# TITLE VII: THE ENFORCEMENT STATUTE

## **Chapter 700: Enforcement**

### Enforcement of the Student Government Constitution and System of Statutes as well as all policies, procedures, Legislative acts, Judicial Decisions, and Executive Acts created within their bounds shall be accomplished under the provisions of this title.

### Noncompliance shall be defined as the failure or refusal to comply, whether intentional or not, with the Student Government Constitution and by extent the System of Statutes, and/or any policy, procedure, Legislative act, Judicial Decision, or Executive Acts created within their bounds. An issue of noncompliance shall constitute grounds for a Judicial Complaint to be filed in the matter.

### Subpoena shall be defined as an order issued by the Legislative Branch as prescribed by law compelling the attendance of any person(s) and/or the production of documents or other materials in question at a proceeding for questioning.

### Those subject to enforcement under this Title are:

#### All Student Government funded entities and members thereof, and;

#### All Student Government Committees, and members thereof, and;

#### All elected and appointed members of Student Government.

## **Chapter 701: Subpoena**

### The authority to issue a Legislative Subpoena shall be vested in the following offices:

#### The Senate President, by order.

#### The B&A Committee, through unanimous consent.

#### The R&O Committee, through unanimous consent.

#### Any eight (8) Senators, by order.

### Subpoenas must be issued allowing at least five (5) business days for the subject to comply.

### All subpoenas shall adhere to the following format regulations:

#### Be issued to a specific person(s) via email and in print, and;

#### Be issued in the form of a memorandum, and;

#### Begin with the phrase, “By order of (insert authority/issuer) you are hereby subpoenaed to appear before (insert name appropriate of committee/court/tribunal) on (insert date) at (insert time) in reference to your involvement in/with (insert brief description of issue in question). If you cannot comply due to a confirmed conflict with a class you are currently enrolled in, reasonable accommodation will be provided to you. If you cannot comply due to an extenuating circumstance, reasonable accommodation will be provided to you, subject to approval by the Senate President.”

### Issuance of a subpoena shall be limited in scope to a single matter in question.

### Subpoenas shall require only that a person(s) attend or present materials at a meeting to participate in a Subpoena Hearing.

#### Subpoena Hearings shall abide by the following agenda and may be held as items of new business within other agendas:

##### Opening statement given by the presiding officer.

##### Opening statements given by person(s) subpoenaed.

##### Reasonable time given for questioning of the subpoenaed by members of the presiding body.

##### Reasonable time for students to question the subpoenaed may be provided if so ordered within the subpoena.

##### Hearing closed by presiding officer and floor opened for motions.

### Refusal to comply with a subpoena shall constitute noncompliance against Title VII. Hearings may take place without the subject if the subject refuses to comply.

## Chapter 702: University of North Florida Student Government Policy

* 1. The University of North Florida Student Government must adhere to University Policy 5.0120P in accordance with Authority: Article IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution, Fla. Board of Governors Regulations 1.001, 6.014; Sections 1004.26, 1009.24, FS.

**Chapter 703: Student Government Sunshine Compliance**

* 1. Student Government Member Requirements
1. All Student Government Members are responsible for adhering to the requirements of the Student Government Sunshine compliance, the policies and procedures of

the University of North Florida, and all other requirements of the Sunshine Act and, the Public Records Act, as specified by law.

* 1. Public Records
1. All individuals requesting to inspect or obtain copies of public records from Student

Government shall be permitted to do so as specified in the Public Records Act in

Florida Statutes.

1. A statement must be placed in a conspicuous location on the Student Government

website and all e-mails sent from Student Government e-mail accounts notifying the

recipient(s) that Student Government communications may be subject to public records

Laws.

1. The Attorney General shall be responsible for educating Student Government members

on all provisions and changes to the Sunshine Act and Public Records Act as they relate

to Student Government.

## **Chapter 704: Grounds for Removal of a Student Government Officer**

### Grounds for removal of a Student Government Officer shall be limited to the following as stated in Article VII of the Student Government Constitution:

#### Malfeasance, which shall be defined as “a wrongful, unlawful, and/or dishonest act committed” by an elected or appointed member of Student Government.

#### Misfeasance, which shall be defined as “a lawful act performed in a wrongful manner” by an elected or appointed member of Student Government.

#### Neglect of duty, which shall be defined as nonfeasance, is "the failure to act when a duty to act existed”.

#### Incompetence, which shall be defined as “The state or fact of being unable or unqualified to do something”.

#### Permanent inability to preform official duties.

#### Conviction of felony within the justice system of the United States of America.

## **Chapter 705: Impeachment**

### 705.1 In accordance with the Student Government Constitution, Article VII Section 1, any member of Student Government shall be removed from office through impeachment if Articles of Impeachment are enacted, according to law, against them.

### 705.2 Articles of Impeachment shall:

#### Be addressed concerning a single individual beginning with the phrase, “By order of (insert appropriate authorities) the following Student Government member, (insert name of member being impeached along with their title) is hereby impeached from office under the following articles:”

#### Contain a section enumerating the grounds on which the Student Government member is being impeached, and;

#### Contain a section summarizing the charges levied that constitute grounds for removal along with any evidence brought forward, and:

#### Conclude with an enactment clause that resolves the decision of the proper authorities as outlined under Chapters 703.3, 703.4, and 703.5 allowing the Articles to take effect immediately.

### 705.3 Impeachment of an Executive Branch member:

#### The Judicial Branch may choose to recommend that the Senate pass Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Executive Branch convicted under a Judicial Complaint as part of their sentencing measures.

