

Florida A & M University
54th Student Senate
SB24FA-002

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Title: Election Proceedings in the Event of University Closures

Legislation: Senate Bill

Whereas,	The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Senate is the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association and is empowered to pass legislation as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Student Government Association.
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Whereas,	At Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), in the Fall semester, the Declaration of Candidacy takes place during the third (3rd) week (Monday-Friday). In the Spring semester, Declaration of Candidacy takes place during the first week of February (Monday-Wednesday). Election season is a crucial part of FAMU's culture where candidates campaign to become the next student leaders; and representatives of FAMU.
Whereas,	At any point during the election season, there can be unforeseen circumstances that lead to a University closure. It is crucial that we prepare for any delays and unforeseen events that may arise during this period because Chapter 600 Election Codes does not specify how elections should be resumed in unique situations, such as natural catastrophes.
Whereas,	FAMU elections allow the Student Body to choose their leadership through a fair democratic process. It is only right that the full allotted time be given, under any circumstance, so that students can make a sound decision.
Therefore,	Be it enacted Chapter 600 of the Student Body Statues be amended as follows:

Chapter 602 Election Procedures

602.10 University Closure Procedures

1. In the event of a University Closure the election schedule shall come to a halt both in person and online.
2. Upon reopening of the University, a revised election schedule shall be created by the Electoral Commission and sent to the Elections & Appointments committee for approval.

3. The revised election schedule presented to the Elections & Appointments committee will be a continuation of the last approved election schedule; allotting the same amount of time for any election related event(s) for which the University was closed. The Electoral Commission shall then be required to give candidates a twenty-four (24) hour notice after approval of the Elections and Appointments Committee and before the continuation of the election schedule.

Proviso Language: This piece of legislation will take effect immediately upon signage by the Senate President and Student Government Association President.

Be it further appropriated; a copy of this signed bill will be sent directly to the office of the

Student Government Association President Loryn May
Electoral Commission

For official use only:

For: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Pass: _____ Fail: _____

x Zayla Bryant Date: 12/16/2024

Zayla Bryant
54th Student Senate President

x Loryn May Date: 12/18/2024

Loryn May
Student Body President