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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 54-18**

[Updates to Title VII: Establishing Backups for a Vacancy in the Senate Graduate Assistant Position]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revisions to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, The Senate Graduate Assistant can become vacant at any time, and was vacant for a long period of time;
WHEREAS, As Title VII currently stands, if the Senate Graduate Assistant is vacant or unavailable, Impeachment is not possible;
WHEREAS, The LJR Chair can be impeached, and therefore should not be the sole person in charge of many of these duties;
WHEREAS, When this process was written, the Student Body Senate did not have a Senate Advisor like we do now;
WHEREAS, These changes allow the Senate Advisor to complete the responsibilities needed for a proper Impeachment process of any Student Government Agent; and
WHEREAS, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

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

Chapter 701 Filing for Impeachment

- 701.1 Any student at the University of Central Florida may file an affidavit for impeachment against any Student Government Agent.
- A. If the Student Government Agent being impeached is the LJR Chair, or if the LJR Chair is unavailable, all duties vested within the LJR Chair throughout Title VII are to go to the Senate President.**
 - B. If the Senate Graduate Assistant is unavailable, all duties vested within the Senate Graduate Assistant throughout Title VII are to go solely to the Senate Advisor.**
- 701.2 Charges or complaints of wrongdoing may be filed by the student in affidavit form:
- A. The Affidavit must include a description of what alleged wrongdoings were conducted. The student must list the provision of the Student Body Constitution, Student Body Statutes, or Senate Rules that are alleged to have been violated.
 - B. The Affidavit must be notarized prior to submission to the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor**.
 - 1. Said Affidavit must be submitted and time-stamped at least three (3) hours prior to the next regularly scheduled Legislative, Judicial, and Rules (LJR) Committee meeting in order to be heard at that meeting.
 - 2. No additional preliminary evidence, tangible or otherwise, may be submitted after the Affidavit has been filed with the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** until such time of the Discovery Process.
 - 3. Should the Senate vote to impeach the individual, additional evidence may be submitted during the Discovery Process.

- C. The student must include contact information along with the Affidavit. This contact information shall only be used by the LJR Chair, the Interview Director, and the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** to ensure the individual is informed throughout the process.
 - D. Should the student decide to withdraw the Affidavit, the student must request to do so in writing to the LJR Chair.
 - 1. The student may not file a new affidavit any earlier than 24 hours following the withdrawal of the initial affidavit.
 - 2. The Affidavit may not be withdrawn once the LJR Committee recommends the Affidavit move on to the Senate floor.
- 701.3 Once properly submitted to the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor**, the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** must time stamp it. Once the Affidavit(s) is submitted to the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor**, the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** will contact the LJR Chair via email to notify the Chair of the filing. The Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** will provide the Chair with the Affidavit.

Chapter 705 Discovery Process

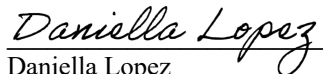
- 705.6 Witness Interviews:
- A. The Interview Director shall contact the witnesses, including the accused and the student(s) who submitted the Affidavit(s), being requested to attend the hearing to schedule a time for each witness to testify regarding the knowledge they have of the events of the case.
 - B. Only the witness and the Interview Director may be present at these appointments.
 - 1. Senators, the accused, and the accuser(s) shall not be present at any witness interview.
 - C. The Witness Interview appointments serve solely as fact-finding meetings in which the Interview Director may gather information needed for the Removal Hearing and are thus exempt from Florida Sunshine Law under the limited exemption applicability of Sunshine Law to advisory committees established for fact-finding only. This exception shall be waived under such circumstances as Florida Sunshine Law is changed and the exemption removed. Quorum is not needed at these appointments, as no official decision-making will take place.
 - D. The Witness Interview appointments shall be audio recorded and the transcriptions will serve as evidence in the Removal Hearing.
 - 1. The Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** will have unlimited access to a copy of the recordings of each Witness Interview for purposes of transcription and evidence.
 - 2. The Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** shall transcribe the witness interviews and provide copies of each transcription to the Interview Director within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the corresponding Interviews.

Chapter 709 Appeal Process

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- A. An appeal shall only be filed with the Judicial Council by the student whose rights may have been violated. The appeal must be submitted in memorandum form. The memorandum is not to exceed two (2) pages in length, excluding evidence of rights being violated.
 - B. All appeals must be submitted within ten (10) business days following the conclusion of the Removal Process.
 - C. The memorandum must include the parties involved (i.e., Senate vs. Removed Party), the Statute concerning the alleged student rights violation, and the violation. It must be time-stamped by the Senate Graduate Assistant **or Senate Advisor** upon submission and then delivered to the Chief Justice.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all mention of “Graduate Assistant” in Student Body Statutes and all other Student Government governing documents be replaced with the term “Graduate Assistant or Senate Advisor.”

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES


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