##### If Articles of Impeachment are recommended by the Judicial Branch, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Senate to be placed on the agenda of the next upcoming Senate meeting, if possible. The Senate President shall subpoena the convicted to appear before the Senate when the recommendation is heard to answer to the charges held against them therein.

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the accused officer, after which a motion to approve Articles of Impeachment may be made. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by the Senate, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

#### Any Senator may choose to present Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Executive Branch before the full Senate.

##### If Articles of Impeachment are presented the presiding officer shall immediately call for a motion to hear the Articles, then;

##### If the motion to hear the Articles passes by majority vote, the Senate President shall subpoena the accused to appear before the Senate when the Articles are to be heard to answer to the charges alleged against them therein, then;

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming Senate meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the accused officer, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are adopted by the Senate, they shall be forwarded to the Judicial Branch. The Court shall hold a Judicial Review Hearing to review the Articles. The accused must appear before the Court when the Articles are to be heard. The Judicial Review Hearing shall occur during or before the next upcoming Judicial Branch meeting following the passage of the Articles of Impeachment by the Senate. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for the accused officer.

##### Following the Judicial Hearing, a Justice may motion to adopt the Articles of Impeachment. Adoption may occur by majority vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are adopted by the Judicial Branch, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

#### Executive Staff members may be dismissed by the President at any time, for any reason.

### 705.4 Impeachment of a Legislative Branch member

#### The Judicial Branch may choose to recommend that the Senate pass Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Legislative Branch convicted under a Judicial Complaint as part of their sentencing measures.

##### If Articles of Impeachment are recommended by the Judicial Branch, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Senate to be placed on the agenda of the next upcoming Senate meeting, if possible. The Senate President shall subpoena the convicted to appear before the Senate when the recommendation is heard to answer to the charges held against them therein.

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by the Senate, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

#### Any Senator may choose to present Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Legislative Branch before the full Senate.

##### If Articles of Impeachment are presented the presiding officer shall immediately call for a motion to hear the Articles, then;

##### If the motion to hear the Articles passes by majority vote, the Senate President shall subpoena the accused to appear before the Senate when the Articles are to be heard to answer to the charges alleged against them therein, then;

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming Senate meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the accused officer, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by the Senate, they shall be forwarded to the Judicial Branch. The Court shall hold a Judicial Review Hearing to review the Articles. The accused must appear before the Court when the Articles are to be heard. The Judicial Review Hearing shall occur during or before the next upcoming Judicial Branch meeting following the adoption of the Articles of Impeachment by the Senate. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for the accused officer.

##### Following the Judicial Subpoena Hearing, a Justice may motion to adopt the Articles of Impeachment. Adoption may occur by majority vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are adopted by the Supreme Court, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

### 705.5 Impeachment of a Judicial Branch Member

#### Any Senator may choose to present Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Judicial Branch before the full Senate.

##### If Articles of Impeachment are presented the presiding officer shall immediately call for a motion to hear the Articles, then;

##### If the motion to hear the Articles passes by majority vote, the Senate President shall subpoena the accused to appear before the Senate when the Articles are to be heard to answer to the charges alleged against them therein, then;

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming meeting, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by the Senate, they shall be forwarded to the President for approval or veto within five (5) business days.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are approved by the President, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

##### If the President vetoes the Articles of Impeachment, they shall return to the Senate and be placed on the agenda of the next upcoming Senate meeting.

##### The Senate may, by three-fourths (3/4) vote, chose to override the President’s veto and pass the Articles of Impeachment.

##### Should the Senate override the President’s veto and pass the Articles of impeachment by three-fourths (3/4) vote, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

#### The President may choose to submit Articles of Impeachment against a member of the Judicial Branch to the Senate President.

##### If the President submits Articles of Impeachment to the Senate President, her or she shall subpoena the accused to appear before the Senate at the next upcoming Senate meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the impeached officer, then;

##### The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming meeting, if possible, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

##### If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

705.6 Impeachment of an Independent Office Member

* + 1. The Judicial Branch may choose to recommend that the Senate pass Articles of Impeachment against a member of an independent office convicted under a Judicial Complaint as part of their sentencing measurers.
1. If Articles of Impeachment are recommended by the Judicial Branch, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Senate to be placed on the agenda of the next upcoming Senate meeting, if possible. The Senate President shall subpoena the convicted to appear before the Senate when the recommendation is heard to answer to the charges held against them therein.
2. The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the accused officer, after which a motion to approve Articles of Impeachment may be made. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
3. If the Articles of Impeachment are passed by the Senate, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.
	* 1. Any Senator may choose to present Articles of Impeachment against a member of an independent office before the full Senate.
4. If Articles of Impeachment are presented the presiding officer shall immediately call for a motion to hear the Articles, then;
5. If the motion to hear the Articles passes by majority vote, the Senate President shall subpoena the accused to appear before the Senate when the Articles are to be heard to answer to the charges alleged against them therein, then;
6. The Senate shall hold the Subpoena Hearing within the next upcoming Senate meeting, if no confirmed class conflict exists for the accused officer, after which a Senator may motion to approve the Articles of Impeachment. Passage may only occur by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
7. If the Articles of Impeachment are adopted by the Senate, they shall be forwarded to the Judicial Branch. The Court shall hold a Judicial Review Hearing to review the Articles. The accused must appear before the Court when the Articles are to be heard. The Judicial Review Hearing shall occur during or before the next upcoming Judicial Branch meeting following the passage of the Articles of Impeachment by the Senate. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for the accused officer.
8. Following the Judicial Hearing, a Justice may motion to adopt the Articles of Impeachment. Adoption may occur by majority vote. If the Articles of Impeachment are adopted by the Judicial Branch, the impeached officer shall be removed from office immediately.

## HISTORY:

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