



Item: VI. AS: A-1

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

**SUBJECT: Student Government Constitutional Amendments**

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**Proposed Board Action**

Approval of the amendments to the Student Government Constitution (Attachment A)

**Background Information**

The Division of Student Affairs and Student Government seek to amend the Student Government Constitution (Attachment A).

In accordance to Student Government Constitutional Amendment (Article VII) process, the Florida Atlantic University Student Body has ratified the proposed amendments and is now submitting the changes to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval pursuant to University Regulations 4.006 (Attachment B).

The amendments were done to further clarify the internal procedures to the enacted Student Government Constitution that was established by the Board of Trustees on February 21, 2007.

Highlights of the amendments to the Student Government Constitution are (Attachment C):

1. The Student Government officers' term of office is up to one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending upon the installation of their successor. This change clarifies the term of office for the elected positions.
2. The Campus Governor shall sign or veto legislation within five (5) academic days from passage by the Campus House of Representatives. This change will expedite the turnaround time for passed or veto legislation.
3. The Student Body President will be given executive power to pass or veto campus based legislation. This change will thereby balance the relationship between the Executive and Legislative branches.
4. The Florida Atlantic University Student Government Constitution is Student Government's most important document and should be free of grammatical, spelling, punctuation and numbering errors. The changes will provide a clear and concise document for the Student Body.

### **Implementation Plan/Date**

The amended Student Government Constitution will be implemented and effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees

### **Fiscal Implications**

There are no fiscal implications to this proposed board action.

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#### **Supporting Documentation:**

Proposed Amendments to SG Constitution  
(Attachment A)

Fall 2008 University-wide Constitutional  
Amendment Ballot (Attachment B)

University-wide Student Senate Bills  
(Attachment C)  
SGSS 08-08 “Constitutional Amendments  
for Error Corrections and Compliance”

SGSS 08-09 “Constitutional Amendment for  
Presidential Veto Power”

SGSS 08-10 “Constitutional Amendment for  
Gubernatorial Approval of Legislation”

SGSS 08-11 “Constitutional Amendment for  
SG Officers Term of Office

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# Florida Atlantic University Student Government Constitution

## Preamble

We the students of the Florida Atlantic University, in order to form a Student Government that will provide effective representation in the students' best interests, promote the general welfare, ensure the continuation of self-governance, uphold the principles of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Florida, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Florida Atlantic University Student Government.

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## Article I. Establishment of the FAU Student Government

- Section 1. Name – The governmental agency of the Student Body of Florida Atlantic University shall be called the Florida Atlantic University Student Government, hereinafter referred to as Student Government (SG).
- Section 2. Purpose – The purpose of Student Government shall be:
- A. To ensure the greatest participation by students in the governance of and policy development for Florida Atlantic University.
  - B. To provide an official voice through which the opinion of the student body may be expressed.
  - C. To serve as an active participant in addressing student issues and concerns on all of FAU's campuses.
  - D. To develop SG statutes in a fair and open manner.
  - E. To inform all students of SG activities and encourage participation in them.
  - F. To allocate Activity and Service Fees.
- Section 3. Jurisdiction -- All students by virtue of their enrollment in Florida Atlantic University shall be members of the Student Body and shall be subject to this Constitution.
- Section 4. Franchise -- All students currently registered and paying Activity and Service Fees at Florida Atlantic University during the semester in which an election takes place shall be entitled to vote in the general, run-off, special and referendum elections of the Student Body.

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## Article II. Organization and Composition of FAU Student Government

- Section 1. The Student Government at Florida Atlantic University is organized into two (2) levels; a University-Wide level to represent the interests of all FAU students and a Campus-Based level to represent the interests of students on each individual campus grouping.
- Section 2. Each level is composed of a Legislative and Executive branch, along with a University-Wide Judicial branch as described in this Constitution.
- Section 3. The Executive Officers of the Student Government are the University-Wide Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, along with four (4) Campus Governors.

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### Article III. Legislative Branch

Section 1. Legislative Authority ~~—~~ The legislative authority of the Student Body shall be vested in the Senate ~~—~~ and individual Campus House of Representatives.

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#### Section 2. Composition

A. Senate. The Senate shall consist of two (2) individuals elected at large from each individual campus grouping.

B. Houses of Representatives. Each campus grouping will have a ~~—~~ House of Representatives; Boca Raton Campus, Broward Campuses, MacArthur Campus, and Treasure Coast Campus.

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#### Section 3. Apportionment and Qualifications

A. Each Campus House of Representatives shall consist of five (5) seats plus one (1) seat for every five hundred (500) students represented on each of the campus groupings based on unduplicated head count enrollment from the previous spring semester.

B. Each Campus House of Representatives shall be apportioned as established by the procedures described in the Student Body Statutes.

C. Members of Senate and House of Representatives must meet at least the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulations 4.006.

D. To run and hold office, Campus Senators and House Representatives must take at least 50% of their credits each semester on their respective campus.

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#### Section 4. Powers, Duties, and Limitations of Senate

A. The Student Body Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Senate and shall only vote in the case of a tie.

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B. The Senate shall only have jurisdiction over legislative matters that affect two (2) or more individual campuses.

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C. The Senate shall:

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1. Advise, consent and approve, by majority vote, all appointments made by the Student Body President.

2. Approve the appointment of the Student Court Chief Justice by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

3. Approve and allocate the Activity and Service Fee fiscal budget of the Student Government, as provided by statute.

4. Establish its own meeting times, rules and procedures in accordance with statutes.

5. Propose Constitutional Amendments.

6. Overturn a Student Body Presidential Veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

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7. Provide for the elections of the Student Government.

8. Enact by majority vote legislation necessary and proper for the general well being of the Student Body.

9. Enact by majority vote, constitutional bylaws to be known as Student Body Statutes, subject to the procedure described in statute.
10. Exercise any other power or duty provided for in the Constitution or Statutes of the Student Body.

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#### Section 5.

##### Powers, Duties and Limitations of Campus House of Representatives

- A. Each Campus House of Representatives shall elect a Speaker of the House by a majority vote from among its membership. The Speaker's powers and duties shall be delineated in the Student Body Statutes.
- B. Each Campus House of Representatives shall have jurisdiction over legislative matters that affect only its campus.
- C. The individual Campus House of Representatives shall:
  1. Approve legislation that is deemed necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body on their specific Campus by a majority vote.
  2. Advise, consent and approve, by majority vote, all campus appointments made by the Campus Governor.
  3. Confirm the appointment of the Campus Associate Justice of the Student Court by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
  4. Override the Campus Governor's veto of Campus-based legislation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
  5. Oversee and approve by a majority vote the expenditure and the disbursement of Activity and Service Fees on the specific campus of jurisdiction as provided in the Student Body Statutes.
  6. Provide for the compilation and publication of legislation.
  7. Approve Statutes by majority vote that are necessary and proper for the general operation of the Student Government on their specific campus subject to the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes.
  8. Establish its own rules and procedures, as well as meeting times, in accordance with the Statutes.
  9. Override the Student Body President's Veto of Campus-based legislation by a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

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#### Section 6.

##### Prohibitions – The Senate and the individual Campus House of Representatives shall not:

- A. Enact any law that abridges its powers delegated by the Constitution.
- B. Appropriate funds for a period of more than one fiscal year.
- C. Infringe the secrecy of the ballot in any Student Body election.
- D. Deny speaking privileges in any regular or special meeting of any Student Government official.
- E. Meet in a closed session or violate Florida Sunshine Laws.
- F. Change the dates of Student Body elections in the nine weeks before the scheduled election.
- G. Change the election laws during the nine weeks before the scheduled election to be effective for that election.

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Section 7. Vacancies

- A. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a member of Senate, the Governor from the campus in which the vacancy occurs will appoint a new member of Senate. This appointee shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the campus House of Representatives.
- B. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a Campus Speaker of the House, the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes shall be followed.
- C. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a member of a Campus House of Representatives, the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes shall be followed.

**Article IV. Executive Branch**

- Section 1. Executive Authority - All executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Body President, assisted by the Student Body Vice President and the Campus Governors.

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- Section 2. Terms & Qualifications -- To be eligible to run for and hold an elected position in the Executive Branch a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. The student must have a minimum overall cumulative and previous semester GPA of 2.5.
- B. The student must be enrolled for at least nine (9) undergraduate credits or six (6) graduate credits.
- C. Must meet the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulation 4.006.
- D. To run and hold office, the Campus Governors must take at least 50% of their credits each semester on their respective campus.

