Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Student Body Statutes

Title V. Executive Branch
Chapter 500. Executive Branch Statutes

500.100 Purpose – The purpose of this chapter is to define and outline the structure of the Executive Branch within Student Government.

500.200 Scope – This chapter provides the framework and body of how the entities of the Executive Branch operate.

500.300 Composition of the Executive Branch

500.310 The Student Body President, assisted by the Student Body Vice President shall serve as head of the Executive Branch for all of the campuses.

500.320 The Campus Governors on FAU’s campuses shall serve as head of the Executive Branch for their respective campuses.

500.330 Executive Program – An Executive Program is an administrative unit of the Executive Branch created as a direct support service for the Student Body as a whole. It is responsible for enhancing the health, education, welfare and/or safety of all students at Florida Atlantic University. All Executive Programs shall be delineated in the Student Body Statutes Chapter 1100.

500.400 Authority of the Executive Branch

500.410 The power of entities within the Executive Branch is derived from the Student Body President’s constitutional investiture of the executive powers of the Student Government.

500.420 The Executive Branch Shall be the administrative arm of the Student Government

500.430 The Executive Branch shall be responsible for the enforcement and execution of the Student Body Statutes.

500.440 The Executive Branch shall be responsible for the planning and execution of programs, projects, and services provided to the students through the Student Government.
The Executive Branch shall be responsible for researching and developing programs to enhance the well-being of the Student Body of Florida Atlantic University.

Duties of the Student Body President

Constitutionally granted powers of the Student Body President are those powers delineated in the Student Government Constitution, Article IV, Section 3.

Statutorily granted powers are those powers granted to the Student Body President by these and other Student Body Statutes. These powers, duties and responsibilities are:

- Call and Chair the first meeting of the University Budget and Appropriations Committee (UBAC) of Student Government and review and approve the University-wide Activity and Service Fee budget allocation.
- Represent the Student Body as a member of the University Board of Trustees.
- Appoint the Chair of the Elections Board, Homecoming Director, Student Media Outlet Senior Leadership, and Presidential Executive Cabinet positions.
- Chair meetings of the Board of Governors.
- Provide a State of the Student Body Address to the entire Student Body.
- Initiate legislation for consideration by the Senate.
- Approve or veto Campus House or Senate legislation.
- Chair meetings of Student Government ad-hoc committees, sit as a member of the Graduate Student Association Advisory Board, and on University committees as assigned by the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.
- Perform any and all other actions necessary and proper to carry out the duties of this office; such actions are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Senate.

Duties of the Student Body Vice President
502.100 Constitutionally granted powers of the Student Body Vice President are those powers delineated in the Student Government Constitution, Article IV, Section 4.

502.200 Statutorily granted powers are those powers granted to the Student Body Vice President by these Statutes. These powers, duties and responsibilities are:

502.210 Assist the Student Body President with organizing the State of the Student Body Address

502.220 Chair the UBAC each year.

502.230 Chair the Senate meetings each year as the President of the Senate.

502.240 Create and maintain accurate records of Senate agendas and meeting minutes.

502.250 Keep accurate records of Senate legislation.

502.260 Notify the Campus Governors of vacancies on the Senate.

502.270 Represent the Student Body in the absence of the Student Body President.

502.280 Chair meetings of ad-hoc committees and perform any and all other actions necessary and proper to carry out the duties of this office; such actions are subject to approval by majority vote of the Senate.

503.000 Duties of the Campus Governors

503.100 Constitutionally granted powers of the Campus Governors are those powers delineated in the Student Government Constitution, Article IV, Section 5.

503.200 Statutorily granted powers are those powers granted to the Campus Governors by these Statutes. These powers, duties and responsibilities are:

503.210 Sit as member of the Board of Governors.

503.220 Oversee the operation of the Governor's Cabinet on his/ her Campus.

503.230 Appoint students to serve on all Executive advisory boards and ad hoc committees on his/her Campus.

503.240 Approve or veto Campus House legislation.
503.250 Initiate legislation for consideration by the Campus House of Representatives.

503.280 Appoint students to fill vacancies on the Student Senate and Campus Graduate Council subject to confirmation by the Campus House of Representatives.

503.290 Any and all other actions necessary and proper to carry out the duties of this office; such actions are subject to the approval by majority vote of the Campus House of Representatives.

504.000 Board of Governors

504.100 There shall be a Board of Governors (herein after BOG) that shall be composed of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President and the Campus Governors.

504.110 Campus House Speakers may be invited to participate in the BOG.

504.200 The BOG exists to advise the Student Body President and to assist in the coordination of the Executive Branch across all campuses.

504.300 The BOG is a vehicle through which the Student Body President, Vice President and Campus Governors execute their constitutional powers and carry out their administration’s programs, projects, and agenda.

504.400 The BOG shall meet at a time called by the Student Body President provided reasonable notice has been given to the Campus Governors, Vice President and the Student Body.

504.500 The BOG must meet at least twice per semester.

504.600 All BOG meetings shall be open to anyone wishing to attend.

504.700 Minutes of BOG meetings will be recorded and kept on record.

504.800 The BOG may not issue legislation or resolutions.

505.000 Executive Cabinet

505.100 There shall be an Executive Cabinet to advise the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President.

505.200 There shall be a President’s Chief of Staff, Executive Aide to the President, and Executive Aide to the Vice President within the Executive Cabinet.

505.300 The Student Body President shall post all Executive positions with the assistance of the SG Advisor for a minimum of two weeks on the Student
Employment website and any other appropriate University medium.

505.400 The Student Body President-Elect shall have the power to post, interview and appoint Executive Cabinet members of his or her administration prior to the Presidential Oath of Office.

