

SGA Consitution Revision Committee Meeting

**Student Government Association**

Student Government Council—Modesto A. Maidique Campus

Senate Agenda

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Start Time: 10:04am**

Welcome & Call to Order

*Dr. Anthony DeSantis, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Voting members

Dr. Anthony DeSantis, Assistant VP of Student Affairs

Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life & SGA BBC Advisor

Jerome Scott, Campus Life Coordinator & SGA MMC Advisor

Jose Sirven, SGA MMC President

Jefferson Noel, SGA BBC President

Javier Ortiz

John Habib

Brandon Aquino

Non-voting members

Jose Toscano, MMC Campus Life Director

Michelle Castro, MMC Assistant Director of Campus Life

Iris Elijah, Associate General Counsel

Dustin Duncan

Gerard Albert III

**WELCOME**

Dr. DeSantis went over items from last week that need clarification on. Article 13: amendment process that provides the checks and balances that we need to follow. If you want to edit that amendment process then that is the checks and balance you are looking for.

Noel suggests one more thing to add to the schedule that he believes that is imperative. He states that a major concern with having the students vote on the constitution is that they will not completely understand. He should send out the revised constitution to the students 2 or 3 weeks in advance and also implement open forums to give the students the opportunity to make the best possible decision.

DeSantis states that he agrees with the statement Mr. Noel made and will work with Mr. Toscano to look over the schedule and how the suggestions Mr. Noel made can be added to the timeline.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Section III: Sovereignty**

Dr. DeSantis suggests keeping Article 1, Section 3 as is and if there are any future suggested changes then we would need to finalize that in addition to the amendment process between now and Friday. If there are no suggestions then will leave Section 3 as is and continue to move forward.

Ms. Elijah suggests removing “administrative code” below Florida State Statutes and add “rules, regulations, and policies”.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Section 1: Student Body**

Dr. DeSantis explained that he wants to be consistent in the wording throughout the entire document. He states that there are sections that say, “all registered students”, “all students”, or “all enrolled students”. He asked Ms. Elijah on suggestion on how to keep the wording consistent to represent all students throughout the document.

Ms. Elijah recommends using the term “matriculated” due the fact that if a student registers it does not mean that the student is enrolled, but rather will enroll. When using the term “matriculated” it encompasses registered students who have enrolled in a course.

Mr. Aquino motions to strike “all registered students” and add “all matriculated students”.

Mr. Ortiz seconds the motions.

By unanimous vote the motion was passed.

## **ARTICLE III**

Mr. Noel explained that they are considering the idea of have the legislative branch comprised of one student from each College and then from each School under the respective College.

This was presented by Javier Ortiz and Brandon Aquino and was discussed with the committee.

<b>Bicameral Legislature Proposal</b>		
Representative Delegations	No. of Students (Fall 2017)	Every 2000 students = 1 seat. Minimum of one seat
Arts, Sciences & Education	18267	9
Business	10262	5
Engineering & Computing	5592	3
Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	5473	3
Communication, Architecture + The Arts	4020	2
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences	2682	1
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	2013	1
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work	1093	1
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	638	1
Law	512	1
Honors College	2077	1
University Graduate School	8770	4
Dual Enrollment	5135	Able to vote for Executive
Other (Non-Degree)	1199	Able to vote for Executive
Other (Graduate)		2 students were included in this count for SP 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>56886</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Senate Delegations</b>		
One seat per delegation		
Arts, Sciences & Education	1	
Business	1	
Engineering & Computing	1	
Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	1	
Communication, Architecture + The Arts	1	
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences	1	
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	1	Chair: Pro Tempore- voted by the Senate
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work	1	Case of Tie: Vice President
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	1	Vice Chairs: In order of Senate Leadership
Law	1	
Honors College	1	
University Graduate School	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	

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Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate		
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Ms. Adames recommendation to minimize the amount of senate members instead of having 50 senate members that way we would not have any possible vacant seats. We would have 11 senators to represent each college and then have an additional House of Representatives to represent the different schools within the Colleges. Ms. Adames also stated her concerns on how to determine the numbers of seats allocated to each college. Mr Ortiz

explained that every 2000 students get minimum 1 seat. If you are below that threshold one seat is assigned automatically.

Mr. Noel states that it is still extremely important that we have guaranteed representation at BBC and does not believe this proposal will help with that concern. Mr. Ortiz proposed to add a BBC specific seat to the delegation to be equally represented.

Ms. Adames suggest taking out election board out of student government and have it be its own entity. They will have no alliance to the entire student government process. This will add double insurance for both campuses to feel comfortable when it comes to the election process.

Ms. Castro proposes to add 1 MMC person and 1 BBC person per delegation under Senate. Under the bicameral legislative proposal, have an At Large representative from both MMC and BBC and base it off population.

Mr. Aquino motions to take a 5-minute recess at 10:57am.

Motion passes.

DeSantis motions to open the meeting at 11:06am.

DeSantis recommends using this Friday's meeting as a working time to accurately discuss and come to a consensus as to what the proposal for legislative branch would look like.

Ms. Adames to have 13 senate positions and 21- 25 representatives. The Senate would represent the Colleges and the House of Representatives would represent the Schools under each College. For the Colleges that don't have school would automatically have 1 seat for House of Representative. Representatives would be based of school/colleges.

Mr. Noel moves to approve Ms. Adames proposal on what the legislative branch would look like.

Mr. Scott seconds the motion.

Mr. Scott moves to end discussion.

Mr. Noel seconds the motion.

Mr. Ortiz moves to vote.

Mr. Noel seconds the motion.

By unanimous vote the motion was passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Habib move to adjourn meeting at 11:54am

Motion passed by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 11: 54am