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A BILL
TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, the Ogden Honors College currently lacks official representation in Student Government, despite their existence of an Honors College Student Council; and,

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, changes made in the Bylaws would allow for Student Government to allow this body to become an official College Council by the name of Ogden Honors College Council; and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, additional changes to the Bylaws must be made in order to ensure the Ogden Honors College Council has a point of contact in the Legislative Branch; and,

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, additional changes to the format and language in the Bylaws are overdue in order to create continuity and consistency; and,

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, the changes to be made by this Bill are as follows:

ARTICLE I – STRUCTURE

SECTION 1. The name of these organizations will be Student Government College Councils at Louisiana State University. The College Councils shall be recognized by the following names, and be representative of their respective academic areas: College of Agriculture College Council, College of Art and Design College Council, E.J. Ourso College of Business College Council, School of Business College Council, School of the Coast and Environment College Council, College of Engineering College Council, Graduate School College Council, Graduate Student Association (GSA) (also known as Graduate Student Association or GSA), College of Human Sciences and Education College Council, College of Humanities and Social Sciences College Council, Law School College Council, Man ship School of Mass Communication College Council, College of Music and Dramatic Arts College Council, Ogden Honors College Council, Paul M. Hebert Law Center College Council,
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE COLLEGE COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR ADVISING AND COUNSELING COLLEGE COUNCIL (UCAC), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR FRESHMAN YEAR COLLEGE COUNCIL (UCFY), AND SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE COLLEGE COUNCIL.

1. THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA) SHALL OPERATE UNDER ITS OWN CONSTITUTION AS A DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT. AN UPDATED COPY OF THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE WITH BOTH THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT VICE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE OF THE STUDENT SENATE. ALL COLLEGE COUNCILS SHALL REPORT TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT VICE PRESIDENT.

2. THE GSA SHALL ELECT ITS OFFICERS AS STIPULATED IN ITS CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1. 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 PRESIDENT DICTATES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE COUNCIL).

1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP TO THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE COUNCIL INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTED STUDENT OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND MEMBER AT-LARGE MEMBERS; APPOINTED MEMBERS CHOSEN BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL, AND ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AS THE COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT DICTATES.

A. A STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATOR WHO IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE TO ACT AS AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE COUNCIL.
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.

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.


a. THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED A SENATOR WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE OGDEN HONORS COLLEGE. THIS SENATOR SHALL ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE COLLEGE COUNCIL AND THE LSU STUDENT SENATE; SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COLLEGE COUNCIL ON CURRENT LEGISLATION AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. THIS APPOINTED SENATOR SHALL SERVE AS A NON-VOTING (EX-OFFICIO) MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

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.

ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICER/MEMBER SHALL BE CHARGED WITH DUTIES AS SEEN FIT BY THE PRESIDENT.

ELECTION BOARD SHALL CONDUCT AN ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCIES.

SECTION 43. ANY OFFICER OF A COLLEGE COUNCIL IN VIOLATION OF THE COUNCIL’S PURPOSE OR THIS COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE FOLLOWING PROCESS:

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 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 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 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 – 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:
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.
3. OTHER PROVISIONS SEEN FIT BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL.

SECTION 2. 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.

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 COURTNEY
GREAVIS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ADVISOR;
AND MICHELLE LOWERY, STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ADVISOR.
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:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE:____________________

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:____________________