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A BILL

TO AMEND THE COLLEGE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION

PARAGRAPH 1: Whereas, the Temporary Student Government Governing Document Revision Committee has proposed the following changes to the College Councils Constitution, and;

PARAGRAPH 2: Whereas, the College Council Presidents Commission has recommended the following amendments, and;

PARAGRAPH 3: Whereas, the College Councils Constitution shall read as follows:

College Councils Constitution
Revised: May 2013

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 I – Name

The name of these organizations will be Student Government College Councils at Louisiana State University. The College Councils shall be composed of the following Academic Units and/or Divisions: College of Agriculture, College of Art and Design, College of Business, School of Coast and Environment, College of Engineering, Graduate School, College of Human Sciences and Education, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Mass Communication, College of Music and Dramatic Arts, College of Science, University College Center for Advising and Counseling, University College Center for Freshman Year, and School of Veterinary Medicine.

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, and 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; and any additional officers as the College Council bylaws dictate.

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 described in each Council’s bylaws, or miss a total of three meetings in one semester.

SECTION 3. The College Councils shall assess no dues to any of its membership.

Article IV – Officers and their Election

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers mentioned in Article III Section 1 are as follows:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. The faculty, staff, or administrative advisor appointed by the Dean of each Academic Area shall serve as a resource for the College Council. 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
6. Any additional officer/member shall be charged with duties as seen fit by the President or as afforded in the Council’s bylaws.

SECTION 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot; annually during the Student Government elections. Officers shall assume their official duties upon election and shall serve for a term of one year. Previous officers will serve the rest of the semester in which elections took place to assist with transitioning and finish outstanding programming.

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 that Academic Area to fill the 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 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 (2/3) majority vote of active members or of members in good standing is necessary to remove the officer or,
4. Being absent from or a total of three meetings in 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 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 majority vote of the Council. Any vacancies occurring in the Chairmanship of a committee shall be filled by another member of the Council.
SECTION 3. The President of the Council shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Article VI – Meetings

SECTION 1. Fifty (50) percent of the active members, as stated in Article III, Section 1, present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the College Council.

SECTION 4. 2. The Presidents of each established College Council of LSU shall have at least one (1) meeting each month of the academic year in order to discuss and propose ideas and initiatives and to facilitate communication among each of the Academic Areas, except during the Summer Semester.

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 Commission. 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 IX – Bylaws

SECTION 1. The College Councils shall be empowered to establish 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. Provisions for the appointment of additional non-elected officers/representatives as are deemed in the best interest of the College Council.
3. 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.

SECTION 4. No amendment or article of a new Bylaw 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 end of each term.

Article X – 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 4: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLEGE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED, AND;

PARAGRAPH 5: THIS BILL SHALL BE ENROLLED 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.

PARAGRAPH 6: FURTHERMORE, THESE AMENDMENTS SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ENROLLMENT OF THIS BILL.

APPROVED:

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ALEX GRASHOFF            JOHN S. WOODARD
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE     STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:____________________  DATE:____________________