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- Section 3. Duties and Powers of Student Body President  
The Student Body President shall:

- A. Represent the Student Body on the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University.
- B. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- C. Be the chief executive of the Student Body.
- D. Call special meetings of the Senate in accordance with Florida Sunshine Laws.
- E. Sign or veto legislation passed by the Senate and Campus Houses of Representatives within five, (5) business days from passage.
- F. Appoint students to serve on all University-Wide Committees, Councils and/or Boards.
- G. Appoint or remove members of the President's Executive Cabinet.

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- All such appointments shall require a majority vote of the Senate to be approved.
- H. Appoint a Chief Justice with a two-thirds (2/3) confirmation vote of the Senate.
  - I. Be the official spokesperson for the Student Government.
  - J. Present reports to the Senate at each of their meetings.
  - K. Present reports to each of the Campus House of Representatives meetings at least once per month in person or in writing.
  - L. Preside over a State of the Student Body Address.
  - M. Any other power or duty provided for in this Constitution.

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#### Section 4. Duties and Powers of Student Body Vice President

The Student Body Vice President shall:

- A. Assist the Student Body President in the daily operation of the Student Government.
- B. Be vested with the powers of the Student Body President if he/she temporarily can not perform his/her duties.
- C. Chair the meetings of the Senate. Only in the event of a tie vote in the Senate the Student Body Vice-President shall have the authority to cast his/her deciding vote.
- D. Coordinate the duties of the President's Executive Cabinet under the direction of the Student Body President.
- E. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- F. Perform other duties as assigned by the Student Body President.
- G. Assume the Office of Student Body President in the event of a permanent vacancy in the position of Student Body President.

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#### Section 5. Duties and Powers of Campus Governors

The Campus Governors shall

- A. Sign or veto legislation passed by the Campus House of Representatives within five (5) business days following passage. The Campus House of Representatives may override the veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of their membership.
- B. Appoint or remove members of the Governor's Administrative Cabinets for their respective campus. The appointments shall require majority vote of the Campus House of Representatives.
- C. Call special meetings of the Campus House of Representatives in accordance with Florida Sunshine laws.
- D. Serve as the voice of the Student Body for their respective campus.
- E. Officially represent the Student Body of their specific campus at any function in or outside of the University.
- F. Assist the Student Body President in the administration of the Executive Branch.
- G. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- H. Present a report to the Campus House on executive activities at each of their meetings.

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- I. Any other power or duty provided for in this Constitution.

Section 6. Order of Succession

- A. Absence, resignation, or removal of Student Body President:  
In the case of the permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President will move into the position of Student Body President. The new Student Body President will appoint a new Student Body Vice President. This appointment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- B. Absence, resignation, or removal of Student Body Vice President:  
In the case of the permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body President will appoint a new Student Body Vice President. This appointment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- C. Absence, resignation, or removal of a Campus Governor:  
In the case of permanent absence, resignation or removal of a campus Governor, the campus Speaker of the House will move into the position of campus Governor.
- D. Absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President:  
In the case of a simultaneous permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President occurs, the Campus Governor from the campus with the largest student enrollment shall be acting Student Body President until there is a "special election". The procedures for this special election shall be delineated in the Student Body Statutes.

**Article V. Judicial Branch**

Section 1. Judicial Authority - All judicial powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Court.

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Section 2. Purpose - The Student Court shall have jurisdiction over cases involving questions of interpretation of the Student Government Constitution and the constitutionality or interpretation of Student Body Statutes of Student Government as follows:

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- A. Violations of the Student Government Constitution and the Student Body Statutes.
- B. Cases involving impeachment of officials of Student Government as set forth in Article VIII of the Student Government Constitution and procedures described in the Student Body Statutes.
- C. Violations of the Code of Ethics provided in the Student Body Statutes.
- D. Student(s) or Student Organization(s) disputes or violations of the Student Government Constitution or Statutes.
- E. Issuance of student summons for issues before the Student Court.

Section 3. Composition and Selection



- A. Structure of the Student Court
  - 1. The Student Court shall consist of a Student Court Chief Justice and four (4) Student Court Associate Justices.
  - 2. The Student Court Associate Justices shall consist of:  
One (1) Associate Justice of the Boca Raton campus, one (1) Associate Justice of the Broward campuses, one (1) Associate Justice of the MacArthur campus, and one (1) Associate Justice of the Treasure Coast campus.
- B. Appointments
  - 1. The Student Court Chief Justice shall be appointed by the Student Body President and must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
  - 2. Each Associate Justice shall be appointed by the respective Campus Governor, and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on the respective Campus House of Representatives, and each Associate Justice must take at least fifty (50%) percent of their classes on the campus which he/she represents.
  - 3. If a Chief or Associate Justice has not been appointed within thirty (30) academic days of any vacancy, the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee shall appoint a student into the vacant position and immediately assume office.
  - 4. All appointments must meet the same eligibility requirements as the Student Body President.
- C. Term. Office shall be held for two (2) years from the date of            appointment.

Section 4. Administration, Practice and Procedure

- A. Student Court Chief Justice

The Chief Justice of the Student Court, as chief administrative officer of the Judicial Branch, shall be vested with and shall exercise, in accordance with rules adopted by the Court, the authority to:

  - 1. Supervise the administration of the Student Court.
  - 2. Call and preside over all sessions of the Student Court.
  - 3. Keep all permanent records of the Student Court and release them in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and any other statewide Governing Body's rules and regulations, and deliver them into the hands of his/her successor.
  - 4. Sign all Court documents.
  - 5. Serve as the official Student Court Spokesperson.
  - 6. Shall publish written reports to inform on the status of cases on the Student Government website.
  - 7. Shall update all changes and amendments to the Student Government Constitution and/or the Student Body Statutes.
  - 8. The Student Court shall keep all official Student Government records, with the Chief Justice acting as the Clerk of the Court.
- B. Campus Associate Justices

1. Campus Associate Justices serve the Student Body as unbiased members of the Student Government.
2. Campus Associate Justices shall have the following powers and duties:
  - a. Attend all meetings of the Student Court as voting members.
  - b. Serve as student members of the University Code of Conduct Hearing Board on the campuses they represent.
  - c. Perform duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.
- C. Attendance
  1. If a Chief Justice or Campus Associate Justice fails to attend two (2) court proceedings in a term, they shall be considered resigned from the position.
  2. A majority vote of the active membership of the Student Court, not including the judge petitioning the absences, may vote to expunge a Justice's absences if there is just cause.
- D. The Student Court shall meet as necessary to conduct business
- E. All meetings of the Student Court shall be open to the public.

#### Section 5. Complaint Process and Hearing Procedures

- A. Complaint Process
  1. Any student and/or student organization may file grievances with the Student Court against the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
  2. Any student, student organization, and/or Student Government Officer, member, and/or Student Employee may appeal to the Student Court any non-legislative action taken against them by the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
- B. The process of petitioning the Student Court shall be:
  1. Filing a written petition form with the Office of the Student Court Chief Justice.
  2. The petition shall include:
    - a. Name of petitioner and address.
    - b. Name of respondent(s) and address (if known).
    - c. Detailed description of the complaint including names, dates, and locations.
  3. All court petitions shall be signed by the petitioner.
  4. If appropriate, cursory evidence, or copies thereof, shall be presented with petitions.
- C. Hearing Procedures
  1. Quorum is defined as three of five Justices present for all court proceedings, one being the Chief Justice.

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#### Article VI. Elections

Section 1. Qualifications for Office - To be able to run for and maintain an elected office in Student Government or hold any Student Government position, a student must obtain verification from the Student Affairs office that they meet the minimum qualifications as stated in University Regulations 4.006.

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Section 2. General Procedures

A. Unless otherwise specified in the Student Body Statutes, all elections shall be decided by simple majority of those voting.

B. Fall Semester General Election

1. The fall election shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the fourth week of fall semester.

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2. The fall election will be held for:

a. All seats in Senate

b. All seats in each of the Campus Houses of Representatives

C. Spring Semester General Election

1. The spring election shall occur on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February.

2. The spring election will be held for:

a. The offices of Student Body President and Student Body Vice President

b. The office of Campus Governor for each campus

c. All vacant seats in each of the Campus House of Representatives

3. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected jointly University-Wide by the Student Body.

4. The Campus Governor will be elected by each Campus Student Body.

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D. The only exceptions to these procedures would be in case of emergency as defined by the Student Body Statutes.

Section 3. Installation of Officers

A. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Campus Governors elected during the spring semester election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his/her term of office at a University ceremony coordinated by Student Affairs in the first week immediately following the last day of final examinations.

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B. The Senate and Campus House of Representatives elected officials in the fall election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his or her term of office at a University ceremony coordinated by Student Affairs on the fifth business day after the election results have been officially published in accordance to Election Statute.

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C. All vacant Campus House of Representatives seats elected in the spring semester election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his/her term of office on the Monday following Spring Break.

