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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 Student Government Constitution requires clarification regarding the purpose of the organization in order to properly represent the student body, and;

Whereas:

The new wording in the constitution allows all students to clearly understand the purpose and qualifications required of the Senate, and;

Whereas:

These changes provide a greater sense of transparency with regard to what the student body should expect from their elected officials, and;

Section 1.01 ARTICLE I: THE ORGANIZATION

(a) Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government of the University of North Florida, hereinafter referred to as Student Government.

(b) Section 2: Branches of Government

The powers of this government shall be divided into Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. No person belonging to one branch shall exercise any powers appertaining to either of the other branches unless expressly provided herein.

(c) Section 3: Purpose

The purpose of this government shall be to represent student concerns in all University-wide matters while developing and promoting programs and activities of practical value and interest to students. This shall include but not be limited to the following:

A. The allocation of the Activity and Service Fee Budget, hereinafter referred to as the A&S Fee Budget;



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- B. The evaluation and establishment of student programs;
- C. The support and development of student activities, clubs and organizations, publications, and services;
- D. ~~The representation of representation concerns of concerns for~~ student morale, welfare, responsibility, and integrity; and, and,
- E. Other activities as may pertain directly to students.

(d) Section 4: Qualifications

~~Article II.~~ Every Student Government member must be an A&S Fee paying student, enrolled in at least one (1) class during the Fall semester and at least one (1) class during the Spring semester at the University of North Florida, maintain a 2.5 institutional grade point average or higher, unless otherwise approved by the ~~Chief Student Affairs Officer, Vice President of Student and International Affairs,~~ and not be restricted from participation in Student Government by the University of North Florida's Student Conduct Office. Students seeking membership to Student Government during their first semester shall be exempt from the GPA requirement during their first semester. Members of Student Government may continue to serve during the summer semester without being enrolled in a class so long as they are still considered students by the University of North Florida.

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~~Section 2.01~~Section 1.02 ARTICLE II: THE LEGISLATURE

(a) Section 1: Composition

The legislative powers of the Student Governments shall be vested in the Senate, which shall consist of forty (40) senators.

(b) Section 2: Terms of Senators

- A. Elected Senators: Elected Senators shall be elected for terms of one (1) year, and shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) terms.
- B. Appointed Senators: If a vacancy occurs, the Senate may appoint a substitute to serve for the remainder of the term as prescribed by law.



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Therefore:

Let it be enacted that the Student Government at the University of North Florida recognizes the need for these friendly changes in the constitution to provide needed clarity regarding the direction and goal of the organization. Upon passage of this bill let the changes in the constitution that are provided above to be effective immediately.

Legislative Action

Author: Thatcher Hart 26

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Committee Action: 4-0-0 29

Senate Action: 17-0-0 31

Date of Action: 10-02-20 32

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President on this 5 day of Oct, 35
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Rachel Saunders, Student Senate 41

President 42

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Executive Action

Let it be known that JR-120F-XXXX is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED

on this 7 day of Oct, 2020

Signed, _____
Kathryn "Ally" Saunders, Student
Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Chief Justice

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Judicial Action

Let it be known that the Supreme Court has ruled
JR-20F-XXXX to be:

Constitutional Unconstitutional

Vote: 7 0 0

on this 28 day of October, 2020.

Signed Nicolas Vincenty
Nicolas Vincenty, Chief Justice

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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