



SENATE RESOLUTION 2223 – 067
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SGA GENERAL BYLAWS CONCERNING THE
INVESTIGATIVE POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Whereas the Student Government Association governing documents demonstrate the importance of adequate oversight as well as the principles of checks and balances, and

Whereas the main oversight authority of the Judicial Branch, with special consideration to the impeachment process, is the Executive Branch, and

Whereas unlike the Supreme Court and Student Senate, the Executive Branch does not have explicit investigative powers listed in any governing documents, and

Whereas it is essential that these powers be on par with the investigative powers of the Supreme Court and be narrow in scope to serve the specific purpose of reasonable oversight, let it be

Resolved that the Student Senate approves the attached amendment to the Student Government Association General Bylaws (Appendix A).

Primary Sponsor:

Maddie Siems, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Senator

Secondary Sponsor:

Maggie Spence, Liberal Arts and Sciences Senator



Vote:

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Signatures:

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Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Student Senate

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Cade Chezem, Student Body President

Appendix A:

Document to be amended:

Student Government Association General Bylaws

Article/Section (if available):

Article XVI, Section 4

Current text:



Section 4. Judicial Impeachment Process

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Proposed Text:

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