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Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate
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[Updates to IX: Updates & Clarifications to the Censure Process]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee to suggest amendments to the Statutes;
WHEREAS, The process of censures is very vague, and is not effective in practice;
WHEREAS, There is no need to have a specific chapter dedicated to who can issue a Recommendation of Censure;
WHEREAS, Anybody who issues a censure should specify which regulations have been violated outside of the bounds of Title IX;
WHEREAS, This makes the process easier to follow and relate back to when considering the final decision;
WHEREAS, The censure process should be divided into two chapters;
WHEREAS, This is because the process within committee and on the floor have specific differences;
WHEREAS, It is the LJR Chair's responsibility to ensure that all committee members are prepared prior to the Censure hearing;
WHEREAS, If it is statutorily stated that the issuer's formal description of events will be presented, then it should be statutorily stated that the issued can submit relevant documents to ensure fairness;
WHEREAS, Censure processes should have a specific step-by-step procedure;
WHEREAS, To ensure fairness in the LJR process of considering the merit of a Recommendation of Censure, both the issuer and issued should have the right to the same procedure;
WHEREAS, The Senate Body should have a period of reading time to ensure that everyone is aware on what they are questioning, debating, and voting on;
WHEREAS, There is no need for the issuer to do more than answer questions on the senate floor;
WHEREAS, When a censure is brought to the Senate floor it is the LJR Committee defending their decision, and if more information is needed from the issuer the Senate Body has the right to question them; 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 IX be amended as follows:

Chapter 905 Notification of Censure

905.1 Any Student Government Agent can issue a "Recommendation of Censure" to any other Student Government Agent.

- 905.24 "Notification of Censure" shall be a written notification which shows condemnation or disapproval of the actions or inactions of an individual, in accordance to the Student Body Constitution, Student Body Statutes, Senate Rules, Senate Bills, and/or other legal mandates. Actions or inactions committed by an individual may include, but are not limited to:
- A. Repeated disruptive behavior by any Student Government Agent.
 - B. Knowingly providing false information to the Student Body Senate or to any other Student Government Agent, or Student Government Staff.
 - C. Disregard for Student Government Regulations.

- 905.32 Any Student Government Agent recognized by the aforementioned Student Body Constitution, Student Body Statutes, Senate Rules, Senate Bills, and/or other legal mandates can be issued a "Notification of Censure."

Chapter 906 Authority to Issue a Recommendation of Censure

906.1 Any Student Government Agent can issue a "Recommendation of Censure" to any other Student Government Agent

- 906.2 Any Student Senator who issues or is issued a “Recommendation of Censure” while serving as a member of the Legislative Judicial and Rules (LJR) Committee forfeits their rights as a committee member in any and all activities associated with the Recommendation in the LJR Committee, unless specified to participate as the author or the party issued of the “Recommendation of Censure.”
- A. Membership on the LJR Committee for that Senator is retained and they will resume all responsibilities as a member once the Recommendation has been voted on by Senate or failed in Committee.
 - B. This LJR Committee member(s) maintains all voting and debating rights as a Senator on the Senate Floor.

Chapter 907 The Format of a Recommendation of Censure
Chapter 906

- 906.2 Attached to the formal “Recommendation of Censure” shall be a description of the event with the appropriate addition of material to uphold the reliability of the Recommendation.
- A. **The issuer must also provide the specific sections of the Student Body Constitution, Statutes, Senate Rules, Senate Bills, and/or other legal mandates that have been violated.**

