



**Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
University-Wide Student Senate
21st Legislative Session**

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Time: 3:30PM

Location: [Microsoft Teams meeting](#)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Installation of Senators

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C2BBxtRKjnIE_VfgKoVvP2pRtjmW0c0Mj0NhD1lfq_Q/edit?usp=sharing

5. Approvals

i. October 13, 2026 Agenda

6. Guest Speaker(s)

7. Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker)

8. Senate Pro Tempore Elections

- i. Explanation of Position*
- ii. Nominations*
- iii. Speeches (3 minutes per candidate)*
- iv. Questioning Period (10 minutes)*
- v. Debate (10 minutes)*
- vi. Roll call vote*

9. UBAC Representative Elections

- i. *Explanation of Positions*
- ii. *Boca Raton UBAC Representative Election*
 - a. *Nominations*
 - b. *Speeches (3 minutes per candidate)*
 - c. *Questioning Period (10 minutes)*
 - d. *Debate (10 minutes)*
 - e. *Roll call vote*
- iii. *Jupiter UBAC Representative Election*
 - a. *Nominations*
 - b. *Speeches (3 minutes per candidate)*
 - c. *Questioning Period (10 minutes)*
 - d. *Debate (10 minutes)*
 - e. *Roll call vote*
- iv. *Broward UBAC Representative Election*
 - a. *Nominations*
 - b. *Speeches (3 minutes per candidate)*
 - c. *Questioning Period (10 minutes)*
 - d. *Debate (10 minutes)*
 - e. *Roll call vote*

10. Student Body President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Lance Moore

11. Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Ellie Raab

12. President's Administrative Cabinet (PAC) Reports (3 minute time limit)

13. Chief Justice Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Hayden Eves

14. Program Reports – Homecoming, GPSA, Program Board, etc. (5 minutes per speaker)

15. Student Government Advisor's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

16. Old Business

17. New Business

- i. SGSSB-2026-27 – Chapter 400 Legislative Branch Statutory Revision Bill*

18. Senate Forum (3 minutes per speaker)

19. Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker)

20. Announcements & Reminders

21. Final Roll Call

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22. Adjournment



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Chapter 400 Legislative Branch Statutory Revision Bill

Authors: Sen. Navarro, Sen. Trewin, Sen. Tallman, Vice President Raab

Sponsors:

WHEREAS, Chapter 400 of the Florida Atlantic University Student Government Statutes establishes the structure, procedures, and responsibilities of the University-Wide Student Senate and Campus Houses of Representatives; **AND**,

WHEREAS, the Chapter 400 Statute Revision Committee of the 20th Legislative Session reviewed Chapter 400 and discussed revisions intended to clarify legislative procedures, improve consistency, update outdated provisions, and strengthen the operation of the Legislative Branch; **AND**,

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions include amendments concerning Senate and House meeting procedures, attendance, vacancies, public participation, legislative recordkeeping, committee structure, apportionment, and the Council of Legislative Officers, as reflected in the Committee's revised Chapter 400 draft; **AND**,

WHEREAS, a prior version of this legislation was considered during the 20th Legislative Session and returned for reconsideration by the Vice President for Student Affairs; **AND**,

WHEREAS, the Student Senate finds that adopting the revised version of these amendments will provide clearer and more effective procedures for the Legislative Branch and better reflect the current needs and operations of Student Government; **NOW**,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Florida Atlantic University Student Government does hereby amend the FAU SG Statute chapter §400 as set forth below:

406.110 The Student Senate shall consider three forms of ~~legislation: bills~~ **legislation: bills**, simple resolutions, and joint resolutions.

406.115 Every member has the ability to write, propose, and present legislation felt to be necessary and proper to the Student Body.

A. To adequately represent the needs of the Student Body, members must comply with the requirements listed below:

- i. Each member must submit 1 piece of legislation per semester to adequately represent the needs of the Student Body
- ii. In the event that a member fails to introduce at least 1 bill or resolution in a semester, he/ she shall be required to serve a number of community service hours, as ~~mutually agreed upon with~~ **as determined by the Speaker President** of the Senate, ~~the Vice President, or as agreed upon with the leadership of the Senate.~~
- iii. The last meeting prior to the Fall Semester Election each year marks the end of pending business, and the end of the tenure of the members. The time period requirement begins with the 1st Senate meeting of the semester, ending with the last senate meeting of the semester; and begins once more from the 1st meeting of the 2nd semester and the last meeting of the 2nd semester, continuing throughout the summer semester, culminating in the Fall elections, as mentioned previously.
- iv. In the stead that the member fails to complete the volunteer hour agreement within the specified time period, further action will be taken at the discretion of the **President of the Senate leadership**.

406.118 All legislation that is under the jurisdiction of Student Senate shall have the numbering system as SGS(B/R) — Year —00,01,02,etc. (For example, the first bill of 2007 would be numbered as SGSB-2007-00.)

406.119 Business may be conducted across semesters, but all pending business ends with the last meeting prior to the Fall ~~Semester election~~ Semester election each year.

