



COUNCIL BILL

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL · MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
THE 37TH SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

BILL HISTORY FOR LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVE

BILL ITEM	<i>SB3703</i>	
FORMAL TITLE	<i>A BILL ALLOWING SENATORS TO PURSUE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES WHILE UPHOLDING RESPONSIBILITIES</i>	
AUTHOR(S)	<i>Karla Sofia Perez, Business Senator</i>	
SPONSORS	<i>Ashley Nunez, At-Large Senator; Jocelyn Correa, Nursing Senator; Cristhofer Lugo, Engineering & Computing Senator; Christian Perez, Graduate Senator; James Magee, Lower Division Senator; Allen Mendes, Housing Senator; Sophonie Rosier, Nursing and Health Sciences Senator; Nitya Ramalingam, HWCAM Senator; Sandro Alvarez, Graduate Senator; Salma Atassi, College of Arts, Science, & Education Senator; David Torrens, Business Senator;</i>	
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SUMMARY/LEGISLATIVE INTENT	This Bill is intended to amend the office hours requirements during summer semester. This change will match the rest of the requirements during summer semesters.	
MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 1ST READING		

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MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 2ND READING	
DOCUMENTS/RESEARCH/ PERSONAL STATEMENTS	<p>WHEREAS, 93.75% of students surveyed said their economic status was affected due to COVID-19</p> <p>WHEREAS, 93.33% of students surveyed said their financial situation would improve if they were offered some form of employment</p> <p>WHEREAS, 21.43% of students surveyed have been offered a job opportunity this summer</p> <p>THEREFORE, let it be resolved that senators who have been offered job opportunities during the summer semester be excused under the discretion of the SGC-MMC Speaker and Internal Affairs Chair.</p>

Bill Item *SB3703*

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Committee Referral

A BILL ALLOWING SENATORS TO PURSUE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES WHILE UPHOLDING RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- a) This Bill may be cited as the “A Bill to Allow Summer Opportunities”.

SECTION 2. TERMS

- a) “FIU” refers to Florida International University, its community, and/or its administration;
- b) “SGC-MMC” refers to the Student Government Council of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University;

SECTION 3. 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 4. BILL

Section 3.07 Senator Requirements

- (c) Constituency Engagement
 - (i) Each semester, Senators shall be required to hold and maintain at least (3) office hours a week in which they are accessible to their constituents within the Student Body
 - (1) Summer semester excluded under discretion of the SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate and Internal Affairs Chair with a consensus. Exceptions to be excluded from office hours in the summer semester could include but are not limited to:
 - a) Obtaining a job/internship opportunity, paid or unpaid, that requires the student to work a total of 30+ hours weekly (with proof).
 - b) Travel to work in another state or country (with proof).
 - (2) Senators shall notify the Speaker, Internal Affairs Committee, and the Student Government Association Advisor of the day(s), times(s), and location(s), and hours of their office hours at least five (5) university

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- business days after the official University Add/Drop date in writing or, if applicable, a University-sponsored online platform to submit their hours.
- (3) Office hours shall only be held on days that the University is open and during regular business hours.
 - (4) Senator office hours shall be posted publicly on the SGA website, in-print, or any platform that is easily accessible for all members of the Student Body to access.
 - (5) Senators shall inform the Internal Affairs Committee of any cancelled office hours within one (1) university business day of the hours to be cancelled.
 - (6) Any required meeting of a Senator, or SGA sponsored event shall not count towards office hours. This includes but is not limited to all Senate meetings, all assigned Committee meetings, RHA meetings of Housing Senators, or Dean meetings.

Section 3.05

- (g) Internal Affairs Committee
 - (i) Purpose and Responsibilities
 - (9) The committee will be responsible for administering repercussions for missing mandatory meetings, such as Senate meetings, Committee meetings, and Senate Leadership meetings, as well as not completing office hours.
 - a) Repercussion administered regarding Senator office hours shall be as follows:
 - i) Upon one week of not completing their require Senator office hours, the Senator shall be emailed within forty-eight (48) hours of the Senate meeting following the week during which they did not complete their Senator office

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hours for the first time. The email shall consist of a notification of their lack of compliance with the governing documents and a warning that continuing to do so could result in further consequences including, but not limited to, impeachment. The IA Chair will be tasked with trying to arrange a meeting that shall include the Senator in question, the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker Pro Tempore, and themselves. This meeting shall serve as a way to further alert the Senator to their failure to fulfill their Senator requirements.

- ii) Upon a second week of not completing their required Senator office hours, the Senator shall again be notified via email of their failure to comply with the governing documents within forty-eight (48) hours of the Senate meeting following the week during which they did not complete their Senate office hours for a second time. For the week immediately following their second week of missing their Senator office hours, the Senator in question will have their Senate floor and voting rights and their committee voting rights suspended.
- iii) Upon a third week of not completing their required Senator office hours, the IA Chair will be tasked with submitting a writ to the Judicial Branch against the given SGC-MMC Senator and recommend that the Supreme Court remove the Senator on the grounds that the Senator is in nonfeasance. The IA Chair shall again notify via email the Senator in question within forty-eight (48) hours of the Senate

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meeting following the week during which they did not complete their Senator office hours for a third time. This email shall also warn the Senator that a writ will be filed against them based on the fact that they have failed to meet their Senator requirements. The IA Chair will let the Senator in question know in this email that they also have the option to resign if they would not like to endure a trial before the Supreme Court.

- b) Senators who are excused for the summer semester will face no repercussions unless the SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate and Internal Affairs Chair decide to revoke those privileges. If privileges are revoked, the senator must be notified 48 hours in advance through an official email or written communication from both the SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate and Internal Affairs Chair.
- c) Repercussions administered regarding absences shall be in accordance with the procedure outlined in the SGC-MMC Statutes Article III Section 3.07 subsections (a) “Meeting Attendance” and (b) “Absences”

SECTION 5. 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.

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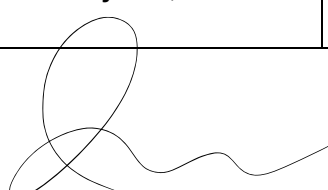

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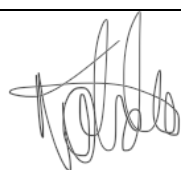


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SB3703		
A BILL TO AMEND OFFICE HOURS		
IN FAVOR OF: 28	AGAINST: 0	ABSTENTIONS: 0
AMENDMENTS: APPENDED ON BACK.		

SENATE ACTION	DATE: July 13, 2020	<u>PASSED</u>	FAILED
 Janelle Fragra, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate			
 Karla Sofia-Perez, Business Senator & Ashley Nunez, At-Large Senator			

EXECUTIVE ACTION	DATE:	ENACTED	VETOED
 Alexandra Valdes, SGC-MMC Student Body President			

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