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**BRHB-12-13**

“Duties and Powers of the Student Body President”

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Broudy – Yes
Cepeda – No
Cyrise – No
Douglas – Absent
Dowling – Absent
Dunne – Yes
Fawzy – No
Fernandez – Absent
Fleming – Yes
Guijarro – Yes
Kashti – No
Knight – Yes
Kruempel – Yes
Loschak - No
Maher – Absent
Mahoney – Yes
McCoy – Yes
Montes – Absent
Moss – Absent
Preston – Absent
Pronman – No
Rampton – Absent
Rosario – No

**BRHB-12-13 FAILED** on this 25rd day of May, 2012 by a vote of **10 YES and 10 NO**

Signature – House Speaker _________________________________________

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WHEREAS: At Florida Atlantic University, Student Government has adopted a Constitution, and;

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Constitution is to uphold basic guidelines and specify the powers and duties of each level of Student Government and each branch within it, and;

WHEREAS: In Article IV (4), Section Three (3) of the Constitution, details the duties and powers of the Student Body President, and;

WHEREAS: Article IV (4), Section Three (3), letter E, states, “Sign or veto legislation passed by the Senate and Campus Houses of Representatives within five (5) business days from passage.”, and;

WHEREAS: This contradicts the Legislation Process outlined in the Chapter 400 Statues, and;

WHEREAS: The Process of Legislation is detailed in 458.300, for Campus Houses of Representatives, and;

WHEREAS: Section 458.312 of the Chapter 400 Statues states, “Upon approval by a majority vote of the total active membership of the Campus House, the legislation is then sent to the Campus Governor for approval or veto. The Campus Governor has seven (7) academic days in which to enact or veto legislation. If there is no action on the legislation by the Campus Governor for those seven (7) academic days, the legislation shall then be considered enacted and shall carry the force of law.”, and;

WHEREAS: Since the Campus Governor had seven (7) academic days to enact or veto legislation, it is virtually impossible for the Student Body President to enact or veto legislation in five (5) business days from passage, and;

CODING: Words struck are deletions; words underlined are additions.
WHEREAS: In order to correct this contradiction, a change to the Constitution is required, NOW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article IV (4), Section Three (3), Letter E, is changed to state: “Sign or veto legislation passed by the Student Senate and Campus Houses of Representatives within five (5) business academic days from passage which it was received from the Campus Governor or President of the Student Senate. If there is no action on the legislation by the Student Body President for those five (5) academic days, the legislation shall then be considered enacted and shall carry the force of law.”

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a sample of the changed Article, Section, and line is attached.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if this piece of legislation is approved in its entirety, through the extensive approval process, that a memo be sent to the President of the Student Senate encouraging changing the Chapter 400 Statues: 407.313 to reflect this change to the Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the Student Senate does not deem the need for the above stated change, that one of the Campus Houses of Representatives make the change to Chapter 400 Statues: 407.313 to reflect the change to the Constitution.