



**Interpretation of The Constitution of the Student Body of Florida Polytechnic University:  
Section 2 of Article III Part A**

*Decided February 10th, 2020*

**Initiated by Student Body President Ryan Perez:**

“Last session an amendment was made for elections in the senate (Listed below). I would like an interpretation on Section 2 of Article III Part A regarding the definition of colleges”

Pursuant to Section 3 of Article V Part B Subsection A The Constitution of the Student Body of Florida Polytechnic University

**Section 2 of Article III Part A:**

Division of the Representation

- The Senate will be composed of representatives from each of the Colleges of the University, Graduate and Undecided/Non-degree Seeking Students shall each be considered a separate college for the purpose of composing the Senate. Seats will also be allocated for the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class along with a seat for on-campus and off-campus students. The total number of Senate seats will be ten (10) plus (1) seat for every 240 students with maximum number of thirty (30) senators. Every College will have at least one (1) representative. The apportionment of the seats will be set according to the percentages of the total number of students enrolled at each of the respective Colleges as outlined within the Constitution or Statutes.

**Majority Opinion:**

**(Tyler Garrison, Kara Baldwin, & Kolby Dutcher)**

Representation is divided by the colleges the majors would've been within

- a. All majors with engineering in the name would fall under the engineering representative
  - electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, engineering mathematics, engineering physics
- b. All other majors fall under technology representative
  - computer science, data science, and business analytics

**Dissenting Opinions:**

**(Reagan Cuthbertson)**

1. Assume the word 'department' is equivalent to 'college' and split seats accordingly
  - a. Science, Arts and Mathematics department
    - i. Environmental Engineering, Engineering Physics, and Engineering Mathematics majors can run
  - b. Computer Science department
    - i. Computer Science majors can run
  - c. Data Science & Business Analytics department
    - i. Data Science and Business Analytics majors can run
  - d. Electrical & Computer Engineering department
    - i. Electrical and Computer Engineering majors can run
  - e. Mechanical Engineering department
    - i. Mechanical Engineering majors can run

**(Antonio Hendricks)**

2. Assume the word 'department' is equivalent to 'college' and split seats accordingly
  - a. Science, Arts and Mathematics department
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    - i. Data Science and Business Analytics majors can run
  - d. Electrical & Computer Engineering department
    - i. Electrical and Computer Engineering majors can run
  - e. Mechanical Engineering department
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\*Where any smaller department would be placed under a like department for the means of representation, based on major, until the number of students in the department grows to the level of representation as the next smallest department.

**Absent:**

**(Hailey Skoglund)**