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BILL HISTORY FOR LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVE

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FORMAL TITLE            A Bill to Reform the Guidelines for the Position of Legislative Aides for the MMC Statutes
AUTHOR(S)               Ivette Borges, ORC Committee Chairwomen, Lower-Division Senator; Bryan Gomez, Speaker Pro Tempore, CASE Senator;
SPONSORS                Giacomo Natteri, Finance Committee Chairman, Lower-Division Senator;
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SUMMARY/LEGISLATIVE INTENT
This Bill seeks to create guidelines for the position of Legislative Aides for the MMC Statutes as they have had no specific guidelines in previous years.

MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 1ST READING

MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 2ND READING

DOCUMENTS/RESEARCH/ PERSONAL STATEMENTS
MMC Statutes

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Committee Referral

A BILL TO UPDATE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES AND RENAME THEM TO COUNCIL AIDES

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
   a) This Bill may be cited as the “Reform of LA’s ACT”.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY
The proposal outlined in this Bill is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.”

SECTION 3. BILL
Article III. Legislative Branch
Section 3.04 “Organization”
(c) Legislative Aides Council Aides
   (i) Legislative Aides (LA) Council Aides (CAs) shall be assistants to the Senate Student Government Council of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and its members, and its Committees, whose purpose is to and shall aide in special functions including but not limited to media relations, legislative research, event planning, and administrative duties.

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(1) Legislative Aides—CAS shall not be considered SGC-MMC Officials for the purposes of Senate floor privileges and SGA resource management.

(2) Legislative Aides—CAS shall perform the duties as assigned by their appointer, prescribed by the Statutes herein. The LA and the Speaker must be notified of their duties and updates to their duties in written notification.

   a) Legislative Aides—CAS may exercise some special duties and serve as the designee of any SGC-MMC Official so long as the CA consents to those ad hoc responsibilities and the SGC-MMC Official has submitted written notification to the Executive Board and the SGA Advisor. In the areas above with written consent from their appointer and written notification to the Speaker.

(3) Legislative Aides—CAS shall be subject to the following requirements as determined by their appointer. The LA and the Speaker must be notified of their requirements and updates to their requirements in written notification.

   a) Attend at least two (2) Senate meetings per semester.
   b) Attend at least two (2) Cabinet meetings per semester.
   c) Attend at least one (1) Judicial Branch meeting per semester.
   d) Complete at least one (1) hour a week during which they meet with any SGC Official during the SGC Official’s office hours to assist in their official duties.
   e) Attend at least two (2) Student Government sponsored events per semester.

(4) The Student Advocacy Chair Committee shall be tasked with appointing a committee member as the Council Aides Coordinator.

   a) The Council Aides Coordinator may appoint CAS at their discretion.
       i) The Council Aides Coordinator shall hold an interview for any student interested in applying to the program. If the Council Aides Coordinator determines that the student meets the requirements for the program, they shall be appointed.
Coordinator wishes to appoint the candidate as a new member of the program they must notify the Executive Board and the SGA Advisor via written communication.

b) The Council Aides Coordinator may only remove CAs upon one or more of the following grounds:
   i) Failure to complete the Council Aides program requirements.
   ii) Failure to comply with the Code of Ethics.

(4) Aides may be removed by their appointer, the Speaker, or the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, at their discretion without any impeachment or judicial procedure.

(5) Legislative Aides CAs shall not hold any other office within the SGA.

(ii) The Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be able to appoint up to three (3) Legislative Aides each.

(iii) Each Committee shall be able to appoint up to four (4) Legislative Aides, to be appointed by each Committee chair, and confirmed by the Committee members with a simple majority of those committee members present and able to vote.

(iv) Each Senator shall be able to appoint up to two (2) Legislative Aides.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the passage of this Bill by the SGC-MMC Senate and the signing of it by the SGC-MMC President, this shall become the official law of the SGC-MMC and any other instances of the position of “Legislative Aide” in the MMC Statutes and lower governing documents shall henceforth be renamed to “Council Aide”.

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A BILL TO REMOVE THE POSITION OF LEGISLATIVE AIDES FROM THE MMC STATUTES

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Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate

, Ivette Borges

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