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University of Central Florida
Forty-First Student Body Senate
Constitutional Amendment 41-01

(Constitutional Revisions for Article I and Article V, Regarding the Referendum and Constitutional Amendment Petition Process)

.01 **Whereas**, The Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida requires continuous review and
.02 revision to better suit the needs of the Student Body;
.03 **Whereas**, The Constitution currently provides a method for students who wish to call for a referendum election to gauge
.04 student opinion on an issue or to propose a constitutional amendment;
.05 **Whereas**, The Constitution currently requires students who wish to call for a referendum election on an issue or to
.06 propose a constitutional amendment to submit a petition that is signed by at least 10% of the Student Body;
.07 **Whereas**, Constitutions of state governments generally allow residents to call for a statewide referendum or propose a
.08 constitutional amendment by submitting a petition that is signed by a number of residents equal to a percentage (typically
.09 5% - 15%) of the number of votes cast in the previous gubernatorial or comparable statewide election, as opposed to a
.10 percentage of the state population;
.11 **Whereas**, The state referendum model exists to preclude the possibility that more than the entire state's voting population
.12 will be required to sign the petition in order for it to be valid;
.13 **Whereas**, The state referendum model provides a more accessible means for individuals to participate in the democratic
.14 process and allows the state government to better address constituent needs; and
.15 **Whereas**, Adopting the state referendum model into The Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central
.16 Florida will provide these benefits to our own Student Body and Student Government;

.18 *Therefore, be it*

.19 **Enacted**, by the Forty-First Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Article I, Section 4 of The
.20 Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida be rewritten as follows:
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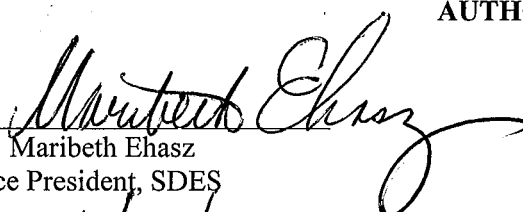
.22 **Referendum Elections**

.23 The Student Body has the right to call for a referendum election, provided that a petition, signed by a number of
.24 students equal to ~~at least ten~~ fifteen percent (~~10~~15%) ~~of the Student Body~~ of the number of votes cast for
.25 Student Body President in the previous Spring Election, is submitted as specified by Statute.
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.27 **Be It Further Enacted**, That Article V, Section 1, Subsection A, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Student Body of the
.28 University of Central Florida, regarding the proposal of constitutional amendments, be rewritten as follows:
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.30 A written petition, presented to the Chief Election Commissioner, bearing ~~the a number of student~~ signatures ~~of a~~
.31 ~~minimum of ten~~ equal to fifteen percent (~~10~~15%) ~~of the Student Body~~ enrolled in the Fall term of the year of
.32 the number of votes cast for Student Body President in the previous Spring Election.

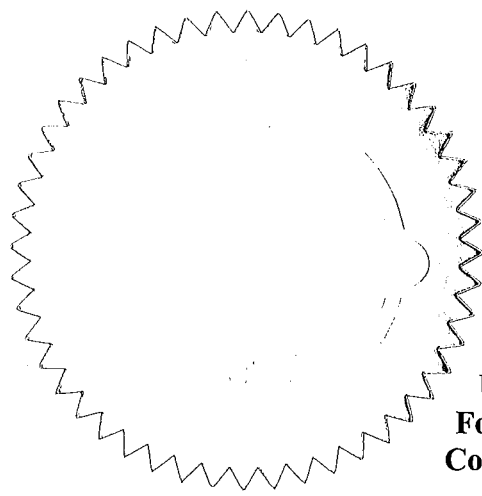
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**University of Central Florida
Forty-First Student Body Senate
Constitutional Amendment 41-03**

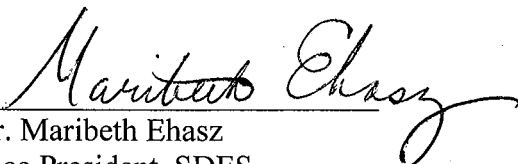
(Constitutional Revisions for Article IV, Regarding the Administration: Practice and Procedure)

.01 **Whereas,** The Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida requires continuous review
.02 and revision to better suit the needs of the Student Body;
.03 **Whereas,** Currently, the only person empowered to administer the "Oath of Office" to all Student Body officers
.04 is the Chief Justice;
.05 **Whereas,** The Chief Justice should have the ability to appoint a designee to administer the "Oath of Office" to
.06 Student Body officers;
.07 **Whereas,** Currently the Student Body Statutes contradict the Constitution of the Student Body of the University
.08 of Central Florida in this regard;
.09 **Whereas,** Change is necessary to correct this error and allow Justices to have the capability to swear in Student
.10 Body officers; and
.11 **Whereas,** The deletion of the word "all" clears up the arbitrary nature of administering the "Oath of Office,"
.12 allowing for the exact positions to be defined in Student Body Statutes;

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.14 **Therefore, be it**
.15 **Enacted,** by the Forty-First Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Article IV, Section 4A7 of
.16 the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida, regarding authority of the Chief
.17 Justice, be rewritten as follows:
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.19 Be responsible for administering, or appointing a justice to administer, the "Oath of Office" to **all**
.20 Student Body officers.

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