

**Florida A&M University
Student Government Association
50th Student Senate**

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Title: Enhancing Fiscal Accountability

Legislation: Senate Bill

Whereas, The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Senate is the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association and according to Article III of the Student Body Constitution, shall be empowered to propose and take necessary action on constitutional amendments,

Whereas, The Student Government Association has a long-standing reputation of fiscal responsibility wherein the supervision of the Activity and Service financial records are reviewed by the senate president and Activity and Service Liaison, and

Whereas, The Comptroller is the prescribed financial custodian of the Student Government Executive Branch, which by the Student Body Constitution ‘Article IX Section 2 § C.’ is also the reviewer of agencies that utilizes student funds for investigative purposes, and

Whereas, The Student Government Legislative Branch must modernize the student body statutes to incorporate language that is congruent with the constitution in order to allow the Comptroller to perform their role in an efficient manner by having advance knowledge of said agencies documents, and

Whereas, The following changes be made to Chapter 300.9 of the Student Body Statutes shall allow the Comptroller to perform this role in a perfunctory manner, which would make the Student Government Association a capable body to handle the needs of a growing, diverse student population.

Therefore, **Be it Amended** Chapter 300.9 of the Florida A&M University Student Body Statutes Procedure to enable the Comptroller, the Student Senate, and the Student Government Association to perform its job more efficiently.

***Proviso Language:** This piece of legislation will take effect upon signage by the Student Government President in an immediate release schedule.*

300.9

Senate Officers

The powers and duties of the Senate President shall be:

1. To propose the Activity and Service budget of the Student Senate to the Executive Committee.
 2. To act as the chief liaison and spokesperson of the Senate to outside agencies.
 3. To oversee all expenditures of the Student Senate.
 4. To provide direction for the Senate body in times of crisis and in situations where sudden decisions must be made.
 5. To appoint and remove, with just cause, chairpersons of the standing committees with the consent of the majority of the Senate body.
 6. To sign all measures and writs, issued by order of the Senate.
 7. To appoint and remove, with just cause, all non-voting members of the Legislative Branch.
 8. To serve as the chairperson of all Senate meetings.
 9. To serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of all standing and ad-hoc committees.
 10. To appoint ad-hoc, standing, and such committees as he/she deems necessary. Any committee appointment may be altered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
9. The powers and duties of the Senate President Pro-Tempore shall be:
1. To perform periodic performance checks on all chairpersons and/or staff members.
 2. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Senate President.
 3. To ensure the efficient and rightful operation of the Senate Office and proper usage of office space.
 4. To receive the official grade and hour check each semester for the entire Student Government Association from the Student Government Association Director, and to inform all branch heads in writing of any infractions.
 5. To serve as chairperson of the Senate Executive Committee.
 6. To assume the powers and duties of the Senate President at their request or in case of their inability to discharge his/her duties.
 7. To serve as a voting ex-officio member of all standing and ad- hoc committees.
 8. Shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the Senate Executive Committee meeting and submitting the minutes to the Senate Secretary no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular Senate meeting.

Financial Custodian

The financial custodians of the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association shall be the Senate President and the Organization and Finance Committee Chairperson. Each custodian shall be kept abreast of all expenditures of the Student Senate.

Senate A&S Liaison

The powers and duties of the Senate A&S Liaison shall be:

1. To sit as a voting member of the Senate OFC.
2. To call for an audit of an A&S agency with the approval of a majority of the Student Senate.
3. To review along with the Senate President, **and SGA Comptroller** fiscal reports submitted by A&S Agencies each month.
4. To attend the Senate A&S Agency and Small Club and Organization workshops.
5. To assign all Student Senators to an A&S Agency in order to aid with the A&S budgeting process.

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Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Pass: X

Fail:

Student Senate President X *Shanel L. Brown*

Date: 10/05/2020

Student Body President X *V. McAllen*

Date: 10/5/20