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1. Individuals elected to fill vacant legislative seats in the Spring Semester Election shall have a term of office until the next Fall elections.

2. The provision in Article VI, Section 3, Letter G(3) does not apply for individuals elected to vacant legislative branch seats filled in the Spring semester elections.
- D. No student may concurrently hold more than one (1) elected or appointed office in Student Government.
- E. No student shall serve in the same position/office within the Executive Branch more than twice.
- F. No student shall be sworn into office whose election is being contested in the Election Board and/or Student Court.
- G. Oath of Office
1. All elected and appointed Student Government positions shall be administered the following oath of office upon the commencement of their term: I, (name of the individual), do hereby affirm to uphold the office of (title), and to abide by the Constitution of the Student Government of Florida Atlantic University, the Statutes incorporated thereto, and to strive for the betterment of the Student Body through which I was elected (appointed). Deleted: c
  2. At the University ceremony, the University President or a Board of Trustee member will swear in the Student Body President elect into office. The Student Body President or designee will administer the Oath of Office for the remaining elected and/or appointed officers during the University ceremony.
  3. All Student Government elected and appointed positions shall have terms of office of one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending upon the installation of their successor. Deleted: at the conclusion of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days
- Section 4. Other requirements may be set forth in the Student Body Election Statute as long as they do not conflict with the Constitution.

#### Article VII. Constitution Amendment Process

- Section 1. Proposal by a Campus House of Representatives.
- A. A Campus House of Representatives may propose amendments to the Constitution by a majority vote in two (2) regular meetings. Each amendment proposed shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject. Deleted: c
- B. Upon approval, the proposed amendment shall be sent to the other Campus Houses of Representatives for placement on the agenda at their next meeting.
- C. Upon approval of three (3) of the Campus Houses of Representatives, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of the Senate at their next meeting.
- D. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled Student Body election. Deleted: s  
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- Section 2. Proposal by the Senate
- A. The Senate may propose amendments to the Constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in two regular meetings. Each amendment proposed shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject. Deleted: c

- B. Upon approval, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of each of the Campus Houses of Representatives at their next meeting.
- C. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) approval in a majority of the Campus Houses of Representatives, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled Student Body election.

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- Section 3. Proposal by Initiative, Students may propose amendments to the Constitution upon submission of a petition to the Student Court signed by ten (10%) percent of the Student Body no later than twenty-eight (28) days before the ratification election. Each proposed amendment shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject.

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- Section 4. All approved proposed amendments shall be disseminated through all FAU media agencies and made accessible to the Student Body no less than five (5) business days before the Student Body vote.

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- Section 5. Requirement for Ratification.

- A. A majority approval vote of those voting in the Student Body election is necessary to ratify all constitutional amendments.
- B. Upon Student Body ratification, the amendment shall be sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration at their next meeting according to University Regulations.

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- Section 6. No new adoption, amendment, or repeal of any Student Government internal procedure, including Constitution, Statutes and all other legislation, shall become effective until approved by the Board of Trustees or its designee pursuant to University Regulations.

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## Article VIII. Impeachment & Recall of Student Government Officers

- Section 1. Impeachments - Procedural requirements of the impeachment of Executive, Legislative and/or Judicial Members shall be prescribed in the Statutes, consistent with the following requirements:

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- A. The Student Body President or Student Body Vice President, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and a two-thirds (2/3) vote in three (3) of the Campus Houses of Representatives.
- B. A Campus Governor, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of that Governor's Campus House of Representatives and be upheld by the Student Court.
- C. A Senator, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and be upheld by the Student Court.
- D. A Campus House Representative, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member's Campus House of Representatives and be upheld by the Student Court.
- E. The Chief Justice, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate with approval of the Student Body President. If the Student Body President does not concur, the Senate may still impeach the Chief Justice with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

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- F. A Campus Associate Justice may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Justice's Campus House of Representatives and with approval of the Campus Governor. If the Campus Governor does not concur, the Campus House of Representatives may still impeach the Associate Justice with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

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Section 2. Recall

- A. Upon receipt of a petition of ten (10%) percent of the currently enrolled students of Florida Atlantic University requesting that a official in a University-Wide elected Student Government position be removed from office, a referendum must be held in which a majority vote of the students will remove the Officer from their position within 30 days after the filing of the petition.
- B. Upon receipt of a petition of ten (10%) percent of the currently enrolled students on a specific campus of Florida Atlantic University requesting that an official in a campus elected Student Government position be removed from office, a referendum must be held in which a majority vote of the students on the campus will remove the Officer from their position within 30 days after filing of the petition.
- C. The grounds for removing the Student Government Officer must be expressly contained within the petition.

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Section 3. An impeached official shall immediately be removed from office and may not seek another Student Government Office.

**Article IX. Ratification and Review of Student Government Constitution**

Section 1. Ratification

- A. This Constitution shall be ratified by a majority of those voting in a University-Wide election.
- B. This Constitution shall become effective on the date of the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University adoption with the following conditions:
1. The Spring 2007 semester elections shall take place on March 27 and March 28.
  2. All currently elected officials in the Executive Branch shall remain in their positions until new officers are installed on May 7, 2007.
  3. All currently elected officials in the Legislative Branch shall remain in their positions until new officers are elected in the Fall 2007 semester elections.
  4. The University-wide At-Large Representatives shall assume seats in the Senate for their respective campus until the Fall 2007 semester elections.
  5. All currently appointed Justices of the Student Court shall remain in their positions.
  6. All prior constitutions and Student Government Statutes under the 1997 constitution are repealed and no longer in effect.

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Section 2. Review

A. During January of 2010, and each fifth year thereafter, there shall be established a Constitution Revision Commission that is composed of at least the following minimum twenty (20) members:

1. Three (3) students appointed by the Student Body President, of which one shall not have held a position within Student Government during the previous one (1) year, and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
2. Three (3) students appointed by each of the Campus House of Representatives and approved by a majority vote of the Campus House of Representatives.
3. Two (2) students selected by the Chief Justice and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
4. the Dean of Students, his or her designee, and the SG Advisors (non-voting).
5. Two (2) faculty or staff members selected by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
6. Other currently enrolled students who wish to volunteer for the Commission.

B. The Student Body President shall designate one member of the Constitution Revision Commission as its Chair. Vacancies occurring on the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Chair from the same constituency as the original member with approval by majority vote of the Senate.

C. Each Constitution Revision Commission shall convene at the call of its Chair, adopt its own rules of procedure in alignment with SG Statutes and in compliance with Florida Sunshine laws, and hold public hearings regarding the Constitution. The Commission shall submit its proposed amendments to the Chair of Elections Board not later than twenty-eight (28) days before the Fall semester elections of the same year. Amendments may be to the whole document, or any of its articles, sections, or provisions.

D. Once a member is appointed, the appointing authority may not rescind the appointment.

E. All proposed revisions done through this review procedure are not subject to Senate or Campus House of Representatives review or approval and shall follow the requirements as set forth in Article VII, Sections 4 and 5.

## Article X. University Endorsement

Section 1. Hierarchy of laws. The provisions of the Student Body Constitution are governed by and subordinate to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Florida as well as the regulations and policies of the Board of Governors and the Regulations and policies of Florida Atlantic University.

Section 2. To become binding on Florida Atlantic University, this Constitution and any subsequent amendments shall require adoption by the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University. However, to the extent that any provisions within this Constitution afford greater individual rights than those rights provided by law, such provisions are understood to be aspirations of the

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## Fall 2008 University-wide Constitutional Amendments Ballot

### SG Constitutional Amendment 1: Error Corrections and Compliance

(Total 357 responses)

I am in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Error Corrections and Compliance	88.24% - (315 votes)
I am not in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Error Corrections and Compliance	11.76% - (42 votes)

### SG Constitutional Amendment 2: Presidential Veto and Campus House Override Powers

(Total 357 responses)

I am in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Presidential Veto of Campus House Legislation and Campus House Override of Presidential Veto Power	70.03% - (250 votes)
I am not in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Presidential Veto of Campus House Legislation and Campus House Override of Presidential Veto Power	29.97% - (107 votes)

### SG Constitutional Amendment 3: Campus Governors Legislation Pass or Veto Deadline

(Total 365 responses)

I am in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Campus Governors to Pass or Veto Campus House Legislation within five (5) business days.	76.16% - (278 votes)
I am not in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for Campus Governors to Pass or Veto Campus House Legislation within five (5) business days.	23.84% - (87 votes)

### SG Constitutional Amendment 4: SG Elected and Appointed Positions Term of Office Clarification

(Total 374 responses)

I am in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for all SG elected and appointed positions have terms of office of up to one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending upon the installation of their successor	82.35% - (308 votes)
I am not in favor of the Constitutional Amendment for all SG elected and appointed positions have terms of office of up to one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending upon the installation of their successor	17.65% - (66 votes)

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Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government Association  
University Wide Senate  
2nd Legislative Session  
June 17th, 2008  
SGSS-08-08

"Constitutional Amendment for Error Corrections and Compliance"

**Author:** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor:** Edlyna Carter

**WHEREAS,** The Senate is responsible for considering all legislation necessary and proper to the Student Body; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution is the most important document responsible for the establishment of the Florida Atlantic University Student Government and should therefore be as free of grammatical, spelling, punctuation and numbering errors as possible; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution must also comply with Florida State Statutes and University Regulations and policies;

**Therefore be it resolved,** The Constitution of Student Government revisions noted within be approved and adopted by the Senate as is, be then brought before the Campus Houses of Representatives for approval by three of the four Houses, and then be placed on the ballot at the fall Student Body election in September, 2008 for ratification.

