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University of Central Florida
Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 56-22

[Updates to Title XIV: Establishing the Caucus Leadership Committee]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, This bill seeks to amend Title XIV to clarify and expand the duties and responsibilities of caucuses and their leadership, enhancing the effectiveness of Student Government caucuses in addressing the needs of their respective communities;
WHEREAS, The current process for caucus leadership interactions with Student Government Leadership, including the Student Body President, Senate President, Chief Justice, and Supervisor of Elections, needs to be revised to provide clearer guidelines for collaboration on student-facing initiatives and projects;
WHEREAS, This bill establishes the Caucus Leadership Committee to provide a structured and unified platform for caucus leaders to collaborate, share resources, and ensure that all caucuses operate in accordance with Student Government statutes and policies, thereby enhancing the effectiveness and coordination of caucus-led initiatives;
WHEREAS, Requiring the approval of the Caucus Leadership Committee for student-facing caucus events ensures that all events are aligned with the goals and mission of the Student Government, maintain consistency in programming, and utilize resources efficiently, while also promoting transparency and accountability in the planning and execution of events;
WHEREAS, It is essential to remove the Chief Justice and Supervisor of Elections from the caucus leadership process, as these roles do not directly influence the legislative or administrative responsibilities of caucuses, thus allowing for more efficient and focused meetings with relevant Student Government leaders;
WHEREAS, These updates to Title XIV will better align the caucus leadership structure with the overall mission of Student Government, promoting clearer communication channels and more effective governance; and
WHEREAS, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title XIV be amended as follows:

Chapter 1401 **Caucuses**

1401.1 **Duties and Powers of Caucuses**

A. **Caucuses shall**

~~6. Caucus leadership shall meet with at least one member of Student Government Leadership, including the Student Body President, Senate President, Chief Justice, or Supervisor of Elections at minimum once per semester to discuss their initiatives and any projects currently in progress.~~

1401.3 **Memberships of Caucuses**

B. Any Caucus member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Caucus Chair and their branch head. **However, if the member is an Election Commissioner, the resignation must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections.**

1. The respective branch head shall announce the member's resignation in their Senate Report.

Chapter 1402 **Caucus Leadership**

1402.1 ~~A.~~ **The Election and Appointment of Caucus Officer**

A. The Senate President shall appoint an acting Chair with the approval of the other three Branch heads.

B. The Senate President shall appoint an acting Chair for the Caucus Leadership Committee with the approval of the other Branch Heads and Supervisor of Elections.

Chapter 1403 **The Caucus Leadership Committee**

- 1403.1 **Composition and Powers of the Caucus Leadership Committee:**
The Caucus Leadership Committee shall be comprised of Standing and Ad Hoc Caucus Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- 1403.2 **Duties and Responsibilities of the Caucus Leadership Committee**
A. The Caucus Leadership Committee shall
1. Ensure that all caucuses operate in accordance with this Title.
 2. Review policies that govern caucuses' operations and make suggestions to the Student Body Senate.
 3. Meet at least once a month to discuss initiatives and any ongoing projects progress.
 4. Allocate a budget to the member Caucuses, provided for by each Branch Head and the Supervisor of Elections.
- 1403.3 **The Election and Appointment of the Caucus Leadership Committee Officers**
A. At the first meeting of the Committee the acting chair:
1. Shall take the Chair.
 2. Shall call the meeting the committee to order.
 3. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Committee Chair
 4. Shall immediately yield the Chair to the newly elected Committee Chair at the conclusion of the Committee Chair Elections.
- B. Upon being elected at the first meeting of the committee, the Committee Chair:
1. Shall take the Chair.
 2. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Committee Vice Chair.
- 1403.4 **Duties and Powers of the Committee Chair**
A. The Chair of the Committee may be an active member of the Committee —debating and voting— but shall also be responsible for presiding over and keeping order and decorum in meetings.
B. The Chair shall be responsible for setting and posting the Committee times and locations, with the concurrence of a majority of the Committee. The Committee meeting must be posted in accordance with Title XIV.
C. Eligibility: The Chair of the committee shall be prohibited from holding the position of Vice Chair of the committee.
- 1403.5 **Duties and Powers of the Committee Vice Chair**
A. Assuming the Chair: The Vice Chair shall assume the "duties of the Chair," upon request, or if the Chair is unable to perform the prescribed duties.
B. The Vice-Chair as Secretary: The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of each committee meeting.
C. Committee Vice Chair shall submit committee minutes no later than five (5) academic days following the committee meeting to the following individuals:
1. The Committee Chair
 2. The Student Government Advisor or Designee
 3. Each Branch Head and the Supervisor of Elections
- D. Succession: Upon the resignation or removal of the Committee Chair, the Committee Vice Chair shall assume the Chair and call for the immediate nomination and election of a new Chair.
- 1403.6 **Vote of No Confidence**
A. Committee Chair and Vice Chair
1. A vote of "no confidence" on the Committee Chair or Vice Chair may be moved at any meeting of that committee and voted on at the next regular committee meeting. The committee, by majority vote, may remove the Chair or Vice Chair of that committee. If removed, they are then dismissed from said position.
 2. The Committee Chair must vacate the Chair while the question of "no confidence" is pending.
 3. Nomination and election of the Committee Chair or Vice Chair shall take place at the committee meeting following a vote of "no confidence." All voting members of the committee shall be eligible for nomination.
 4. The committee's decision to no-confidence the Chair or Vice Chair may be overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Judicial Council but must be done no later than ten (10)

academic days from the committee meeting immediately following the no-confidence vote.

1403.7 **Caucus Leadership Committee Attendance**

- A. If a member of the Caucus Leadership Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, they shall be responsible for notifying the Committee Chair and Vice Chair in writing twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the Caucus Leadership Committee meeting that they will be absent for.

1403.8 **Standing Rules of the Caucus Leadership Committee**

- A. In the instance where multiple positions within the Caucus Leadership Committee are filled by the same individual:
 - a. An individual shall count as one (1) towards the total quorum, regardless of the number of seats they hold.
 - i. If an individual holds multiple seats with voting privileges, they shall only receive one (1) vote.

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