

Florida A&M University
50th Student Senate
SB20FA-006

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Title: “Law Student Seat on the Supreme Court” Title V Revision
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, The Student Senate has an annual responsibility of ensuring the governing documents of the Student Government Association and the Student body function in a capacity that is in the best interest of the Students, and

Whereas, There is not enough graduate and law student representation in the Student Government Association due to the current language in the governing documents. Graduate students make up a significant portion of student enrollment and contribute A&S fees. Law School students are educated and trained to participate in adjudicative proceedings and hearings. Law School student’s education engages in all aspects of the law, including Federal and State Civil Procedure. Law School students are educated to spot the correct issues, analyze laws in accordance with the current situation, and find sound conclusions from the comparison of law to the facts. This extensive training is only available to Juris Doctorate candidates and would be a significant contribution to the Supreme Court.

Whereas, These changes will allow more graduate and law student involvement in SGA and decisions that may impact them. Also, by filling a minimum of one seat with a student attending the College of Law, this ensure that proper procedures and analysis will take place in all Supreme Court proceedings to ensure fairness, equity, and justice.

Therefore, **Be it Enacted,** that Title V be amended as follows:

Proviso Language: The legislation shall take effect immediately upon signage by the Student Body President.

TITLE V

THE STUDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM

403.4 The six Associate Justices shall at least be of sophomore status. **At least one of the six Associate Justices shall be a full-time second-year or third-year student at the College of Law.** They shall perform all duties consistent with the duties of a judge and shall sit at all sessions (unless the justice disqualifies himself/herself from the proceedings because of a conflict of interest).

The duties of the Senior Associate Justice shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Presiding over all meetings, in the absence of both the Chief and Senior Justices.
2. Presiding over at least one meeting per semester.
3. Have third speaking rights on all issues.
4. Any duties deemed necessary by a majority of the Supreme Court

For: 22 Against: 0

Pass: X Fail:

Senate President Signature: 

Date: 11/25/2020

SGA President Signature: 

Date: 12/1/20