

Florida A & M University
54th Student Senate
 SPB25SP-001

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First Reading:	
Second Reading:	
Third Reading:	

Title: Senator Bill Requirement
Legislation: Senate Procedural 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.
Whereas,	The Student Senate is governed by the Internal Rules of Procedure, otherwise known as IROP. In Article 9 of the IROP it states, “Each senator shall author at least one (1) piece of legislation per academic year semester, as long as the senator has served for two months prior to the conclusion of the semester.”
Whereas,	The Student Senate is limited in its legislative output because members are only required to author one piece of legislation per semester. As a result, some Senators fulfill this obligation without introducing additional legislation, reducing the overall number of legislative initiatives.
Whereas,	This issue presents a significant barrier to the Student Senate’s ability to fully execute its legislative responsibilities and produce impactful legislation for the students of Florida A&M University. With members meeting the minimum

	requirement of authoring just one piece of legislation per semester, there is limited incentive for continued legislative activity. Consequently, this lack of sustained effort hampers the Senate's capacity to introduce and advance additional bills that could address the needs and concerns of the student body, ultimately limiting the Senate's effectiveness in fostering positive change on campus.
Whereas,	Increasing the requirement for Student Senate members to author two pieces of legislation per academic semester would significantly enhance the Senate's productivity and impact. With a higher legislative threshold, Senators would be incentivized to actively engage in addressing a broader range of student concerns, ensuring that more issues are brought to the forefront. This change would foster greater accountability, encourage Senators to develop deeper insights into student needs, and promote continuous legislative activity. Ultimately, it would enable the Senate to pass a wider array of initiatives, driving positive change and creating more meaningful, lasting impacts for the students of Florida A&M University.
Therefore,	Be it enacted, Article nine (9) of the Student Senate Internal Rules of Procedures be amended as follows:

Article 9- Senator(s), Staff and Liaison(s) Duties and Responsibilities

9.1.1 Duties and Responsibilities of Student Senator(s)

A. All Senators shall assume all powers, duties and responsibilities conferred upon him/her in the Student Body Constitution and System of Student Body Statutes.

B. Each Senator is required to serve at least three (3) weekly office hours in the Senate office. These office hours may not coincide with regular Senate sessions or committee meetings. Chairpersons must serve five (5) office hours weekly, and Vice-Chairperson must serve four (4) office hours weekly.

C. Senators shall attend at least two meetings per semester of their assigned Activity & Fee funded Agency if that Agency holds meetings.

D. All Senators shall give a report of their agencies progress to the Senate at least once an academic term following the scheduled time determined by the A&S liaison and as requested by the Senate President.

E. Each senator shall author at least ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** ~~pieces~~ of legislation per academic semester, as long as the senator has served for two months prior to the conclusion of the semester.

F. Each senator shall serve a minimum of five (5) community service hours a semester on the campus of Florida A&M or in partnership with a Student Organization off-campus. (This shall include attendance at SGA functions and events)

G. Each senator shall attend at least one (1) community service event, hosted by Internal Development Committee, each academic semester.

Proviso Language: This piece of legislation will take effect in the Fall of 2025 and 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

Senate President Zayla Bryant

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For: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Pass: X Fail:

x Zayla Bryant

Date: 2/11/2025

Zayla Bryant

54th Student Senate President

x Loryn May

Date: 2/11/2025

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Student Body President