505.410 Upon installation of the Student Body President-elect, all Executive Cabinet members of the new Presidential administration shall assume the position for which they were confirmed and all duties, responsibilities, rights, and compensation vested with the position.

505.500 The Student Body President shall interview for all vacant Executive positions with a hiring committee to include the Chief Justice, SG Advisor, and Student Body Vice President, and appoint all Executive positions upon approval by majority vote of the Senate.

505.510 The only exception to this is the Vice President's Executive Aide who will be interviewed by the Student Body Vice President with a hiring committee to include the Chief Justice and SG Advisor. The Vice President will select the appointment and the President will submit the appointment to the Senate on behalf of the Vice President.

505.600 The Student Body President may create any unpaid position, that he or she deems necessary and proper provided that the Senate is notified of the action in writing.

505.700 Any individual appointed to a Cabinet level position as indicated in the Student Body Statutes shall require confirmation by the Senate including new unpaid positions created by the current Student Body President.

505.800 The terms of all Executive Office appointees shall end when they are removed, impeached, graduate, resign, or upon installation of their successor.

506.000 Procedures for Removal of a Presidential Appointee

506.100 The purpose of this chapter is to define the procedures to be used for the removal of a Student Body Presidential Executive Cabinet appointee.

506.200 The Student Body President shall have the authority to remove an appointee for the following reasons:

506.210 Not performing his or her duties as outlined in Statutes.

506.220 Misuse of Activity and Service Fees.

506.230 Falsification of Time Sheets.
505.240 Other reasons in the best interest of the Student Body.

506.300 The Student Body President shall inform the SG Advisor of his or her plans to remove an appointee and the reasons for removal before initiating the removal process.

506.400 The Student Body President shall meet in person with the appointee to give the appointee the opportunity to present his or her side of the issue.

506.410 This meeting must be held at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the notification of removal.

506.500 The Student Body President must notify the appointee in writing that he or she is removed from office and the effective date of such removal which must be immediate.

506.600 The Student Court shall act as the formal appeal board for any Student Government student employee who feels his or her employment has been terminated without justifiable cause.

506.610 “Justifiable Cause” shall, for purposes of this chapter, refer to reasons for termination consistent with State or Federal Law regarding termination of employees.

506.620 The Student Court shall convene after a terminated employee files an official complaint of termination without justifiable cause to the Chief Justice, and he or she finds the complaint valid.

506.621 The Student Court may issue a decision or hold a hearing.

506.630 The appealing employee shall have the burden of proof to show there was a lack of justifiable cause in his or her termination.

506.640 The Court shall then deliberate and announce the final decision to both parties.

506.650 The Student Court can find the following decisions:

506.651 Uphold the removal by the Student Body President.

506.652 Overturn the removal by the Student Body President in which case the appealing employee shall be reinstated to his or her position.

506.700 The decision of the Student Court is final.

506.800 Removals of Presidential Cabinet Officers will not be fully approved and in effect until signed by the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.
The State of the Student Body Address

The Student Body President shall be required to deliver a State of the Student Body address held on the Boca Raton Campus to the Student Body by the third week of the fall semester.

The following people shall be invited and highly encouraged to attend the State of the Student Body Address:

- The Student Body Vice President
- The Executive Cabinet
- The Directors of all Executive Programs including Homecoming, Student Media Outlet and GSA
- All Campus Governors
- All Campus Speakers of the Houses
- The Chief Justice and all Associate Justices
- All Members of the Senate
- All Members of the Campus Houses of Representatives
- The Executive Boards of the Inter-Fraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council along with the Office of Greek Life Staff.
- The Executive Boards of all SG Programs on all of the four University campus groupings
- The Presidents of all Registered Student Clubs and Organizations on all of the four University campus groupings.
- The University Press, OWL TV, OWL Radio
- The General Student Body of Florida Atlantic University

An invitation shall also be extended to the President of the University and Executive Staff, the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Division of Student Affairs staff, and other members of the University Administration and Faculty.
508.200 The opening ceremonies of the State of the Student Body Address shall be as similar as possible to the State of the Union Address.

508.210 The Vice President, Campus Governors and Campus Speakers of the Houses shall sit behind the rostrum and be the only individuals seated on the rostrum level.

508.300 The Student Body President shall appoint a Doorkeeper from the Senate to assist in the Opening Ceremonies.

509.000 State of the Campus Student Body Address

509.100 Each Campus Governor shall be required to deliver a State of the Campus Student Body Address to the Student Body of their campus by the sixth week of the fall semester.

509.200 The following people shall be invited and highly encouraged to attend the State of the Campus Student Body Address:

509.200a All Members of the Campus House of Representatives

509.200. b Both members of that Campus’ Student Senate

509.200. c The Campus Associate Justice

509.200. d The Directors of all Campus SG Programs

509.200. e The Student Body President and Vice President

509.200. f The Presidents of all Registered Student Clubs and Organizations on that campus

509.200. g The Vice President for Student Affairs and the Campus Deans of Student Affairs

509.200. h The University Press, OWL TV, OWL Radio

509.200. i The General Student Body of the campus

509.300 An invitation shall also be extended to the President of the University and Executive Staff, the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Division of Student Affairs, and other members of the University Administration and Faculty.

510.000 University-Wide Executive Programs
510.100 Purpose – To clearly define and delineate the nature of the Student Government units known as University-wide Executive Programs and to distinguish them from other entities within the Executive Branch.

510.200 All University-wide Executive Programs shall be delineated in Title XI.

510.300 University-wide Executive Programs include all Student Media Outlets, Graduate Student Association, and Homecoming.

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