406.123 This bill is ~~)(~~ (Approved/Sent back for reconsideration) on this ___ Day of _____, [Current Year] by [Signature Vice President for Student Affairs]

406.210 ~~The percent of members of Student Senate attending a meeting to establish a quorum must be fifty (50%) percent plus one (1) of the membership, rounded up.~~ Quorum shall be the smallest whole number, exceeding fifty percent (50%) of the active membership.

406.211 The Student Senate shall meet no less than twice per semester. The Student Body Vice President will determine the time, day, and frequency of the meetings in agreement with the majority of the active members of the Student Senate.

406.212 All regular meetings of Student Senate must be posted ~~one week~~ seventy-two (72) hours prior to the respective meeting.

406.214 Special meetings of the Student Senate may be called by the Student Body President or by a majority of the **active** members of Student Senate. Members of Student Senate must be given notice forty-eight (48) hours prior to the special meeting.

406.215 No meetings of Student Senate shall take place when classes are not in session.

A. The Pro-Tempore of the Senate shall be appointed from the existing members of the Student Senate and shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the ~~remainder~~ **remainder** of the Student Senate.

406.216 All **in-person** meetings of Student Senate must be held on an FAU campus.

406.217 Members of Student Senate can attend meetings in person or through videoconferencing technology. ~~Members may attend meetings by telephone or cell phone only once per semester.~~

406.218 The following example shall be used as a guide for the agenda of a Student Senate meeting:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting
- E. Approval of Agenda for the meeting
- F. Guest Speaker(s) – if any
- G. Open Forum -- Any person may address the Student Senate for up to three minutes per individual.
- H. Student Body President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- I. Confirmations and Approvals

- J. Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- K. Chief Justice (5 minute time limit)
- L. Program Reports – if any (5 minute time limit each)
- M. Student Government Advisor's Remarks/Report (5 minute limit)
- N. Old Business
 - i. Vetoed Legislation
 - ii. Tabled Legislation
 - iii. Legislation on 2nd

Reading

- O. New Business ■ to include all Bills, Resolutions, Amendments, University concerns, and any new ideas.
- P. Open Forum (3 minute time limit per speaker)
- Q. Announcements
- R. Final Roll Call
- S. Adjournment

406.219 Open Forum shall appear on the agenda of every regular and special meeting of the Student Senate. Open Forum shall not be removed, omitted, or restricted to a particular topic, subject matter, or class of speakers. The Chair may impose reasonable time limits and enforce rules of decorum equally among all speakers but shall not limit discussion based on the viewpoint or subject of the speaker.

406.310 All legislation received by the Student Body Vice President **forty-eight (48) hours** ~~seventy-two hours (72)~~ before the next regular meeting shall be placed on the agenda.

406.311 The Student Body Vice President has no authority to withhold legislation from the agenda except for the ~~seventy-two~~ **forty-eight (48)** hour requirement.

406.313 Upon approval by a majority vote of the total active membership of the Student Senate, the legislation is then sent to the Student Body President for approval or veto. The Student Body President has seven (7) academic days in which to enact or veto legislation. If there is no action on the legislation by the Student Body President for those seven (7) academic

days, the legislation shall then be considered enacted and shall ~~carry the force of law~~ **be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs prior to implementation.**

406.660 The Student Senate shall act upon appointments within three weeks after submission by the Student Body President.

406.700 Absences and Removal from Office

406.710 General Meeting Absences

406.711 Each Member of Student Senate must attend all meetings and all committee, board, and council meetings on which he/she serves.

406.712 Absences may be excused by a concurrence of a majority of the total active membership of the Student Senate provided that quorum is present. The Senate may excuse absences at its discretion, however, the following reasons, if ~~proved through documentation~~ **supported by documentation and submitted to the President of the Senate within forty-eight (48) hours of the missed Senate meeting, unless there are extenuating circumstances,** must be considered excused:

A. Religious Holiday.

B. Severe illness or death in the immediate family.

C. Medical emergency or documented serious illness.

D. Jury Duty.

E. University-approved event.

F. Irregularly scheduled academic event.

406.713 ~~A half of an absence will be given if the member misses just the first or last role call at a regular Meeting. If he or she misses both role calls, a whole absence is counted.~~ **An**

unexcused absence of one-half (1/2) point shall be given if the Member misses either the first or final roll call at a regular meeting. If the Member misses both the first and final roll calls at the same regular meeting, the Member shall receive two (2) absence points.

406.714 An Absence Record of every Senator shall be included in the minutes of every meeting.

406.715 Absences shall be counted as follows:

- A. ~~All excused absences shall be considered as 1 point.~~ Excused absences shall not result in any absence points.
- B. ~~All unexcused absences shall be considered as 2 points.~~ Missing either the first or final roll call without an excused absence shall result in one-half (1/2) absence point.
- C. ~~Half absences shall be one-half of the point value otherwise associated with the type of absence incurred.~~ Missing both the first and final roll calls at the same meeting without an excused absence shall result in two (2) absence points.
- D. Once a member reaches four (4) absence points in a single semester, that Member shall be considered resigned from office. The President of the Senate shall provide official written notice to the member through the member's official FAU email within one (1) week of the member reaching (4) absence points.

