The intent of this legislation shall be to clarify the elections process for the ad-hoc committees created by the Senate.

A SENATE STATUTORY AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that the following changes be made to the Student Government Statutes:

Chapter

408

Senate Ad-Hoc Committees Act

408.1 The Senate shall have the power and authority to create and conduct fact-finding committees on entities both internal and external to Student Government.

408.2 The Senate can establish ad-hoc committees to conduct fact-finding operations for certain issues or concerns as necessary. Any USF student, faculty, or staff member may serve on an ad-hoc committee. Senate ad-hoc committees may only be initiated by either:

408.2.1 A majority vote by the Senate in favor of the creation of the committee, which is to be written in the form of a resolution, or

408.2.2 The Senate President, who must inform the Senate of the formation of the committee upon the next regular Senate meeting.

408.3 In Senate ad-hoc committees formed by a majority vote of Senate, committee members shall be elected by the Senate upon formation of the ad-hoc committee. The first meeting shall be chaired by the Senate President (or his/her designee) during which a chair and vice chair for the committee shall be elected. The committee shall have the power to elect a chair for the committee. Committee membership shall be elected by the Senate upon the formation of the ad-hoc committee. Only ad-hoc committee members may vote in the election of a chair. The resolution creating the committee shall set deadlines for the committee.
408.4 In Senate ad-hoc committees formed by the Senate President, he or she shall appoint both the chair and the committee members. The committee members shall set the business and deadlines of the committee.

408.4.1 If any appointed member of the committee respectfully declined his/her seat in the committee, the Senate President shall have the ability to appoint an additional member.

408.5 Senate ad-hoc committee meetings shall be open to the public.

408.6 The duties of the chair of an ad-hoc committee shall be: outlined in the Senate Rules of Procedure:

408.6.1 To manage all activities within their respective ad-hoc committees.
408.6.2 To give a committee report at the weekly Senate meeting.
408.6.3 To compile a summary of the findings of the committee prior to its dissolution.

408.7 Ad-hoc committees created by the Senate President shall be disbanded upon either:

408.7.1 A supermajority vote in the affirmative by the ad-hoc committee, or
408.7.2 At the end of the current Senate term,

408.8 Ad-hoc committees created by a majority vote in the Senate shall be disbanded upon either:

408.8.1 A supermajority vote in the affirmative by the ad-hoc committee, or
408.8.2 Upon the deadline set by the Senate upon the adoption of the committee.
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