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SGB No. 5

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, COLLEGE COUNCIL BYLAWS ARE OUTLINED ALMOST ENTIRELY IN THE COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ITSELF; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, SOME COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ADVISERS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, NEW COLLEGE COUNCILS MAY ARISE IN THE FUTURE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THESE CHANGES WOULD SIMPLIFY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF COLLEGE COUNCILS, FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INSERTING NEW COLLEGE COUNCILS INTO STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AND ASSIST COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS IN THE SELECTION OF THEIR ADVISERS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WOULD BE STRICKEN (LINED THROUGH) FROM THE COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE ADDED (IN RED) TO THE CONSTITUTION ITSELF:

PREAMBLE

WE THE COLLEGE COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATION TO IDENTIFY AND REPRESENT STUDENT INTERESTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES; TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY; TO HELP PROMOTE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS; AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY DO HEREBY ADOPT AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION OF THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE COUNCILS.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLEGE COUNCILS IS TWO-FOLD. FIRST, THEY SHALL SERVE TO UNIFY THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF OF EACH COLLEGE, AND FACILITATE EVENTS FOR COLLEGE COHESION. SECOND, BY SERVING ON COMMITTEES AS ASSIGNED BY THE DEANS OF THE RESPECTIVE ACADEMIC AREAS AND SERVING IN THE ROLES TO WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED, THE COLLEGE COUNCILS WILL SERVE AS LIAISONS AMONG THE FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP TO EACH COUNCIL INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTED STUDENT OFFICERS OF EACH COLLEGE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS; THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATORS OF EACH COLLEGE, **APPOINTED MEMBERS CHOSEN BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL**, AND ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AS THE COLLEGE COUNCIL ~~BYLAWS~~ **PRESIDENT** DICTATES.

SECTION 2. MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SENATORS, MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE COLLEGE COUNCIL IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY WITH STUDENT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE COLLEGE COUNCIL **RULES** DESCRIBED **IN THE ADDENDUM OF THIS CONSTITUTION**, OR MISS A TOTAL OF THREE MEETINGS OR COLLEGE COUNCIL EVENTS IN ONE SEMESTER.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

SECTION 1. THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS, COUNCIL HOSTED EVENTS, AND ANY MEETING OR EVENT DEEMED MANDATORY BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT VICE PRESIDENT GIVEN AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE. ANY ABSENCE FROM A MEETING OR MANDATORY EVENT WILL COUNT AS AN ABSENCE UNLESS THE MEMBER CAN PROVIDE A PS-22 EXCUSE.

2. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THREE STUDENT OUTREACH POINTS PER SEMESTER. STUDENT OUTREACH EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS ARE THOSE EVENTS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL EVENTS AND DUTIES.
3. THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL; SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION OR ARE ASSIGNED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL; AND SHALL COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OF ANY SPECIAL OR STANDING COMMITTEES FORMED BY THE COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.
4. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ACT AS AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OF THAT OFFICER TO SERVE. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF ANY SPECIAL OR STANDING COMMITTEES AND SHALL OVERSEE THE REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS IN THE INABILITY OF THE CHAIR TO ATTEND A MEETING. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ALSO PERFORM OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE INCUMBENT UPON THE OFFICE OR AS ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.
5. THE THREE (3) AT-LARGE MEMBERS SHALL PERFORM ANY DUTIES AS THE INCUMBENT UPON THE OFFICE OR ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL AND SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE MEMBER AT LARGE WHO SERVES ON THE ORGANIZATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT LIAISON BETWEEN THE COLLEGE COUNCIL AND THE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN EACH ACADEMIC AREA.
6. THE SENATORS SHALL ACT AS LIAISONS BETWEEN THE COLLEGE COUNCIL AND THE LSU STUDENT SENATE; SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COLLEGE COUNCIL ON CURRENT LEGISLATION AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. SENATORS SHALL SERVE AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
7. THE FACULTY, STAFF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR **MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL. THE DEAN OF EACH ACADEMIC AREA SHALL BE INFORMED OF THE**

CHOSEN ADVISOR. THE ADVISOR SHALL SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR COLLEGE COUNCILS. THE ADVISOR, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, SHOULD ATTEND REGULAR COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OTHER COUNCIL EVENTS AS NECESSARY. THE ADVISOR SHALL SERVE AS AN EX- OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

8. ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICER/MEMBER SHALL BE CHARGED WITH DUTIES AS SEEN FIT BY THE PRESIDENT. ~~OR AS AFFORDED IN THE COUNCIL'S BYLAWS.~~

SECTION 3. SHOULD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF A COLLEGE COUNCIL BECOME VACANT, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THAT COLLEGE COUNCIL SHALL SUCCEED TO THE OFFICE. IF THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF A COLLEGE COUNCIL SHOULD BECOME VACANT, THE COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT A PERSON FROM THE ACADEMIC AREA TO FILL THE VACANCY, BASED ON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EXISTING COLLEGE COUNCIL. IF A SENATE SEAT BECOMES VACANT, THE COLLEGE COUNCIL ~~OF THAT ACADEMIC AREA~~ SHALL APPOINT A STUDENT FROM **THEIR COLLEGE ACADEMIC AREA** TO FILL THE VACANCY AS DETAILED IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS. IF THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF A COLLEGE COUNCIL BECOME VACANT SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE REMAINING MEMBERS WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE COLLEGE COUNCIL WILL ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AMONGST THEMSELVES. ANY REMAINING POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE ACADEMIC AREA. IF THERE ARE NO REMAINING MEMBERS WITHIN A COLLEGE COUNCIL, THEN THE ELECTION BOARD SHALL CONDUCT AN ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCIES.