This Bill SGSS-08-08 PASSED / FAILED on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 by a vote of 4 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by Carter and seconded by Richardson.

Signature - Student Body Vice President [Signature]

This Bill SGSS-08-08 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 2 day of September, 2008.

Signature - Student Body President [Signature]

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 4 day of Sept, 2008.

## Florida Atlantic University Student Government Constitution

### Preamble

We the students of the Florida Atlantic University, in order to form a Student Government that will provide effective representation in the students' best interests, promote the general welfare, ensure the continuation of self-governance, uphold the principles of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Florida, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Florida Atlantic University Student Government.

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### Article I. Establishment of the FAU Student Government

- Section 1. Name – The governmental agency of the Student Body of Florida Atlantic University shall be called the Florida Atlantic University Student Government, hereinafter referred to as Student Government (SG).
- Section 2. Purpose – The purpose of Student Government shall be:
- A. To ensure the greatest participation by students in the governance of and policy development for Florida Atlantic University.
  - B. To provide an official voice through which the opinion of the student body may be expressed.
  - C. To serve as an active participant in addressing student issues and concerns on all of FAU's campuses.
  - D. To develop SG statutes in a fair and open manner.
  - E. To inform all students of SG activities and encourage participation in them.
  - F. To allocate Activity and Service Fees.
- Section 3. Jurisdiction -- All students by virtue of their enrollment in Florida Atlantic University shall be members of the Student Body and shall be subject to this Constitution.
- Section 4. Franchise -- All students currently registered and paying Activity and Service Fees at Florida Atlantic University during the semester in which an election takes place shall be entitled to vote in the general, run-off, special and referendum elections of the Student Body.

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### Article II. Organization and Composition of FAU Student Government

- Section 1. The Student Government at Florida Atlantic University is organized into two (2) levels; a University-Wide level to represent the interests of all FAU students and a Campus-Based level to represent the interests of students on each individual campus grouping.
- Section 2. Each level is composed of a Legislative and Executive branch, along with a University-Wide Judicial branch as described in this Constitution.
- Section 3. The Executive Officers of the Student Government are the University-Wide Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, along with four (4) Campus Governors.

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### Article III. Legislative Branch

#### Section 1. Legislative Authority.

The legislative authority of the Student Body shall be vested in the Senate and individual Campus House of Representatives.

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#### Section 2. Composition

A. Senate. The Senate shall consist of two (2) individuals elected at -large from each individual campus grouping.

B. Houses of Representatives. Each campus grouping will have a House of Representatives; Boca Raton Campus, Broward Campuses, MacArthur Campus, and Treasure Coast Campus.

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#### Section 3. Apportionment and Qualifications

A. Each Campus House of Representatives shall consist of five (5) seats plus one (1) seat for every five hundred (500) students represented on each of the campus groupings based on unduplicated head count enrollment from the previous spring semester.

B. Each Campus House of Representatives shall be apportioned as established by the procedures described in the Student Body Statutes.

C. Members of Senate and House of Representatives must meet at least the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulations 4.006.

D. To run and hold office, Campus Senators and House Representatives must take at least 50% of their credits each semester on their respective campus.

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#### Section 4. Powers, Duties, and Limitations of Senate

A. The Student Body Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Senate and shall only vote in the case of a tie.

B. The Senate shall only have jurisdiction over legislative matters that affect two (2) or more individual campuses.

C. The Senate shall:

1. Advise, consent and approve, by majority vote, all appointments made by the Student Body President.
2. Approve the appointment of the Student Court Chief Justice by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
3. Approve and allocate the Activity and Service Fee fiscal budget of the Student Government, as provided by statute.
4. Establish its own meeting times, rules and procedures in accordance with statutes.
5. Propose Constitutional Amendments.
6. Overturn a Student Body Presidential Veto by two-thirds

(2/3) vote.

7. Provide for the elections of the Student Government.

8. Enact by majority vote legislation necessary and proper for the general well being of the Student Body.

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9. Enact by majority vote, constitutional bylaws to be known as Student Body Statutes, subject to the procedure described in statute.
10. Exercise any other power or duty provided for in the Constitution or Statutes of the Student Body.

#### Section 5.

#### Powers, Duties and Limitations of Campus House of Representatives

- A. Each Campus House of Representatives shall elect a Speaker of the House by a majority vote from among its membership. The Speaker's powers and duties shall be delineated in the Student Body Statutes.
- B. Each Campus House of Representatives shall have jurisdiction over legislative matters that affect only its campus.
- C. The individual Campus House of Representatives shall:
  1. Approve legislation that is deemed necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body on their specific Campus by a majority vote.
  2. Advise, consent and approve, by majority vote, all campus appointments made by the Campus Governor.
  3. Confirm the appointment of the Campus Associate Justice of the Student Court by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
  4. Override the Campus Governor's veto of Campus-based legislation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
  5. Oversee and approve by a majority vote the expenditure and the disbursement of Activity and Service Fees on the specific campus of jurisdiction as provided in the Student Body Statutes.
  6. Provide for the compilation and publication of legislation.
  7. Approve Statutes by majority vote that are necessary and proper for the general operation of the Student Government on their specific campus subject to the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes.
  8. Establish its own rules and procedures, as well as meeting times, in accordance with the Statutes.

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#### Section 6.

#### Prohibitions – The Senate and the individual Campus House of Representatives shall not:

- A. Enact any law that abridges its powers delegated by the Constitution.
- B. Appropriate funds for a period of more than one fiscal year.
- C. Infringe the secrecy of the ballot in any Student Body election.
- D. Deny speaking privileges in any regular or special meeting of any Student Government official.
- E. Meet in a closed session or violate Florida Sunshine Laws.
- F. Change the dates of Student Body elections in the nine weeks before the scheduled election.
- G. Change the election laws during the nine weeks before the scheduled election to be effective for that election.

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#### Section 7.

#### Vacancies



- A. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a member of Senate, the Governor from the campus in which the vacancy occurs will appoint a new member of Senate. This appointee shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the campus House of Representatives.
- B. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a Campus Speaker of the House, the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes shall be followed.
- C. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a member of a Campus House of Representatives, the procedure described in the Student Body Statutes shall be followed.

#### Article IV. Executive Branch

Section 1. Executive Authority - All executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Body President, assisted by the Student Body Vice President and the Campus Governors.

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Section 2. Terms & Qualifications -- To be eligible to run for and hold an elected position in the Executive Branch a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. The student must have a minimum overall cumulative and previous semester GPA of 2.5.
- B. The student must be enrolled for at least nine (9) undergraduate credits or six (6) graduate credits.
- C. Must meet the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulation 4.006.
- D. To run and hold office, the Campus Governors must take at least 50% of their credits each semester on their respective campus.

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Section 3. Duties and Powers of Student Body President  
The Student Body President shall:

- A. Represent the Student Body on the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University.
- B. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- C. Be the chief executive of the Student Body.
- D. Call special meetings of the Senate in accordance with Florida Sunshine Laws.
- E. Sign or Veto legislation passed by the Senate within seven (7) academic days from passage.
- F. Appoint students to serve on all University-Wide Committees, Councils and/or Boards.
- G. Appoint or remove members of the President's Executive Cabinet. All such appointments shall require a majority vote of the Senate to be approved.

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- H. Appoint a Chief Justice with a two-thirds (2/3) confirmation vote of the Senate.
- I. Be the official spokesperson for the Student Government.
- J. Present reports to the Senate at each of their meetings.
- K. Present reports to each of the Campus House of Representatives meetings at least once per month in person or in writing.
- L. Preside over a State of the Student Body Address.
- M. Any other power or duty provided for in this Constitution.

