilities as well as duties prescribed by law.

#### Section 9: Duties and Powers of the Student Advocate

- A. The Student Advocate shall be in an executive position appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.
- B. The Student Advocate shall be the Chief Public Defender in all Student Government matters.
- C. The Student Advocate shall fulfill all job responsibilities as well as duties prescribed by law.

Therefore:

Let it be enacted that the following changes to Article III be made effective immediately upon passage by the Student Body and validation of the Fall Student Government elections.

#### Legislative Action

Author: Constitution Revision Committee  
Sponsor: Thatcher Hart  
Committee: R3G  
Committee Action: 5-0-0  
Date of Committee Action: 9/25/20  
Senate Action: 17-0-0



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Date of Senate Action: 10/02/20

Signed and Delivered to the Office of Elections  
on this 5 day of Oct, 20.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*ers. Student Senate President*

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