## Florida Atlantic University Student Government Constitution

Preamble

## 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.

## Section 2. Composition of the Student Senate

- A. Senate. The Senate shall consist of three (3) individuals elected at-large from each individual campus grouping.
- B. Members of the Senate must meet at least the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulations 4.006.

## Section 3. 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:
  - 1. Advise, consent and approve, by majority vote, all appointments made by the Student Body President.

## Section 4. Composition of the Campus Houses of Representatives

- A. Houses of Representatives. Each campus will have a House of Representatives: Boca Raton Campus, Broward Campuses and MacArthur Campus.
- B. Each Campus House of Representatives shall consist of five (5) seats plus one (1) for every five hundred (500) students represented on each of the campus groupings based on unduplicated head count from the previous spring semester.

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- C. Each Campus House of Representatives shall be apportioned as established by the procedures described in the Student Body Statutes.
- D. Members of the House of Representatives must meet at least the Minimum Qualifications for Student Officers as set forth by University Regulations 4.006.
- E. To run and hold office, Campus Senators and House of Representatives must take at least 50% of their credits each semester on

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Deny speaking privileges in any regular or special meeting of any Student Government official.

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- 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.

## Section 7. Vacancies

A. In the case of the absence, removal or vacancy of a member of Senate, the G

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Section 3. Duties and Powers of the Student Body President

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- 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

A. Violations of the Student Government Constitution and the Student Body Statutes.

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Justice into the position until a permanent Associate Justice is approved.

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- 5. All appointments must meet the same eligibility requirements as the Student Body President.
- C. Term of Office Office of Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be held for two (2) years from the date of appointment.
- Section 4. Administration, Practice and Procedure A.

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 Regulation 4.006.

#### Section 2. General Procedures

- A. All elections shall be decided by a Plurality of those voting.
- B. Fall Semester General Election
  - 1. The fall election shall occur on two consecutive days between Monday and Friday no later than the sixth week of the 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
  - 3. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected jointly University-Wide by a Plurality of those voting in the Student Body election.
  - 4. The Campus Governor will be elected by a Plurality of those voting in each Campus Student Body election.
- 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.
- 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 the first legislative session of that fall semester.

- C. No student may concurrently hold more than one (1), elected or appointed office within the three branches of Student Government.
- D. No student shall serve in the same position/office within the Executive Branch more than twice.
- E. No student shall be sworn into office whose election is being contested in the Election Commission and/or Student Court.
- F. 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).
  - 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

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- 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.
- Section 4. Other requirements may be set forth in the Student Body Election Statute as long as they do not conflict with the Constitution.
- Section 5. There will be an Elections Commission led by the Supervisor of Elections

#### 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 two-thirds (2/3) vote of present membership 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 two (2) 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) vote of the present membership of the Senate, the proposed amendme -1 (d)(d) -1 4 0 0 0.24 (d8 r (a) 1 (

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.

## 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:

A. The Student Body President or Student Body Vice President

may be impeached by a two-thirds (2C 47 90.240Srernoe fC 47 (n) -5 (s) -2 (tu) -4(n) -54 (p)t wstET Q q 0.24 0 0 0

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Section 2. Recall

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# Section 3. Membership

- A. The membership of the CRC shall consist of:
  - 1. Three (3) students appointed by the Student Body

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 students of Florida Atlantic University and not statements attributable to the University.

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