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#### Section 4. Duties and Powers of Student Body Vice President

The Student Body Vice President shall:

- A. Assist the Student Body President in the daily operation of the Student Government.
- B. Be vested with the powers of the Student Body President if he/she temporarily can not perform his/her duties.
- C. Chair the meetings of the Senate. Only in the event of a tie vote in the Senate the Student Body Vice-President shall have the authority to cast his/her deciding vote.
- D. Coordinate the duties of the President's Executive Cabinet under the direction of the Student Body President.
- E. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- F. Perform other duties as assigned by the Student Body President.
- G. Assume the Office of Student Body President in the event of a permanent vacancy in the position of Student Body President.

#### Section 5. Duties and Powers of Campus Governors

The Campus Governors shall

- A. Sign or veto legislation passed by the Campus House of Representatives within seven (7) academic days following passage. The Campus House of Representatives may override the veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of their membership.
- B. Appoint or remove members of the Governor's Administrative Cabinets for their respective campus. The appointments shall require majority vote of the Campus House of Representatives.
- C. Call special meetings of the Campus House of Representatives in accordance with Florida Sunshine laws.
- D. Serve as the voice of the Student Body for their respective campus.
- E. Officially represent the Student Body of their specific campus at any function in or outside of the University.
- F. Assist the Student Body President in the administration of the Executive Branch.
- G. Administer, enforce, and abide by the Student Government Constitution and the Statutes of the Student Body.
- H. Present a report to the Campus House on executive activities at each of their meetings.
- I. Any other power or duty provided for in this Constitution.

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Section 6. Order of Succession

- A. Absence, resignation, or removal of Student Body President:  
In the case of the permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President will move into the position of Student Body President. The new Student Body President will appoint a new Student Body Vice President. This appointment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- B. Absence, resignation, or removal of Student Body Vice President:  
In the case of the permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body President will appoint a new Student Body Vice President. This appointment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- C. Absence, resignation, or removal of a Campus Governor:  
In the case of permanent absence, resignation or removal of a campus Governor, the campus Speaker of the House will move into the position of campus Governor.
- D. Absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President:  
In the case of a simultaneous permanent absence, resignation or removal of the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President occurs, the Campus Governor from the campus with the largest student enrollment shall be acting Student Body President until there is a "special election". The procedures for this special election shall be delineated in the Student Body Statutes.

Article V. Judicial Branch

Section 1. Judicial Authority - All judicial powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Court.

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Section 2. Purpose - The Student Court shall have jurisdiction over cases involving questions of interpretation of the Student Government Constitution and the constitutionality or interpretation of Student Body Statutes of Student Government as follows:

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- A. Violations of the Student Government Constitution and the Student Body Statutes.
- B. Cases involving impeachment of officials of Student Government as set forth in Article VIII of the Student Government Constitution and procedures described in the Student Body Statutes.
- C. Violations of the Code of Ethics provided in the Student Body Statutes.
- D. Student(s) or Student Organization(s) disputes or violations of the Student Government Constitution or Statutes.
- E. Issuance of student summons for issues before the Student Court.

Section 3. Composition and Selection

- A. Structure of the Student Court
  - 1. The Student Court shall consist of a Student Court Chief Justice and four (4) Student Court Associate Justices.

2. The Student Court Associate Justices shall consist of:  
One (1) Associate Justice of the Boca Raton campus, one (1) Associate Justice of the Broward campuses, one (1) Associate Justice of the MacArthur campus, and one (1) Associate Justice of the Treasure Coast campus.

B. Appointments

1. The Student Court Chief Justice shall be appointed by the Student Body President and must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
2. Each Associate Justice shall be appointed by the respective Campus Governor, and shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on the respective Campus House of Representatives, and each Associate Justice must take at least fifty (50%) percent of their classes on the campus which he/she represents.
3. If a Chief or Associate Justice has not been appointed within thirty (30) academic days of any vacancy, the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee shall appoint a student into the vacant position and immediately assume office.
4. All appointments must meet the same eligibility requirements as the Student Body President.

- C. Term. Office shall be held for two (2) years from the date of appointment.

Section 4. Administration, Practice and Procedure

A. Student Court Chief Justice

The Chief Justice of the Student Court, as chief administrative officer of the Judicial Branch, shall be vested with and shall exercise, in accordance with rules adopted by the Court, the authority to:

1. Supervise the administration of the Student Court.
2. Call and preside over all sessions of the Student Court.
3. Keep all permanent records of the Student Court and release them in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and any other statewide Governing Body's rules and regulations, and deliver them into the hands of his/her successor.
4. Sign all Court documents.
5. Serve as the official Student Court Spokesperson.
6. Shall publish written reports to inform on the status of cases on the Student Government website.
7. Shall update all changes and amendments to the Student Government Constitution and/or the Student Body Statutes.
8. The Student Court shall keep all official Student Government records, with the Chief Justice acting as the Clerk of the Court.

B. Campus Associate Justices

1. Campus Associate Justices serve the Student Body as unbiased members of the Student Government.

2. Campus Associate Justices shall have the following powers and duties:
  - a. Attend all meetings of the Student Court as voting members.
  - b. Serve as student members of the University Code of Conduct Hearing Board on the campuses they represent.
  - c. Perform duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.
- C. Attendance
  1. If a Chief Justice or Campus Associate Justice fails to attend two (2) court proceedings in a term, they shall be considered resigned from the position.
  2. A majority vote of the active membership of the Student Court, not including the judge petitioning the absences, may vote to expunge a Justice's absences if there is just cause.
- D. The Student Court shall meet as necessary to conduct business
- E. All meetings of the Student Court shall be open to the public.

#### Section 5. Complaint Process and Hearing Procedures

- A. Complaint Process
  1. Any student and/or student organization may file grievances with the Student Court against the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
  2. Any student, student organization, and/or Student Government Officer, member, and/or Student Employee may appeal to the Student Court any non-legislative action taken against them by the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
- B. The process of petitioning the Student Court shall be:
  1. Filing a written petition form with the Office of the Student Court Chief Justice.
  2. The petition shall include:
    - a. Name of petitioner and address.
    - b. Name of respondent(s) and address (if known).
    - c. Detailed description of the complaint including names, dates, and locations.
  3. All court petitions shall be signed by the petitioner.
  4. If appropriate, cursory evidence, or copies thereof, shall be presented with petitions.
- C. Hearing Procedures
  1. Quorum is defined as three of five Justices present for all court proceedings, one being the Chief Justice.

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#### Article VI. Elections

- Section 1. Qualifications for Office - To be able to run for and maintain an elected office in Student Government or hold any Student Government position, a student

2. Campus Associate Justices shall have the following powers and duties:
  - a. Attend all meetings of the Student Court as voting members.
  - b. Serve as student members of the University Code of Conduct Hearing Board on the campuses they represent.
  - c. Perform duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.
- C. Attendance
  1. If a Chief Justice or Campus Associate Justice fails to attend two (2) court proceedings in a term, they shall be considered resigned from the position.
  2. A majority vote of the active membership of the Student Court, not including the judge petitioning the absences, may vote to expunge a Justice's absences if there is just cause.
- D. The Student Court shall meet as necessary to conduct business
- E. All meetings of the Student Court shall be open to the public.

#### Section 5. Complaint Process and Hearing Procedures

- A. Complaint Process
  1. Any student and/or student organization may file grievances with the Student Court against the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
  2. Any student, student organization, and/or Student Government, Officer, member, and/or Student Employee may appeal to the Student Court any non-legislative action taken against them by the Student Government and/or any of its officers, members, and/or student employees.
- B. The process of petitioning the Student Court shall be:
  1. Filing a written petition form with the Office of the Student Court Chief Justice.
  2. The petition shall include:
    - a. Name of petitioner and address.
    - b. Name of respondent(s) and address (if known).
    - c. Detailed description of the complaint including names, dates, and locations.
  3. All court petitions shall be signed by the petitioner.
  4. If appropriate, cursory evidence, or copies thereof, shall be presented with petitions.
- C. Hearing Procedures
  1. Quorum is defined as three of five Justices present for all court proceedings, one being the Chief Justice.

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### Article VI. Elections

- Section 1. Qualifications for Office - To be able to run for and maintain an elected office in Student Government or hold any Student Government position, a student

must obtain verification from the Student Affairs office that they meet the minimum qualifications as stated in University Regulations 4.006.

Section 2. General Procedures

A. Unless otherwise specified in the Student Body Statutes, all elections shall be decided by simple majority of those voting.

