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A BILL  
TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR THE DELEGATION SYSTEM ARE NOT CONDUCIVE TO ACCURATELY REPRESENT STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE AMENDED ARTICLE XV WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE XV  
Delegation

Section 1. The Definition and Purpose of a Delegation

A delegate shall be defined as a member of Student Government, appointed or elected, that will represent a specific group on campus in addition to their academic areas. The representation is currently broken up into Academic Areas within the Student Senate and the Executive Branch through College Council, however, the LSU student is not only defined by their Academic Area and their needs may not involve their Academic classification. The Student Government also represents the students in more facets then just their Academic Areas.

Section 2. Requirements in Order to Receive a Delegate

A. Any standing group of students may apply for representation from Student Government.
   1. A standing group of students is defined as an organization recognized by Campus Life, a minority on campus, students of a similar religion, or a group of students with a common cause.

B. The standing group must submit a request for a delegate to either the President, Senate Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, or Chair of the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach or Chief Justice or sg@lsu.edu with:
   1. Name of group
   2. Reason for a delegate
   3. Size of group, including roster with signatures of the head officer and advisor
   4. Suggested potential delegates

C. This request must be done at least once a year
   1. The group’s request shall be reviewed each semester by the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach to ensure that the delegate(s) are able to complete their duties.

D. The amount of delegates a group of students can be assigned will be proportional to the size of the group.
   1. There shall be a maximum of one (1) delegate per fifty (50) members of the group.

Section 3. Assigning SG Members as a Delegate and their Responsibilities

A. When a standing group requests a delegate (or delegates) the President, Speaker, and Chief Justice a joint meeting of the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and
Community Outreach and the Committee on Rules shall select members of SG to be their serve as that group’s delegate(s), subject to approval of the group seeking delegation, the President, the Speaker and the Chief Justice based on:

1. Similar affiliations or backgrounds
2. Requests made by the group of students
3. Willingness to volunteer by the member.
4. If no delegate can be found based on the previous statements, the group can choose a single member amongst themselves to represent the group during delegate reports.

B. The Delegate’s duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Attending at least one meeting per month of their group of students.
2. Communicating with their group on a biweekly basis.
3. Reporting their constituents’ issues at the weekly Senate meetings.
4. Informing the student group of the resources available within SG and the current issues being discussed in Senate.

PARAGRAPH 3: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED AMENDMENTS TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS BE ADOPTED, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS BILL BE TRANSMITTED TO CLAY TUFTS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT AND DYLAN FONTENOT, CHIEF JUSTICE.

PARAGRAPH 5: 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.