SECTION 4. ANY OFFICER OF A COLLEGE COUNCIL IN VIOLATION OF THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE OR CONSTITUTION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE FOLLOWING PROCESS:

1. A WRITTEN REQUEST BY AT LEAST THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL OR AS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE COUNCIL'S BYLAWS AND,
2. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICER OF THE REQUEST, ASKING THE OFFICER TO BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT MEETING AND PREPARED TO SPEAK AND,
3. A **TWO-THIRDS VOTE** ~~MAJORITY VOTE~~ OF ACTIVE MEMBERS OR OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE OFFICER OR,

4. BEING ABSENT FROM A TOTAL OF THREE MEETINGS OR MANDATORY EVENT IN ONE SEMESTER.
5. FAILING TO OBTAIN THREE STUDENT OUTREACH POINTS FOR ONE SEMESTER.

ARTICLE V – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES MAY BE CREATED BY THE COLLEGE COUNCILS AS REQUIRED TO PROMOTE THE PURPOSES AND INTEREST OF THE COUNCILS. THE CHAIR OF EACH OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY A **SIMPLE** MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE CHAIR SHALL BE A TERM SET BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

SECTION 2. THE CHAIR OF EACH COMMITTEE SHALL PRESENT PLANS OF WORK TO THE COUNCIL; HOWEVER, NO WORK SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A **SIMPLE** MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL. ANY VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A COMMITTEE SHALL BE FILLED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT PROCESS

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE PROPOSED TO THE STUDENT SENATE BY A SIMPLE ~~(1/2)~~ MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS **CABINET**. THE STUDENT SENATE MAY THEN APPROVE SAID AMENDMENT BY A TWO-THIRDS ~~(2/3)~~ VOTE OF SENATORS PRESENT AND VOTING. THE STUDENT SENATE MAY ALSO AMEND THIS CONSTITUTION BY ITS OWN INITIATION BY A THREE-FOURTHS ~~(3/4)~~ VOTE OF SENATORS PRESENT AND VOTING.

~~ARTICLE VIII – REGISTRATION RENEWAL~~

~~THE NEWLY ELECTED COLLEGE COUNCILS WILL APPLY TO THE CAMPUS LIFE FOR REGISTRATION OR THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.~~

ARTICLE **VIII** ~~IX~~ – ~~BYLAWS~~ FURTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. THE COLLEGE COUNCILS SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO ESTABLISH **OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDED IN THE**

ADDENDUM OF THIS CONSTITUTION AS SEEN FIT BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDE: AND MAINTAIN BYLAWS FOR THE PROPER OPERATION AND EXECUTION OF ITS DUTIES. THE BYLAWS MAY INCLUDE:

1. GENERAL POLICY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL.
2. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING COLLEGE COUNCILS: GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE COUNCIL (GSA), LAW SCHOOL COLLEGE COUNCIL AND THE HONORS COLLEGE COUNCIL. PROVISIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL NON-ELECTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES AS ARE DEEMED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL.**
3. **OTHER PROVISIONS SEEN FIT BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL. THE EXERCISE OF ALL POWERS NOT HEREIN SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY.**
4. PROVISIONS FOR MEETING REGULATIONS (MINIMUM FREQUENCY), RULES OF ORDER, SUMMER OPERATIONS, ET CETERA.
5. CODIFIED RESOLUTIONS OF AFFILIATION AND SIMILAR MATTERS.

~~SECTION 2. THE BYLAWS SHALL CONTAIN ANY AND ALL REGULATIONS OR CRITERIA CONCERNING ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES NOT PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED IN THIS CONSTITUTION.~~

~~SECTION 3. THE BYLAWS OF EACH COLLEGE COUNCIL SHALL BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT VICE PRESIDENT.~~

~~SECTION 2. 4. NO COLLEGE COUNCIL RULE MAY OVERTURN, SUPERSEDE, OR UNDERMINE ANY PART OR SECTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION, OR THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS.~~

~~SECTION 5. EACH COLLEGE COUNCIL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED COPY OF ITS BYLAWS TO THE STUDENT SENATE AND TO CAMPUS LIFE OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.~~

1. BYLAWS SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR UPDATE AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF EACH TERM.

ARTICLE IX – RATIFICATION

SECTION 1. THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE RATIFIED BY THE METHODS STATED IN THE PREVIOUS COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTIONS. IF NO CONSTITUTION IS AVAILABLE, TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO RATIFY THIS CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON RATIFICATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT ALL CURRENT OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SERVE OUT THEIR REGULAR TERMS; ALL PREVIOUS COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND RELATED RULES PERTAINING TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL THEN BE NULL AND VOID.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS BE AMENDED IN THE ABOVE LISTED MANNER, AND

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO MICHELLE LOWERY, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR; AND ARLETTE HENDERSON, STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ADVISOR, AND ADAM PREVOT, CHIEF JUSTICE.

PARAGRAPH 8: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

ALEX DE GRAVELLE
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____

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