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A BILL
TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, TO MAINTAIN PROPER AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE THROUGH COLLEGE COUNCILS; AND,

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, TO REFLECT THE RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION; AND,

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS SHALL BE MADE:

ARTICLE V
College Council Affairs

Section 1. College Council Bylaws

A. Every College Council shall be required to keep an updated copy of their bylaws on file with the Vice President and Speaker pro tempore. Updated copies shall be submitted to the Vice President and Speaker pro tempore whenever changes are made.

B. The College Council shall review and update their respective bylaws by the third (3rd) academic week of each fall semester.

C. Bylaws for each College Council must exist on file in order for that College Council to be considered active, as outlined in Section 6 of this Article.

Section 2. Vacancy and Succession of College Council Officers

A. Unless otherwise provided for in the College Council constitution, should the office of President of the College Council become vacant, the Vice President of that College Council shall succeed to the office.

B. If the office of Vice President, or any member at-large of a College Council should become vacant, the College Council President shall interview and appoint a person from the Academic Area to fill the vacancy with a majority (1/2) vote of the members present and voting.

C. 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 though the application process from their respective academic area. If there are no remaining members within that College Council, then the Election Board shall conduct an election to fill the vacancies within ten (10) class days.

1. If after the qualifying period for an election, no one sought candidacy for the offices of President and Vice President, the remaining members of the College Council shall be permitted to fill the offices by a majority vote of those present and voting. In the event of a tie vote of the remaining members, the Chair of the College Council Presidents’ Commission may break the tie.
2. The members selected under this provision shall hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3. College Council Presidents’ Commission

A. Each College Council President and the Student Body Vice President shall serve on the College Council Presidents’ Commission along with the Student Senate Speaker pro tempore sitting as an ex officio member.

B. The College Council Presidents’ Commission will meet for the following purposes:
   1. Reviewing and amending the college councils’ constitution;
   2. To discuss and propose ideas and initiatives;
   3. To facilitate communication among each of the academic areas;
   4. Any other matters deemed appropriate by the commission and/or the Student Body Vice-President.

C. The Student Body Vice President shall serve as the chair of the College Council Presidents’ Commission. The chair will be responsible for scheduling all meetings of the commission and for filing all amendments made to the College Councils’ Constitution in the appropriate offices.

D. A vice chair shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting from the membership of the Commission. The vice chair shall assist the Student Body Vice President with any and all logistics of the Commission, shall serve as the chair in the absence of the Student Body Vice President, and shall perform other duties as delegated by the Student Body Vice President.

E. Two-thirds (2/3) of the presidents shall constitute a quorum.

F. The chair of the commission may only vote in the event of a tie.

G. Each month the College Council Presidents’ Commission will meet at least two (2) times. One unexcused absence is allowed for each College Council President per semester. An excused absence will be determined by the university guidelines policy statement No. 22, which will be applied by the chair.

H. If a President has more than one (1) unexcused absence, he/she is subject to a mandatory impeachment investigation due to dereliction of duties.

I. A proxy may be used to substitute attendance of a president without consequence of an absence. Proxies may be any Executive Officer of that respective College Council.

Section 4. College Council Advisors

Each College Council must meet with their respective advisor(s) by the second (2nd) academic week of each semester in order to maintain active status per Section 6 of this Article.

Section 5. The Semester Plan

A. Each College Council shall prepare a Semester Plan, which shall consist of a basic outline of the programs, initiatives and objectives of the council for the academic semester. The Semester Plan shall serve as a guideline for initiatives, and shall not restrict any council from pursuing additional initiatives or programs.

B. The Semester Plan shall be submitted to the Student Body Vice President and the Student Government Financial Coordinator no later than the Third (3rd) Legislative Week and presented to the Student Senate by the Fifth (5th) Legislative Week.

C. The Student Body Vice President, with the counsel of the Directors of Student Outreach and Programming, may assist in the formation of the Semester Plan in order to ensure its success.

D. The Semester Plan may be amended and submitted to the Student Body Vice President at any time to reflect additional ideas.

Section 6. Active and Inactive Status

A. College Councils shall either be considered active or inactive under LSU Student Government.
B. In order to remain in active status and in good standing with LSU Student Government, College Councils must submit the Semester Plan to the Student Body Vice President and Student Government Financial Coordinator by the Third (3rd) Legislative Week and presented to the Student Senate by the Fifth (5th) Legislative Week of each semester, must meet with their respective advisor(s), must maintain an updated copy of their respective Bylaws, and must deliver post-event reports to the Student Senate, which shall consist all items delineated in Article VII Section 7:B:1-5 of these Bylaws.

C. In the event that a College Council fails to accomplish any duties in the previous paragraph, the council shall be considered inactive, and shall relinquish all rights to funding from Student Government.

D. In the event a College Council is deemed inactive and wishes to become active, they must accomplish all duties required by these Bylaws, must meet with the Student Body Vice President, and present themselves to the Senate to be reactivated by a simple majority vote.

PARAGRAPH 4: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THESE AMENDMENTS BE ADOPTED.

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.

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MEREDITH WESTBROOK                R. TAYLOR COX
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE             STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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