406.716 Every Member has the right to appeal any absence to the full Student Senate. The member must fill out an Absence Appeal Form and return it to the Vice President, within forty-eight (48) hours of the missed meeting, unless there are extenuating circumstances, and it shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

406.717 The Student Senate shall decide by a majority vote to suspend the absentee policy whether to approve an absence appeal for an individual when extenuating circumstances occur.

406.718 Absences from Ad Hoc Senate committee meetings shall not count towards the absence record of any Senator.

407.000 Procedures for filling vacant seats on Student Senate between regular elections

407.100 Vacancies which occur due to the resignation (voluntary or ~~in-voluntary~~ **involuntary** through the absence policy) or removal of a member of Student Senate at times other than one month prior to the Fall or Spring Semester elections shall be filled by the following process:

407.110 The Student Body Vice President shall notify the Campus Student Body Governor within one (1) week of notification of the vacancy. **Notice shall be sent to the Campus Student Body Governor's official Student Government email account.**

407.116 The Oath of Office shall be administered by the Campus Governor **or President of the Senate.**

411.000 Records of the Student Senate

411.100 All regular or special meetings of the Student Senate shall be digitally recorded. ~~by whatever appropriate device~~

~~411.200 — This recording shall be transferred to a CD/DVD format and labeled for archiving according to University Library policies and practices~~

411.300 ~~Written transcripts/summarization of m~~Meeting minutes shall be posted to the SG website for public consumption.

412.000 ~~Three Standing Committees shall be active in the Student Government Senate at all times: The Committee for Audit and Finance, the Committee for Academic and Student Life, and the Committee for Community and Government Relations.~~

~~412.100 — Each Standing Committee shall be responsible for drafting and for voting on Legislative relevant to each individual Committees' focus topic.~~

~~412.200 — Each of the three Standing Committees shall be constituted of one Student Government Senator from each campus.~~

~~412.300 — The Committee Chair of each Standing Committee shall be considered a voting member of the Committee and shall be appointed by the Student Body Vice President and approved by a simple majority of the Senate.~~

~~412.310 — The remaining Committee Members shall be appointed one at a time by the Chair of each Standing Committee and approved by a simple majority of the Senate.~~

419.100 ~~The individual Campus Houses of Representatives shall consist of five (5) at-large seats plus one (1) seat for every five hundred (500) students enrolled on the specific campus. (For example, if a campus enrollment equals 1300; the campus Senate would have 7 seats. One seat for every five hundred students and five at-large seats.)~~ Each Campus House of Representatives shall consist of five (5) seats plus one (1) for every two hundred and fifty (250) students represented on each of the campus groupings based on unduplicated head count from the previous spring semester, with a maximum of thirty (30) seats.

419.200 Membership Eligibility

419.210 Each member must **be** a student at Florida Atlantic University

422.124 This bill is ~~is~~ (Approved/Sent back for reconsideration) on this ____ Day of _____, [Current Year] by [Signature Vice President for Student Affairs]

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- G. Open Forum -- Any person may address the House for up to three (3) minutes per student. Members of the Campus House are not allowed to speak as a part of Open Forum

- H. Speaker's Remarks/Report
- I. House Officer Remarks/Report
- J. House Appointments
- K. Campus Governor's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- L. Governor's Appointments
- M. Student Body President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- N. Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- O. President's Administrative Cabinet Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)**
- P. Student Government Advisors Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)
- Q. SG Executive Reports (3 minute time limit per speaker)
- R. Campus Agency Reports (5 minute time limit each)
- S. Standing Committee Reports (5 minutes time limit each)
- T. House Forum/Special Order Speeches
- U. Old Business
 - i. Vetoed Legislation
 - ii. Tabled Legislation
 - iii. Bills on 2nd Reading
- V. New Business –to include all Bills, Resolutions, Amendments, University concerns, and any new ideas.
- W. University Committee and Collegiate reports (3 min. time limit per report)
- X. Open Forum – 3 minutes per speaker
- Y. Announcements and Reminders
- Z. Final Roll Call
- AA. Adjournment

422.217 The House Speaker of each respective Campus House of Representatives may alter the agenda prior to it being sent out to add, alter, or remove content as needed with the exception of excluding, ~~or removing~~, **or altering** the following items:

- A. The Open Forum required by §422.219**
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
- D. Student Body President's Remarks/Report**
- E. Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report**
- F. Campus Governor's Remarks/Report**

422.218 The Respective Campus House of Representatives may amend or alter the agenda as needed by a majority vote or unanimous consent prior to its approval, and at least a two thirds

vote or unanimous consent after its approval provided it does not **exclude**, remove, or alter the following items:

- A. **The Open Forum required by §422.219**
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
- D. **Student Body President's Remarks/Report**
- E. **Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report**
- F. **Campus Governor's Remarks/Report**

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