Chapter 909 Process of a Recommendation of Censure in Committee
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- 909.1 Once issued to the Legislative, Judicial, and Rules (LJR) Committee Chair, the “Recommendation of Censure” will be presented at least one week after reception, at the next regularly scheduled LJR Committee meeting. ~~The LJR Committee’s role in the censure process is one equivalent to an ethics committee, determining the merit or worthiness of such proceedings, recording the reasoning of their findings to ensure consistency and transparency in their decision making processes.~~
- ~~A. The author of the Recommendation will first be able to present their “Recommendation of Censure” to the LJR Committee, along with the author’s formal description of events. The author may receive any questions from the LJR Committee at this time.~~
 - ~~B. No non LJR Committee member, with the exception of the Attorney General, may speak during the LJR Committee meeting.~~
 - ~~C. After the author has finished presenting the “Recommendation of Censure,” the party issued has the right to present anything which will help prove any inaccuracies of the aforementioned Recommendation.~~
 - ~~D. If, after consideration, a majority of the LJR Committee present and voting finds that the Recommendation has merit, the Recommendation shall be brought to the floor of the Senate by the Chair of the LJR Committee during the LJR Committee report.~~
 - ~~E. After the LJR meeting, the Chair shall notify the party issued and post a memorandum in the SG office that the Recommendation will be heard by the Senate at the next scheduled Senate meeting.~~
 - ~~F. If the LJR Committee finds that the allegations have no merit and votes down the allegations, the Recommendation is dropped.~~
 - ~~G. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate may overturn LJR’s decision to drop the Recommendation.~~
- 909.2 Once the “Recommendation of Censure” is brought on the Senate floor, the LJR Chair will present the “Recommendation of Censure,” the summary presented with the “Recommendation of Censure,” and an explanation of the LJR Committee’s decision.
- A. After the explanation of the LJR Committee’s decision is read, the LJR Chair and any member of the LJR Committee will be open for questioning by the Senate.
 - B. The issuer has the ability to speak after the statements made by the LJR Chair and has the right to refrain from answering any questions they choose.
 - a. A Student Government Agent may be the subject of a “Recommendation of Censure” only once per regularly scheduled meeting.
- 909.3 Following LJR questioning by the Senate, the party issued ten (10) minutes to present a statement refuting the accusations against them.
- A. The party issued at this time could receive any questions, however, the party issued has the right to refrain from answering any question they choose.
 - B. Failure to appear at the Senate meeting will result in the forfeiture of all rights of the party issued, and Senate will go immediately into debate.
- 909.4 Both the author of the “Recommendation for Censure” and the party for which it is issued against shall not be able to partake in the questioning and debate processes except for when they are answering questions in their roles as the author and party issued during the censure process.

- 909.5 ~~Following the party issued statements; the Senate shall enter debate on the “Recommendation of Censure.” A majority vote is needed by the Senate to formally Censure the party issued.~~
- 909.2 The LJR Committee’s role in the censure process is one equivalent to an ethics committee, determining the merit or worthiness of such proceedings, recording the reasoning of their findings to ensure consistency and transparency in their decision-making processes.
- A. No non-LJR Committee member, with the exception of the Attorney General, may speak during the LJR Committee meeting.
 - B. Any Student Senator who issues or is issued a “Recommendation of Censure” while serving as a member of the LJR Committee forfeits their rights as a committee member in any and all activities associated with the Recommendation in the LJR Committee, unless specified to participate as the author or the party issued of the “Recommendation of Censure.”
 - a. Membership on the LJR Committee for that Senator is retained and they will resume all responsibilities as a member once the Recommendation has been voted on by Senate or failed in Committee.
 - b. This LJR Committee member(s) maintains all voting and debating rights as a Senator on the Senate Floor.
- 909.3 The LJR Chair shall ensure that all members of the Committee have access to relevant documents prior to the meeting and will present the accusation during New Business under the heading of “Recommendation of Censure” at the next regularly scheduled LJR Committee meeting.
- A. Caucuses held during a Senate meeting will not constitute a regularly scheduled LJR Committee meeting.
 - B. Relevant documents are, but are not limited to being:
 - a. Documents submitted with the Recommendation of Censure
 - b. Documents submitted to refute the claims made in the Recommendation of Censure
- 909.4 Once the LJR Committee reaches the “Recommendation of Censure” section of the agenda, the entire Committee will immediately enter a ten (10) minute individual review of the relevant documents prior to any speech or questioning time.
- 909.5 After the ten (10) minutes of individual review has expired, the author of the Recommendation will be given ten (10) minutes to present their “Recommendation of Censure” to the LJR Committee, along with the author’s—~~the author’s~~—their formal description of events.
- A. The author may receive any questions from the LJR Committee at this time.
- 909.6 After the author has finished presenting the “Recommendation of Censure,” and has been questioned by the LJR Committee, the party issued has the right to a ten (10) minute speech period in which they are permitted to present anything which will help prove any inaccuracies of the aforementioned Recommendation.
- A. The party issued may receive any questions from the LJR Committee at this time.
- 909.7 If, after consideration, a majority of the LJR Committee present and voting finds that the Recommendation has merit, the Recommendation shall be brought to the floor of the Senate by the Chair of the LJR Committee during the LJR Committee report.
- A. After the LJR meeting, the Chair shall notify the party issued and post a memorandum in the SG office that the Recommendation will be heard by the Senate at the next scheduled Senate meeting
- 909.8 If the LJR Committee finds that the allegations have no merit and votes down the allegations, the Recommendation is dropped.
- A. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate may overturn LJR’s decision to drop the Recommendation.