B. Fall Semester General Election

1. The fall election shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the fourth week of fall semester.
2. The fall election will be held for:
  - a. All seats in Senate
  - b. All seats in each of the Campus Houses of Representatives

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C. Spring Semester General Election

1. The spring election shall occur on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February.
2. The spring election will be held for:
  - a. The offices of Student Body President and Student Body Vice President
  - b. The office of Campus Governor for each campus
  - c. All vacant seats in each of the Campus House of Representatives
3. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected jointly University-Wide by the Student Body.
4. The Campus Governor will be elected by each Campus Student Body.

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D. The only exceptions to these procedures would be in case of emergency as defined by the Student Body Statutes.

Section 3. Installation of Officers

A. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Campus Governors elected during the spring semester election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his/her term of office at a University ceremony coordinated by Student Affairs in the first week immediately following the last day of final examinations.

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B. The Senate and Campus House of Representatives elected officials in the fall election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his or her term of office at a University ceremony coordinated by Student Affairs on the fifth business day after the election results have been officially published in accordance to Election Statute.

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C. All vacant Campus House of Representatives seats elected in the spring semester election shall be administered the oath of office and assume his/her term of office on the Monday following Spring Break.

1. Individuals elected to fill vacant legislative seats in the Spring Semester Election shall have a term of office until the next Fall elections.

2. The provision in Article VI, Section 3, Letter G(3) does not apply for individuals elected to vacant legislative branch seats filled in the Spring semester elections.
- D. No student may concurrently hold more than one (1) elected or appointed office in Student Government.
- E. No student shall serve in the same position/office within the Executive Branch more than twice.
- F. No student shall be sworn into office whose election is being contested in the Election Board and/or Student Court.
- G. Oath of Office
  1. All elected and appointed Student Government positions shall be administered the following oath of office upon the commencement of their term: I, (name of the individual), do hereby affirm to uphold the office of (title), and to abide by the Constitution of the Student Government of Florida Atlantic University, the Statutes incorporated thereto, and to strive for the betterment of the Student Body through which I was elected (appointed).
  2. At the University ceremony, the University President or a Board of Trustee member will swear in the Student Body President elect into office. The Student Body President or designee will administer the Oath of Office for the remaining elected and/or appointed officers during the University ceremony.
  3. All Student Government elected positions shall have terms of office of one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending at the conclusion of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days.
- Section 4. Other requirements may be set forth in the Student Body Election Statute as long as they do not conflict with the Constitution.

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#### Article VII. Constitution Amendment Process

- Section 1. Proposal by a Campus House of Representatives.
  - A. A Campus House of Representatives may propose amendments to the Constitution by a majority vote in two (2) regular meetings. Each amendment proposed shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject.
  - B. Upon approval, the proposed amendment shall be sent to the other Campus Houses of Representatives for placement on the agenda at their next meeting.
  - C. Upon approval of three (3) of the Campus Houses of Representatives, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of the Senate at their next meeting.
  - D. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled Student Body election.
- Section 2. Proposal by the Senate
  - A. The Senate may propose amendments to the Constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in two regular meetings. Each amendment proposed shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject.

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- B. Upon approval, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of each of the Campus Houses of Representatives at their next meeting.
- C. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) approval in a majority of the Campus Houses of Representatives, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled Student Body election.

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- Section 3. Proposal by Initiative. Students may propose amendments to the Constitution upon submission of a petition to the Student Court signed by ten (10%) percent of the Student Body no later than twenty-eight (28) days before the ratification election. Each proposed amendment shall embrace only one subject and matter directly connected to that subject.

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- Section 4. All approved proposed amendments shall be disseminated through all FAU media agencies and made accessible to the Student Body no less than five (5) business days before the Student Body vote.

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Section 5. Requirement for Ratification

- A. A majority approval vote of those voting in the Student Body election is necessary to ratify all constitutional amendments.
- B. Upon Student Body ratification, the amendment shall be sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration at their next meeting according to University Regulations.

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- Section 6. No new adoption, amendment, or repeal of any Student Government internal procedure, including Constitution, Statutes and all other legislation, shall become effective until approved by the Board of Trustees or its designee pursuant to University Regulations.

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Article VIII. Impeachment & Recall of Student Government Officers

- Section 1. Impeachments - Procedural requirements of the impeachment of Executive, Legislative and/or Judicial Members shall be prescribed in the Statutes, consistent with the following requirements;

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- A. The Student Body President or Student Body Vice President, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and a two-thirds (2/3) vote in three (3) of the Campus Houses of Representatives,
- B. A Campus Governor, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of that Governor's Campus House of Representatives and be upheld by the Student Court.
- C. A Senator, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and be upheld by the Student Court.
- D. A Campus House Representative, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member's Campus House of Representatives and be upheld by the Student Court.
- E. The Chief Justice, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate with approval of the Student Body President. If the Student Body President does not concur, the Senate may still impeach the Chief Justice with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

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- F. A Campus Associate Justice, may be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Justice's Campus House of Representatives and with approval of the Campus Governor. If the Campus Governor does not concur, the Campus House of Representatives may still impeach the Associate Justice with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

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Section 2. Recall

- A. Upon receipt of a petition of ten (10%) percent of the currently enrolled students of Florida Atlantic University requesting that an official in a University-Wide elected Student Government position be removed from office, a referendum must be held in which a majority vote of the students will remove the Officer from their position within 30 days after the filing of the petition.
- B. Upon receipt of a petition of ten (10%) percent of the currently enrolled students on a specific campus of Florida Atlantic University requesting that an official in a campus elected Student Government position be removed from office, a referendum must be held in which a majority vote of the students on the campus will remove the Officer from their position within 30 days after filing of the petition.
- C. The grounds for removing the Student Government Officer must be expressly contained within the petition.

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- Section 3. An impeached official shall immediately be removed from office and may not seek another Student Government Office.

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Article IX. Ratification and Review of Student Government Constitution

Section 1. Ratification

- A. This Constitution shall be ratified by a majority of those voting in a University-Wide election.
- B. This Constitution shall become effective on the date of the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University adoption with the following conditions:
1. The Spring 2007 semester elections shall take place on March 27 and March 28.
  2. All currently elected officials in the Executive Branch shall remain in their positions until new officers are installed on May 7, 2007.
  3. All currently elected officials in the Legislative Branch shall remain in their positions until new officers are elected in the Fall 2007 semester elections.
  4. The University-wide At-Large Representatives shall assume seats in the Senate for their respective campus until the Fall 2007 semester elections.
  5. All currently appointed Justices of the Student Court shall remain in their positions.
  6. All prior constitutions and Student Government Statutes under the 1997 constitution are repealed and no longer in effect.

Section 2. Review

A. During January of 2010, and each fifth year thereafter, there shall be established a Constitution Revision Commission that is composed of at least the following minimum twenty (20) members:

1. Three (3) students appointed by the Student Body President, of which one shall not have held a position within Student Government during the previous one (1) year, and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
2. Three (3) students appointed by each of the Campus House of Representatives and approved by a majority vote of the Campus House of Representatives.
3. Two (2) students selected by the Chief Justice and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
4. the Dean of Students, his or her designee, and the SG Advisors (non-voting).
5. Two (2) faculty or staff members selected by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
6. Other currently enrolled students who wish to volunteer for the Commission.

B. The Student Body President shall designate one member of the Constitution Revision Commission as its Chair. Vacancies occurring on the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Chair from the same constituency as the original member with approval by majority vote of the Senate.

C. Each Constitution Revision Commission shall convene at the call of its Chair, adopt its own rules of procedure in alignment with SG Statutes and in compliance with Florida Sunshine laws, and hold public hearings regarding the Constitution. The Commission shall submit its proposed amendments to the Chair of Elections Board not later than twenty-eight (28) days before the Fall semester elections of the same year. Amendments may be to the whole document, or any of its articles, sections, or provisions.

D. Once a member is appointed, the appointing authority may not rescind the appointment.

E. All proposed revisions done through this review procedure are not subject to Senate or Campus House of Representatives review or approval and shall follow the requirements as set forth in Article VII, Sections 4 and 5.

#### Article X. University Endorsement

Section 1. Hierarchy of laws. The provisions of the Student Body Constitution are governed by and subordinate to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Florida as well as the regulations and policies of the Board of Governors and the Regulations and policies of Florida Atlantic University.

Section 2. To become binding on Florida Atlantic University, this Constitution and any subsequent amendments shall require adoption by the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University. However, to the extent that any provisions within this Constitution afford greater individual rights than those rights provided by law, such provisions are understood to be aspirations of the

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Florida Atlantic University  
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Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
**BRHB-08-15**

“Joint Bill for Constitutional Amendment For Error Corrections and Compliance”

**Author(s):** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor(s):** James Tobin

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation and,

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot, NOW;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.



## FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

### Student Government ~ Boca Raton House of Representatives Legislation Information Sheet

This Bill BRHB-08-15 PASSED / FAILED on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
2008 by a vote of 10 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by  
Rep. Pollack and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature – Campus Speaker of the House \_\_\_\_\_

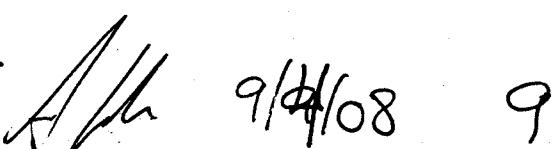
  
James Tobin  
Boca Raton House Speaker

This Bill BRHB-08-15 is hereby ENACTED VETOED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August, 2008.

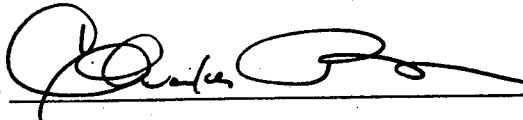
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Tiffany Weimar  
Boca Raton Campus Governor

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

  
This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
Sept, 2008.

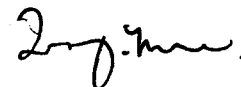
Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs \_\_\_\_\_



Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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BCSB-08-03

"Constitutional Amendment for Error Corrections and Compliance"

Author(s) *Rivka Felsher*

Sponsor(s): *Christopher Suastegui*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** *That this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.*

This bill ~~passed~~ failed on the 22 day of July 2008 by a count of  
3 Y 0 N 1 A, as moved by Suastegui and seconded by Lopez.

*Michael Ducker*  
Michael Ducker, Broward House of Representative Speaker

*Priscilla Velasquez* 7/22, 2008  
Priscilla Velasquez, Broward Governor

~~This bill is Enacted/ Vetoed on this 4 day of Sept., 2008.~~

~~*Abraham Cohen*  
Abraham Cohen, Student Body President  
Received by the Student Court on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008~~

*Cohen* 9/5/08

Florida Atlantic University  
Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2nd Legislative Session  
TCHB 08-02

"Joint Bill for SGSS 08-08"

**Author(s):** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor(s):** Sara Morris

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.

This Bill passed failed on this 1 day of Aug, 2008 by a count of 3 Y 0 N 0 P  
0 A, as moved by Innamorato and seconded by Lind.

Sara E Morris  
Sara E. Morris  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Bill is recommended/not recommended for approval on this 4 day of Aug, 2008.

Lauren Egan  
Lauren Egan  
Treasure Coast Campus Student Body Governor

Abraham Cohen

Abraham Cohen

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Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government Association  
University Wide Senate  
2nd Legislative Session  
June 17th, 2008  
SGSS-08-10

"Constitutional Amendment for Gubernatorial Approval of Legislation"

Author: Rivka Felsher

Sponsor: Edlyna Carter

**WHEREAS**, The Senate is responsible for considering all legislation necessary and proper to the Student Body; and

**WHEREAS**, The Constitution is the most important document responsible for the establishment of the Florida Atlantic University Student Government and should therefore be consistent in its provision of power within the Executive Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, It states within Article IV. Executive Branch, Section 5. Duties and Powers of Campus Governors, that the Campus Governors shall: A. Sign or Veto legislation passed by the Campus House of Representatives within seven (7) academic days following passage, which creates an imbalance within the Executive Branch and delays legislation approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV. Executive Branch, Section 5. Duties and Powers of Campus Governors would be revised to state that the Campus Governors shall: A. Sign or veto legislation passed by the Campus House of Representatives within five (5) business days from passage, thereby balancing the relationship within the Executive Branch, reducing the approval time of legislation, and correcting grammatical errors in this section of the Constitution;

**Therefore be it resolved**, The Constitution of Student Government revisions noted within be approved and adopted by the Senate as is, be then brought before the Campus Houses of Representatives for approval by three of the four Houses, and then be placed on the ballot at the fall Student Body election in September, 2008 for ratification.

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This Bill SGSS-08-10 PASSED / FAILED on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 by a vote of 4 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by Carter and seconded by Richardson.

Signature - Student Body Vice President 

This Bill SGSS-08-10 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 2 day of September, 2008.

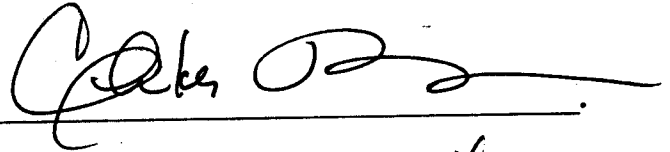
Signature – Student Body President



Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 4 day  
of Sept, 2008.

Signature – Vice President of Student Affairs



Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this 4 day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
**BRHB-08-13**

**"Joint Bill for Constitutional Amendment For Gubernatorial Approval of Legislation"**

**Author(s):** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor(s):** James Tobin

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation and,

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot, NOW;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.



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### Student Government ~ Boca Raton House of Representatives Legislation Information Sheet

This Bill BRHB-08-13 PASSED / FAILED on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
2008 by a vote of 11 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by  
Rep. Pollack and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature – Campus Speaker of the House \_\_\_\_\_

James Tobin  
Boca Raton House Speaker

This Bill SGSS-08-10 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August, 2008.

Signature – Campus Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Tiffany Weimar  
Boca Raton Campus Governor

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

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This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 9/4/08 day of  
Sept., 2008.

Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Broward House of Representatives  
2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
BCSB-08-06

"Constitutional Amendment for Gubernatorial Approval of Legislation"

Author(s) Rivka Felsher

Sponsor(s): Christopher Suastegui

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** *That this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.*

This bill ~~passed~~ failed on the 22 day of July, 2008 by a count of  
3 Y 0 N 1 A, as moved by Suastegui, and seconded by Lopez.

Michael Ducker  
Michael Ducker, Broward House of Representative Speaker

Priscilla Velasquez, 2008  
Priscilla Velasquez, Broward Governor

This bill is Enacted/ Vetoed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Abraham Cohen  
Abraham Cohen, Student Body President  
Received by the Student Court on this 4 day of Sept., 2008

Sign 9/9/08  
Date

Florida Atlantic University  
Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2nd Legislative Session  
TCHB 08-04

"Joint Bill for SGSS 08-10"

Author(s): Rivka Felsher

Sponsor(s): Sara Morris

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.

This Bill passed/failed on this 1 day of Aug, 2008 by a count of 3 Y 0 N 0 P  
0 A, as moved by Inimorate and seconded by Lind.

Sara E. Morris Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Sara E. Morris

This Bill is recommended/not recommended for approval on this 4 day of Aug, 2008.

Lauren Egan Treasure Coast Campus Student Body Governor  
Lauren Egan

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Sign

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Date

Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government Association  
University Wide Senate  
2nd Legislative Session  
August 4th, 2008  
SGSS-08-09

"Constitutional Amendment for Presidential Veto Power"

**Author:** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor:** Edlyna Carter

**WHEREAS,** The Senate is responsible for considering all legislation necessary and proper to the Student Body; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution is the most important document responsible for the establishment of the Florida Atlantic University Student Government and should therefore be consistent in its provision of power across the three major branches of Student Government; and

**WHEREAS,** It states within Article IV. Executive Branch, Section 3. Duties and Powers of the Student Body President, that the Student Body President shall: E. Sign or Veto legislation passed by the Senate within seven (7) academic days from passage from the Senate, which creates an imbalance between the Executive and Legislative branches; and

**WHEREAS,** Article IV. Executive Branch, Section 3. Duties and Powers of the Student Body President, would be revised to state that the Student Body President shall: E. Sign or veto legislation passed by the Senate and Campus Houses of Representatives within five (5) business days from passage, thereby balancing the relationship between the Executive and Legislative branches, reducing the approval time of legislation, and correcting grammatical errors in this section of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS,** Article III. Legislative Branch, Section 5 Powers, Duties and Limitations of the Campus House of Representatives would be revised to state C.9. Override the Student Body President's Veto of Campus-based legislation by a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

**Therefore be it resolved,** The Constitution of Student Government revisions noted within be approved and adopted by the Senate as is, be then brought before the Campus Houses of Representatives for approval by three of the four Houses, and then be placed on the ballot at the fall Student Body election in September, 2008 for ratification.

This Bill SGSS-08-09 PASSED / FAILED on this <sup>4th</sup> ~~7th~~ day of  
August, 2008 by a vote of 3 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as  
moved by Carter and seconded by Felsher.

Signature - Student Body Vice President [Signature].

This Bill SG 85-08-09 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 2 day  
of September, 2008.

Signature – Student Body President 

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 4 day  
of Sept., 2008.

Signature – Vice President of Student Affairs 

Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.





