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STUDENT SENATE

S12RS

SGB No. 1

BY: SPEAKER CAFFAREL

A BILL

TO AMEND THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDE AN OFFICER DEVOTED SOLELY TO COMMUNICATIONS AND THE BETTERMENT OF IMAGE ; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DISENCHANTED WITH STUDENT GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE DUE TO A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF OUR ACTIVITIES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW OFFICER WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO COORDINATE THE OVERALL MESSAGE OF THE STUDENT SENATE WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE STUDENT SENATE AND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, A BETTER IMAGE YIELDS BETTER SERVICE WITH MORE STUDENTS APPROACHING MEMBERS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT WITH CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, CHAPTER TWO OF THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 2

Officers

Rule 2.1 Titles

The officers of the Student Senate shall be the following: Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, Secretary, Undersecretary, Parliamentarian, the Sergeant at Arms, the **Director of Communication** and additional legislative staff.

Rule 2.8 Legislative Staff Titles, Elections, Appointments, Resignation and Removal

- A. For the purposes of this rule, officer shall be defined as the Secretary and Undersecretary of the Student Senate, elected by majority (1/2) vote of the Senate. For the purposes of this rule, staff shall be defined as the Parliamentarian, the Sergeant at Arms, **the Director of Communications** and any additional legislative staff appointed by the Speaker and approved by the Senate.
- B. The terms of these officers and staff shall run concurrently with that of the Speaker, however, officers shall serve until their successors have been elected and staff shall serve until their dismissal or until their successors have been appointed.
- C. ~~The Secretary and Undersecretary of the Student Senate shall be elected by a majority (1/2) vote of the Student Senate. Nominations shall be recognized from the floor after the election of the Speaker pro tempore in the first meeting of the Spring Organizational~~

~~Session. The nominating Senator shall be required to submit the nominee's resume to the Senate office no later than 6:30 PM on the Monday preceding the convening the Spring Organizational Session.~~

- D. The **Secretary, the Undersecretary**, Parliamentarian, the Sergeant at Arms, **the Director of Communications** and additional staff shall be appointed by the Speaker with approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate present and voting.
- E. All officers and staff herein listed shall be non-members of the Senate.
- F. Any officer or staff member may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and voting.
- G. The Speaker may dismiss only additional legislative staff not specifically named in these rules at will.
- H. Any officer of staff member herein listed shall give ten (10) class days notice prior to resignation during which time advertisement of these positions shall be made in a campus-wide publication and/or broadcast e-mail through the university. The Senate meeting promptly following the resignation of the staff member or officer and the following week of advertisement and deadline, shall be the meeting during which his/her successor is elected.

Rule 2.9 Secretary Duties

- A. To be responsible for keeping all papers and records of the Senate and to maintain the minutes of the Proceedings and actions of the Senate and be responsible for their accuracy.
- B. To announce the receipt of each veto message as received from the Student Body President and to read the same upon the appropriate order of business.
- C. To make accessible to each member of the Senate a copy of the order of business.
- D. In the absence of the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore to call a member to preside over the Senate.
- E. To report each legislative instrument as it is considered by the Senate.
- F. To serve as Chief of Staff of the Legislative Branch.
- G. To execute all proper orders of the Senate.
- ~~H. To be responsible for all public relations affairs of the Senate.~~
- I. To call the roll of the Senate on any matters which the ayes and nays are requested as well as keep proper records of membership attendance.

Rule 2.10 Undersecretary Duties

- A. To receive and process all legislation in a timely manner.
- B. To engross all legislation with the action taken and the date of such action taken thereon.
- C. To perform proofing of all legislation and to provide correctly formatted copies of all legislation to Senate members and the news media upon request and upon the convening of a Senate meeting.
- D. In the absence of the Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, and Secretary, to call a member to preside over the Senate.
- E. To maintain files on all legislation including information and data relating to legislation.
- F. To maintain a legislative journal which contains all minutes, attendance records, and any roll call votes taken.
- G. To maintain a final legislation binder which contains all signed or vetoed copies of legislation in sequential order.
- H. To assist the Secretary in the performance of his or her duties.
- ~~I. To be responsible for providing all information of the legislative branch current and accurate to the Student Government official in charge of the website.~~
- J. To be responsible for the operation and maintenance of any and all electronic devices including but not limited to hardware and software, that may be deemed necessary for the operations of the LSU Student Senate.

Rule 2.13 Director of Communication Duties

- A. To direct all Public Relations of the Student Senate.**
- B. To manage and coordinate all social media of the Student Senate.**
- C. To update the legislative portion of the Student Government website to ensure its continuous accuracy.**
- D. To issue press releases to the Daily Reveille with new developments.**
- E. To prepare a document during each Student Senate meeting detailing the events of the meeting to be presented to the Daily Reveille.**
- F. To develop new and innovative ways to connect with the student population.**

Rule 2.14 Additional Legislative Staff

- A. To serve as assistants to the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore.**
- B. To fulfill any additional acts requested by the Speaker on behalf of the senate.**

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE HEREBY AMENDS THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER.

PARAGRAPH 7: 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.

Aaron Caffarel
Speaker of the Senate

Cody Wells
Student Body President

Date:_____

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