Chapter 910 Process of a Recommendation of Censure on the Senate Floor

- 910.1 A Student Government Agent may be the subject of a “Recommendation of Censure” only once per regularly scheduled meeting.

- 910.2** Both the author of the “Recommendation for Censure” and the party for which it is issued against shall not be able to partake in the questioning and debate processes except for when they are answering questions in their roles as the author and party issued during the censure process.
- 910.3** Once the “Recommendation of Censure” is brought on the Senate floor, the LJR Chair will present the “Recommendation of Censure” under Miscellaneous Business, the summary presented with the “Recommendation of Censure,” and an explanation of the LJR Committee’s decision. The Senate will then enter a ten (10) minute individual review of the relevant documents.
- A. After the ten (10) minutes of individual review has expired, the LJR Chair, any member of the LJR Committee, and the issuer will be open for questioning by the Senate.
 - B. The issuer has the ability to speak after the statements made by the LJR Chair and has the right to refrain from answering any questions they choose.
- 910.4** Following LJR questioning by the Senate, the party issued ten (10) minutes to present a statement refuting the accusations against them.
- A. The party issued at this time could receive any questions, however, the party issued has the right to refrain from answering any question they choose.
 - B. Failure to appear at the Senate meeting will result in the forfeiture of all rights of the party issued, and Senate will go immediately into debate.
- 910.5** Following the party issued statements; the Senate shall enter debate on the “Recommendation of Censure.”
- A. A majority vote is needed by the Senate to formally Censure the party issued.

Chapter 9101 Issuing a “Notification of Censure”

- 9101.1** Once a Student Government Agent is censured, a “Notification of Censure” will be issued no more than fifteen (15) academic days after the Senate’s decision.
- A. The Senate President, on behalf of the Senate, shall issue the “Notification of Censure” to the censured individual.
 - B. If the Senate President is unable to issue the “Notification of Censure,” it shall be issued by the Senate President Pro Tempore.
- 9101.2** The censured individual is open to Student Government penal action that may include but is not limited to the following tier system. The tier invoked will depend upon the severity of the action(s) or inaction(s). ~~The tier invoked will be dependent on the number of censures previously issued to the SG agent. Tier I penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of one censure. Tier II penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of two censures. Tier III penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of three censures.~~
- ~~A. Tier I penal actions could be, but are not limited to:

 - a. Any SG Agent who is issued one (1) censure will be served a warning and required to have a meeting with their current branch head or advisor.~~
 - ~~B. Tier II penal actions could be, but are not limited to:

 - a. Loss of speaking privileges for any number of consecutive meetings
 - i. The exact number of such meetings must be specified in the proposed and approved penal actions within the “Notification of Censure” to be considered valid.
 - b. Cessation of pay
 - c. A vote of no confidence within leadership roles~~
 - ~~C. Tier III penal actions could be, but are not limited to:

 - a. Removal from appointed office under the discretion of the Student Body President (unless otherwise stated by the Student Body Statutes, Senate Rules, or Student Body Constitution)
 - b. The removal from office through the impeachment process~~
 - A. The tier invoked will depend upon the severity of the action(s) or inaction(s). The tier invoked will be dependent on the number of censures previously issued to the SG agent.
 - a. Tier I penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of one censure.
 - i. Tier I penal actions could be, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Any SG Agent who is issued one (1) censure will be served a warning and required to have a meeting with their current branch head or advisor.
 - b. Tier II penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of two censures
 - ii. penal actions could be, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Loss of speaking privileges for any number of consecutive meetings i. The exact number of such meetings must be specified in the proposed

and approved penal actions within the “Notification of Censure” to be considered valid.

2. Cessation of pay
 3. A vote of no confidence within leadership roles
- c. Tier III penal actions will primarily be invoked as a result of three censures.
- i. Tier III penal actions could be, but are not limited to:
 1. Removal from appointed office under the discretion of the Student Body President (unless otherwise stated by the Student Body Statutes, Senate Rules, or Student Body Constitution)
 2. The removal from office through the impeachment process

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