




MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
University President

From: Tomas A. Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate 

Date: October 30, 2015

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2015-03(B) – Revise the Charge of the STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD in the *Faculty Manual*

The Faculty Senate, at its October 28, 2015 meeting, had no objections to the requested revision of the charge of the STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD in the *Faculty Manual*. As noted in the proposal, the revision of the Student Publication Board's charge is necessary in order to ensure the language is consistent with the STUDENT PUBLICATION BOARD's most recent practices and policies. The revisions include the addition of *Distraction Magazine* to the list of undergraduate student publications at the University of Miami and reflect the name change of *The Ibis* to *IBIS*.


This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Patricia Whitely, Vice President, Student Affairs
Sam Terilli, Professor, School of Communications
Steven Priepke, Associate Dean of Students
Nicholas Rau, Associate Director, Shalala Student Center Complex

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2015-03(B) – Revise the Charge of the STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD in the *Faculty Manual*

APPROVED:  DATE: 11/24/15
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dr. Patricia Whitely

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Revision of the Charge of the Student Publications Board in the Faculty Manual

Purpose: The charge of the Student Publications Board is being revised in the *Faculty Manual* in order to bring the language in line with the Student Publication Board’s most recent practices and policies.

Proposal: The following changes are recommended for the “Student Publications Board” charge, located in *Faculty-Administrative Committees* section of the *Faculty Manual*.

Proposed changes reflected in underlined /~~strike through~~ format.

The STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD supervises all undergraduate student publications of the University and is expected to recognize and to protect student freedom of ~~expression speech and the press~~ while simultaneously insuring that ~~those freedoms of expression are~~ accompanied by an equal measure of responsibility. ~~In the cases of *The Miami Hurricane* and *The Ibis* and *Distraction Magazine*, the Board shall elect the editors-in-chief of *The Miami Hurricane*, and *IBIS* and *Distraction Magazine* and the Business Manager of *The Miami Hurricane*.~~ ~~The Board selects student editors-in-chief and a Business Manager and may aid them in selecting staff members, all~~ Editors-in-chief are elected on the basis of character, scholastic ability, experience, and demonstrated knowledge of the highest journalistic principles of objectivity and fair play. The Board should recognize that there ~~will always~~ may be honest divisions of opinions respecting the best policy for the University, and that editors have the right to express their views, ~~as long as those views are supported by facts, represent a considered judgment, and are reasonable and temperate in tone.~~ The Board makes recommendations to the ~~administration vice president for student affairs~~ publications distributed, free of charge, at the University and whose primary purpose is the dissemination of news and/or editorial opinion, or information directly relevant to a sponsoring student organization. Within the policies approved by the administration, which are subject to change from time to time, the Board exercises general supervision over the editorial and business affairs of the student publications. To this end, ~~it~~ the Board has the authority (1) to approve or disapprove of the establishment and distribution of any student ~~or student~~ publications produced distributed without its prior approval; (3) to ~~set limitations upon the subject matter, advertising solicitations, distribution policy, and rates for advertisements and subscriptions~~ formulate policies for advertising, distribution, and subscriptions; (4) to ~~call for an adequate financial statement from any publication for the purpose of review~~ review the financial condition of any student publication to ensure financial soundness of the publication; and (5) to act as the hearing body for the University in all policy disputes, ~~whether they occur within a publication or involve an individual or group seeking redress from a publication.~~ pertaining to student publications, whether they occur among staff members of a publication or involve an individual or group seeking redress from a publication.

In the cases of *The Miami Hurricane* and *The Ibis*, the Board shall exercise these special powers: (1) to select editors in chief and a Business Manager and other student personnel who receive grants in aid (this power may be delegated in the case of the summer Hurricane); (2) to set rates of grants in aid for positions on the publications' staffs and to decide which positions are to carry such grants; (3) to approve contracts between the publications and their printers, engravers and other servants; and (4) to approve purchases involving capital expenditure. The Board meets at least twice during the per academic year (fall and spring) semesters and minutes are submitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs and to each member of the board as soon as possible after each meeting. The Board's chair is appointed annually by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Other members of the Board are as follows: sSenior aAdvisor to Student Publications of The Miami Hurricane appointed by the vice president for student affairs; senior advisor of IBIS appointed by the vice president for student affairs; senior advisor of Distraction Magazine appointed by the vice president for student affairs; the fFinancial aAdvisor of The Miami Hurricane, and IBIS and Distraction Magazine appointed by the vice president for student affairs; two members of the faculty appointed by the Executive Vice President and Provost (at least one of whom shall be a member of the Department of Communication); a faculty member (at-large) appointed by the provost; a faculty member (from the School of Communication) appointed by the vice president for student affairs; representative from the Division of Student Affairs to be appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs; the editors-in-chief of *The Miami Hurricane*; the editor-in-chief of Distraction Magazine; and the editor-in-chief of *The Ibis*; the Business Manager of *Student Publications* *The Miami Hurricane*; the president of the Society of Professional Journalists chapter, or his/her designee; and the President of Undergraduate Student Government or his/her a designee, and, in the absence of the chair, the members of the board will elect an acting chair for the purpose of conducting the meeting in question. The acting chair retains the right to vote. a student representative of the University chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.