Florida Atlantic University  
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Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
**BRHB-08-16**

**"Joint Bill for Constitutional Amendment For Presidential Veto Power"**

**Author(s):** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor(s):** James Tobin

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation and,

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot and,

**WHEREAS:** Article III. Legislative Branch, Section 5 Powers, Duties and Limitations of the Campus House of Representatives would be revised to state C.9. Override the Student Body President's Veto of Campus-based by a two-thirds (3/4) vote, NOW;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as amended.

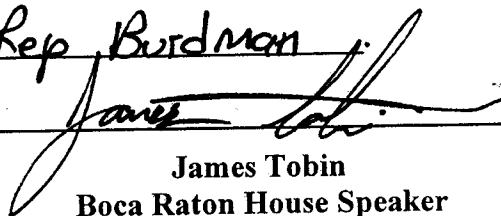


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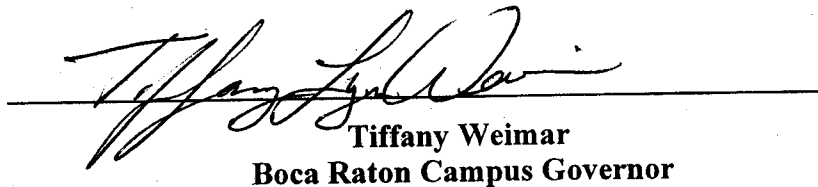
This Bill BRHB-08-16 PASSED / FAILED on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
2008 by a vote of 4 YES, 2 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by  
Rep. Pollack and seconded by Rep. Burdman.

Signature – Campus Speaker of the House

  
James Tobin  
Boca Raton House Speaker

This Bill BRHB-08-16 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2008.

Signature – Campus Governor

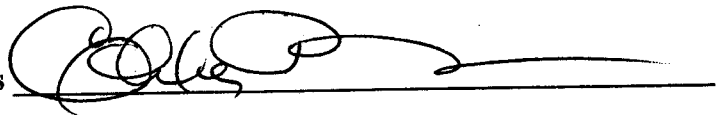
  
Tiffany Weimar  
Boca Raton Campus Governor

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

Adh 9/9/08

This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 9 day of  
Sept, 2008.

Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs



Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
BCSB-08-04

"Constitutional Amendment for Presidential Veto Power"

Author(s) *Rivka Felsher*

Sponsor(s): *Christopher Suastegui*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;*

**WHEREAS:** *Article III. Legislative Branch, Section 5 Powers, Duties and Limitations of the Campus House of Representatives would be revised to state C.9. Override the Student Body President's Veto of Campus-based by a three-fourths (3/4) vote.*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** *That this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.*

This bill ~~passed~~ failed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 by a count of  
3 Y 0 N 1 A, as moved by Suastegui, and seconded by Lopez.

*Michael J. Ducker*  
Michael Ducker, Broward House of Representative Speaker

*Priscilla Velasquez*, 2008  
Priscilla Velasquez, Broward Governor

This bill is Enacted/ Vetoed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Abraham Cohen, Student Body President

Received by the Student Court on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

*not required*  
1 *[Signature]*  
*9/9/08*

*Alb.* *9/9/08*

Florida Atlantic University  
Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2nd Legislative Session  
TCHB 08-03

"Joint Bill for SGSS 08-09"

Author(s): Rivka Felsher

Sponsor(s): Sara Morris

WHEREAS: the Student Senate has already passed the <sup>amended</sup> attached legislation; and

*Lind - Yes Ammarato - Yes - Morris - Yes*

WHEREAS: the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with ~~no~~ amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;

*Lind - yes Ammarato - Yes Morris - Yes*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.

This Bill passed failed on this 1 day of Aug, 2008 by a count of 3 Y 0 N 0 P  
0 A, as moved by Innamorato and seconded by Lind.

Sara E. Morris

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sara E. Morris

This Bill is recommended not recommended for approval on this 4 day of Aug, 2008.

Lauren Egan

Lauren Egan

Treasure Coast Campus Student Body Governor

Charles P. Brown 9/9/08

Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government Association  
University Wide Senate  
2nd Legislative Session  
June 17th, 2008  
SGSS-08-11

"Constitutional Amendment for SG Officers Term of Office"

Author: Rivka Felsher

Sponsor: Edlyna Carter

**WHEREAS**, The Senate is responsible for considering all legislation necessary and proper to the Student Body; and

**WHEREAS**, The Constitution is the most important document responsible for the establishment of the Florida Atlantic University Student Government and should therefore be clear and fair in its provision for terms of office for all elected and appointed Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, It states within Article VI. Elections, Section 3. Installation of Officers, G. Oath of Office, 3. All Student Government elected positions shall have terms of office of one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending at the conclusion of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days, which creates an unfair situation that shortens the term of office for successors should an office vacate early resulting in inefficiency and confusion; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VI. Elections, Section 3. Installation of Officers, G. Oath of Office would be revised to state 3. All Student Government elected and appointed positions shall have terms of office of up to one (1) calendar year beginning upon installation and ending upon the installation of their successor, thereby clarifying the terms of office as established in this section of the Constitution;

**Therefore be it resolved**, The Constitution of Student Government revisions noted within be approved and adopted by the Senate as is, be then brought before the Campus Houses of Representatives for approval by three of the four Houses, and then be placed on the ballot at the fall Student Body election in September, 2008 for ratification.

This Bill SGSS-08-11 PASSED / FAILED on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 by a vote of 4 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by Richardson and seconded by Eid.

Signature - Student Body Vice President [Signature]

This Bill SGSS-08-11 is hereby ENACTED VETOED on this 2 day of September, 2008.

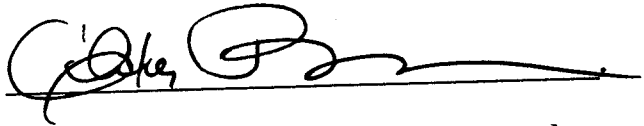
Signature – Student Body President



Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

This Bill is ~~APPROVED~~ / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 4 day  
of Sept., 2008.

Signature – Vice President of Student Affairs



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of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Reviewed by L. M. 9/02/08*

Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government  
Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session  
**BRHB-08-14**

“Joint Bill for Constitutional Amendment For SG Officers Term of Office”

**Author(s):** Rivka Felsher

**Sponsor(s):** James Tobin

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation and,

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot, NOW;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.



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This Bill BRHB-08-14 PASSED / FAILED on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
2008 by a vote of 9 YES, 2 NO, 0 ABSTAIN as moved by  
Rep. Pollack and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature – Campus Speaker of the House \_\_\_\_\_

  
James Tobin  
Boca Raton House Speaker

This Bill BRHB-08-14 is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August, 2008.

Signature – Campus Governor \_\_\_\_\_

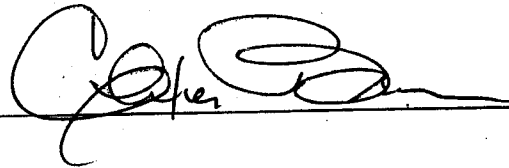
  
Tiffany Weimar  
Boca Raton Campus Governor

Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006.

All 9/4/08

This Bill is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
Sept., 2008.

Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs \_\_\_\_\_



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BCSB-08-05

"Constitutional Amendment for SG Officers Term of Office"

Author(s) Rivka Felsher

Sponsor(s): Christopher Suastegui

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** *That this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.*

This bill ~~passed~~ failed on the 22 day of July 2008 by a count of  
3 Y 0 N 1 A, as moved by Suastegui and seconded by Lopez.

Michael Ducker  
Michael Ducker, Broward House of Representative Speaker

Priscilla Velasquez .2008  
Priscilla Velasquez, Broward Governor

This bill is Enacted/ Vetoed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008.

~~Abraham Cohen, Student Body President  
Received by the Student Court on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008~~

not required

Christopher Suastegui 9/5/08

Florida Atlantic University  
Campus House of Representatives Joint Bill  
2nd Legislative Session  
TCHB 08-05

"Joint Bill for SGSS 08-11"

Author(s): Rivka Felsher

Sponsor(s): Sara Morris

**WHEREAS:** the Student Senate has already passed the attached legislation; and

**WHEREAS:** the Student Government Constitution requires approval of three of the four Campus Houses as is with no amendment before a Constitutional Amendment can be added as a question to a general election ballot;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that this Campus House of Representatives approve this legislation as is.

This Bill passed/failed on this 1 day of Aug, 2008 by a count of 3 Y 0 N 0 P 0 A, as moved by Innamerate and seconded by Lind.

Sara E. Morris Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Sara E. Morris

This Bill is recommended/not recommended for approval on this 4 day of Aug, 2008.

Lauren Egan Treasure Coast Campus Student Body Governor  
Lauren Egan

AK 9/4/08

[Signature] 9/9/08  
Sign Date