

**Florida A&M University
Student Government Association
49th Student Senate
SB19FA-002**

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Title: Suspension of Student Statutes Chapter 602.2(9) and Chapter 602.2(10)
Legislation: Senate Bill

Whereas, The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Senate is the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association and is empowered to pass legislation as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Student Government Association, and

Whereas, Chapter 602.2 of the Student Statutes outlines election voting procedures for all elections, including referendums and rules 9 and 10 detail the operation of voting precincts, and

Whereas, The current procedures would hinder the Electoral Commissioner's ability to organize an effective referendum on providing free laundry services to students who live in University owned housing, and

Whereas, University Housing is requesting a timely referendum to determine student interest free laundry services for on campus housing, now

Therefore, **Be it Suspended** Chapter 602.2 Rules 9 and 10 of the FAMU Student Statues for the next immediate referendum election

***Proviso Language:** This piece of legislation will take effect, only for the next immediate referendum election, upon signage by the Student Government President.*

602.2 Voting

1. Each voting student must present a FAMU Student ID Card or a Picture ID to verify his/her status and identity.
2. Voter Rolls must have two columns for signatures in addition to the student's current information. These two columns must be placed within the same row of each student's name. One column will be designated for the signature of the student voting during the general election and the second column will be designated for the signature of the student voting during the run-off election.
3. Each voting student must sign his/her name within the designated signature column for each specified Election Day.
4. All students shall be eligible to vote only once during each election.
5. Students shall vote according to their classifications as recorded by the University Registrar.
6. Students wishing to vote for graduate positions shall be those students enrolled in a Florida A&M University Graduate Program and have declared graduate status through the university registrar.
7. Exceptions may be made for Students in their first year of enrollment at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University wishing to vote for:
 - a. Freshman Class positions in the Fall Elections.
 - b. Sophomore Class positions in the Spring Elections.
8. Students who have earned more credit hours than the maximum required for the classification in which they desire to vote must present a copy of the first page of his/her unofficial transcript at the time of voting. The Precinct Supervisor will verify that the voter's date of entry into the university corresponds with that of all students in that classification.

9. The following locations shall be precincts:

- a. Grand Ballroom; Lobby
- b. Tucker Hall; Charles Winterwood Theater Lobby
- c. Dyson Pharmacy; Patio
- d. Engineering Building; Lobby
- e. School of Business and Industry; Bull and Bear Lounge
- f. New Pharmacy Building; Student Lounge
- g. College of Law; Lobby

Students enrolled in the following colleges and schools shall vote in the following precinct:

Precinct 1: All Freshmen, School of Architecture, College of Agriculture and Food Science, College of Science and Technology

Precinct 2: School of Journalism and Graphic Communication, College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities,

Precinct 3: School of Nursing, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of the Environment

Precinct 4: College of Engineering

Precinct 5: School of Business and Industry, College of Education Precinct 6: College of Pharmacy

Precinct 7: College of Law; Lobby

In cases of emergency and/or unforeseen circumstances, the Student Senate can change the location of a permanent precinct or add a precinct with a 2/3 vote of all those present and voting.

The facility request for an alternate voting location must be filed with the Office of Student Activities by the Electoral Commission the following business day after the vote is passed. In the event the facility request for the alternate voting location is denied, the Electoral Commission will have the discretion in choosing the alternate voting precinct.

10. Opening and Closing of Polls,

- a. The polls shall be open at the voting precincts at 8:00 a.m., on the day of the election, and shall be kept open until 6:00 p.m., of the same day.
- b. If an emergency occurs, preventing any precinct from opening at the appropriate

time, that precinct's closing time shall be extended. The precinct shall be open for an additional amount of time equal to the amount of time its opening was delayed. In such case, the new closing time shall be calculated and posted no later than one hour after the precinct has opened.

c. The electoral commissioners and staffers shall make public proclamation of the opening and closing of the polls. During the election and canvass of votes, the ballot box shall not be concealed.

Note: All Graduate Students will vote in the precinct for their respective majors

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For: 27

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Pass:

Fail:

Student Senate President *Christopher V. Miller*

Date: 10/30/2019

Student Body President *Rocharad Moricette*

Date: 10/30/2019