

Student Government Legislative System Act

Purpose: The purpose of this system is to organize the laws of the student government into one, central source for easy access and viewing.

General Scheme

100.1 All Student Body Laws of permanent effect and general public interest, or of legal or historical significance, shall be compiled in a codification known as Student Body Statutes. This codification shall include the constitution in its entirety and all by-laws of the Senate. Except in unusual circumstances, this codification shall exclude non-governmental organizational charters, authorizations, resolutions, proposed constitutional amendments, the Budget and amendments thereto, and contracts of limited duration.

100.2 The Student Body Statutes shall be arranged by subject matter within 10 titles, each composed of a number or numerically designated chapters, according to the following scheme:

Title I Constitution of the University of Kentucky Student Government

Title II Procedural By-laws of the Student Senate

Title III (Ch. 100-199) Administrative-General

Title IV (Ch. 200-299) The Executive

Title V (Ch. 300-399) The Legislature

Title VI (Ch. 400-499) The Judiciary

Title VU (Ch. 500-599) Governmental Boards, Commissions, Subsidiary Organizations

Title VIII (Ch. 600-699) General Statutes

Title IX (Ch. 700-799) Elections

Title X (Ch. 800-899) Finance

100.3 Each chapter shall be subdivided by means of a decimal arrangement carried out to two or three decimal places. The first decimal place shall represent a chapter's section. The second decimal place shall represent a section's subsection. If use, the third decimal place shall represent a subsection's subsection. For example Chapter 152 would begin with 152.000 with potential subsection 152.01 and potential sub-subsection 152.011. Subsections shall relate back to the previous section. Sub-subsections shall relate back to the previous subsection.

100.4 The Student Senate Operations and Evaluations Committee shall further classify laws according to Section 100.2 to provide a logical, orderly, and comprehensive arrangement of the Student Body Statutes by subject matter. Such classification shall be made prior to debate on a proposed statute in the Student Senate.

100.41 The Senate Clerk has the authority to make corrections only to spelling and non-punctuation typographical errors.

100.5 There shall be a separate codification entitled the Amended Student Body Budget, which shall contain the budget law for the current fiscal year, all amendments thereto including fund transfers, and allocations from the Special Requests. The Amended Student Body Budget shall be arranged as follows:

Section 1. The law or laws originally establishing the budget for the current fiscal year.

Section 2. All laws which amend the budget or allocate funds, in chronological order.

Section 3. The current budget, i.e., including all amendments enacted as of any given time.

Section 4. Allocations from the Special Request and any other specific fund over which the Senate has direct control.

Section 5. The current Title X, Student Body Statutes, as amended.

100.6 There shall be one official copy of the Student Body Statutes and one official copy of the amended Student Body Budget. Both books shall be kept in the Student Senate office except by the specific order of the Senate President. The Senate Clerk is responsible for continuous maintenance of both books such that at any given time they reflect all legislation enacted as of that time. Legislation shall be considered enacted when all Student Government action on it is completed.

Compilation

100.7 Prior to February 15 of each year, the Student Senate Secretary shall see that the Student Body Statutes, as they stood on the previous January 1st, are copied in quantities sufficient to supply all interested members of the academic community. A copy shall be retained for any necessary subsequent copying during the year. These publications shall be titled by the year of publication, e.g., Student Body Statutes, 1974 shall reflect the statutes as of January 1, 1974.

100.71 The Senate Clerk or the Senate President's designee shall be responsible for the distribution of the Student Body Statutes and Senate Rules and Procedures.

100.72 The Senate Clerk shall prepare, no less than once per term, a periodical supplement to the Student Body Statutes and the Senate Rules and Procedures of all statutory amendments enacted during that period. This supplement shall be made available to all students.

100.73 Copies of each year's Student Body Statutes shall be supplied in special loose-leaf format to any appropriate person or agency, including but not limited to the following offices: Student Body President, Senate President, Supreme Court, Main Library, as well as one in the Student Government office for anyone to view.

100.74 At the end of each term following publication of the Student Body Statutes and prior to the third week of the following term, the Student Senate Clerk shall prepare a supplement containing all statutory amendments enacted during that term and shall give said supplement to every holder of a loose-leaf copy of the Statutes, as described above.

100.75 A copy of the Student Body Statutes, the Senate Rules and Procedures, and the Guide to the Statutes shall be made available to each newly elected Senator and each newly appointed Senator prior to their first Senate meeting.

Publications

100.8 Senate publications, which include but are not limited to the Student Body Statutes and Senate Rules and Procedures, shall be made available to anyone who requests a copy.
100.9 To the extent feasible, the Senate Clerk shall prepare and maintain accurate, current indexes for all codifications.

Sunset Clause

100.9 According to Section V(a) of the Sunset Act of 2017, “All legislation presented to Full Senate [...] shall contain a “Sunset Clause,” in which an expiration date and renewal period are chosen.”

100.91 The expiration date for the Legislative System Act is November 30.

100.92 The renewal period for the Legislative System Act is two (2) years.