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3 STUDENT SENATE

4 S16RS

5 SGB No. 2

6 BY: SENATOR BADEAUX AND SENATOR A. BELL

7 A BILL

8 TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION IN REGARDS TO
9 REAPPORTIONING VACANT GRADUATE SCHOOL SEATS

10 PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION CALLS
11 FOR AN EQUAL APPORTIONING OF SENATE SEATS BASED ON
12 ENROLLMENT IN INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC AREAS; AND

13 PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, ARTICLE III SECTION 5 OF THE STUDENT
14 GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION CURRENTLY STATES:

15 Apportionment of the Student Senate shall be as follows:

- 16 A. Every Academic Area shall have a base of two (2) Student
- 17 Senators, regardless of enrollment numbers;
- 18 B. By the twentieth (20th) class day of each fall semester, the
- 19 number of Student Senators shall be adjusted so that each
- 20 Academic Area receives an additional Senator for every five
- 21 hundred (500) students enrolled without rounding.
- 22 C. Apportionment shall be based on the official university full-time
- 23 and part-time enrollment figures for that particular fall
- 24 semester. This apportionment shall be performed by the
- 25 Speaker of the Student Senate, and must be approved by a
- 26 two-thirds vote of the Student Senate. This apportionment
- 27 shall become effective upon the call to order of the Student
- 28 Senate Fall Organizational Session;
- 29 D. Reapportionment or the discontinuation of any Academic Area
- 30 shall not affect the term of office of any duly elected and
- 31 installed member of the Student Senate;
- 32 E. Half of the total number of Senators from each Academic Area
- 33 will be elected in the fall semester and half will be elected in
- 34 the spring semester, for a term of one (1) year. In the event of
- 35 an odd number of Senators, there shall be one (1) more seat
- 36 available in the Spring election than in the Fall election.

37 PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, GRADUATE SCHOOL SEATS ARE TRADITIONALLY
38 VACANT, AND THERE ARE MORE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
39 VYING FOR A POSITION THAN SEATS AVAILABLE; AND

40 PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THIS AMENDMENT ACTS AS AN EFFECTIVE
41 ALTERNATIVE TO THE CURRENT APPORTIONMENT OF SEATS, AS
42 THE GRADUATE SCHOOL HAD TEN (10) VACANCIES IN THE 2015-
43 2016 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EIGHT (8) VACANCIES IN THE CURRENT
44 YEAR; AND

54 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, RESTRUCTURING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SEATS
55 WOULD LEAD TO BETTER REPRESENTATION OF THE STUDENT
56 BODY BY SENATORS; AND
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58 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THE LSU STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDS AMENDING
59 PARAGRAPH B OF ARTICLE III SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION
60 TO THE FOLLOWING:
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62 By the twentieth (20th) class day of each fall semester, the number
63 of Student Senators shall be adjusted so that each Academic Area
64 receives an additional Senator for every five hundred (500)
65 students enrolled without rounding. **The Graduate School will**
66 **receive three (3) dedicated Student Senators. The seats allotted**
67 **to them, if not filled on the date applications close, shall be**
68 **opened to the other Academic Areas based on the number of**
69 **graduate students studying in those fields, and shall be allowed to**
70 **be filled by undergraduate students.**
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72 **PARAGRAPH 7:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA
73 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE
74 STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED IN
75 REGARDS TO REAPPORTIONING VACANT GRADUATE SCHOOL
76 SEATS, AND
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78 **PARAGRAPH 8:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION
79 BE TRANSMITTED TO KURT KEPPLER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR
80 STUDENT AFFAIRS, MARI FUENTES-MARTIN, DEAN OF
81 STUDENTS, MICHELLE LOWERY, STUDENT GOVERNMENT
82 ADVISOR, ZACK FAIRCLOTH, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, AND
83 VERNON DUNN, GRADUATE SCHOOL PRESIDENT
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85 **PARAGRAPH 9:** THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT
86 UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU
87 STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON
88 LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE
89 PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON
90 THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL, AND BE FURTHER RATIFIED BY A
91 MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS VOTING IN A CAMPUS-WIDE
92 ELECTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT.
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95 **APPROVED:**
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99 **ALEX DE GRAVELLE**
100 **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

_____ **ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH**
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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102 **DATE:** _____

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