

SUNSET ACT OF 2017

Purpose: It is essential for all members of the Senate to be aware of the ramifications of all pieces of legislation that govern the Student Government Association. It is also essential that the legislation reflect the operating procedures of Student Government as a whole. For these reasons, the purpose of this act shall be to require the review of all legislation in a timely fashion, lest the legislation be terminated.

I. Definitions

- a. "Sunset act" means an act that automatically terminates a piece of legislation or program on a certain date, unless renewed.
- b. "Terminate" means that a program or law should be made ineffective immediately, as though rescinded.
- c. "Renewal period" means the amount of time allowed to elapse between expiration dates, as renewal does not occur for each piece of legislation each year.

II. Vice Chair of Operations and Evaluations

- a. The Vice Chair of the Operations and Evaluations Committee shall have the duty to present all legislation up for review to the Operations and Evaluations Committee before the expiration date designated by "Sunset Clauses" written in legislation.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chair of the Operations and Evaluations Committee to sponsor any bill in Full Senate in which a piece of legislation is renewed and/or amended as a result of this act.

III. Renewal

- a. Renewal must occur before the expiration date specified by the Sunset Clauses (§V) in each individual piece of legislation.
- b. A bill renewing a piece of legislation shall not be presented to Full Senate more than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the legislation.
 - i. This bill must be approved as outlined in Article I, Section 7 of the SGA Constitution and the Senate Procedural Bylaws.
 - ii. Altering or amending a piece of legislation will operate as renewal if those alterations are confirmed by Full Senate during the sixty-day window prior to expiration and the full text of the legislation has been reviewed by the Operations and Evaluations Committee.

- c. Upon renewal of a piece of legislation, the date of renewal shall be added to the end of the legislation in the form of “Renewed on: [date]”. Previous renewal dates shall not be removed from the legislation.
- d. This Act does not apply to the SGA Constitution.

IV. Expiration

- a. A piece of legislation shall be terminated at 11:59 P.M. on its expiration date if a bill renewing the legislation has not yet been submitted to the Senate President.
- b. Legislation allowed to expire may be passed by the Operations and Evaluations Committee and presented to Full Senate as if it were a new piece of legislation.
- c. The month and day of expiration dates and the length of renewal periods shall not change unless amended by Full Senate.

V. Sunset Clauses

- a. All legislation presented to Full Senate after this act takes effect shall contain a “Sunset Clause,” in which an expiration date and renewal period are chosen.
 - i. Renewal periods must be multiples of one year, but no more than three years.
- b. Sunset Clauses shall take a form similar to the Sunset Clause of this act and shall be the last section of the piece of legislation.

VI. Sunset Clause

- a. 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.”
 - i. The expiration date for the Sunset Act of 2017 is November 30.
 - ii. The renewal period for the Sunset Act of 2017 is three (3) years.