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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE
S12RS
SGB No. 8

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THERE IS A GREAT NEED TO REVISE THE STANDING
COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT SENATE IN ORDER TO ENSURE
THAT EACH COMMITTEE IS EQUALLY ACTIVE AND RELEVANT;

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE RULES OF ORDER SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 4
Order of Business

Rule 4.2 Priority of Business

A. All questions relating to priority of business shall be decided without debate.
B. All Executive and Legislative Orders are automatically arranged in Unfinished Business,
with the exception of any Executive Orders pertaining to the Corporate Sponsorship
funds. Those Executive Orders shall be referred to the Committee on Budget and
Appropriations.

CHAPTER 6
Committees

Rule 6.1 Standing Committees

A. There shall be seven (7) six (6) standing committees of the Student Senate whose duties
respectively shall be to take into consideration all such subjects as properly pertain to
the subjects and purposes assigned to them and which may be referred to them by the
Senate.
B. The seven (7) six (6) standing committees of the Senate shall be the following:

1. Academic Affairs
2. Athletics, Budget and Appropriations
3. Campus Affairs and Sustainability Services and Development
4. External Affairs
5. Finance, Student Auxiliaries and Services
6. Rules
7. Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach

Rule 6.2 Officers and Membership of Standing Committees

A. All officers and members of standing committees of the Senate must be members of the
Senate; however, ex-officio members may be provided for elsewhere in these Rules of
Order. Unless otherwise provided for in these Rules of Order, no member of the Senate shall serve on more than one (1) standing committee.

B. **All members of the Senate must be members of a standing committee.**

C. The Speaker shall appoint no less than seven (7) eight (8) members to each standing committee (as defined in Rule 6.1) including the appointment of a Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Committee membership members shall not vary by more than four (4) members, with the exception of the Committee on Rules.

D. For the Committee on Rules, the Speaker pro tempore must be the appointed chairman. The remaining members of the committee shall be the other five (5) standing committee chairs, and a vice-chair. The vice-chair of the Committee on Rules shall be appointed by the Speaker from the general membership of the Senate, but shall not be one of the other five (5) standing committee chairs or other five (5) standing committee vice-chairs.

E. In the occurrence that the senate is not elected to maximum capacity the standing committees may vary from the predetermined numbers; while no committee may have a membership number equaling more than four (4) greater than any other committee, with the exception of the Committee on Rules.

**Rule 6.3 Ex-officio Committee Members**

All Senate standing committee chairs and members of the Executive Branch shall be responsible for working in cooperation with their respective counterpart.

Ex-officio members of the Student Senate standing committees shall include:

A. **The President of the Honors College Student Council or his/her designee and the Director of Academics or an equivalent position or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Academic Affairs.**

B. **The Director of Athletics or an equivalent position or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Athletics.**

C. **The Director of Athletics or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Student Auxiliaries and Affairs.**

D. **The President of the Residence Halls Association, or his/her designee, the Executive Director of the Greek Board of Directors or his or her designee, the Director of Transportation or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Director of Campus Development or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Director of Sustainability or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Director of Technology or an equivalent position or his or her designee, shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Campus Services and Development Affairs.**

E. **The Director of External Affairs or an equivalent position or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on External Affairs.**

F. **The Speaker of the Student Senate shall serve as an ex–officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Rules.**

G. **The Director of Organization Outreach or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Director of Student Involvement or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Director of External Affairs or an equivalent position or his or her designee, the Executive Director of the Greek Board of Directors or his or her designee, and the Safety Coordinator will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Committee on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach.**

**Rule 6.4 Referral to Standing Committees**

All legislation, except Bills of Impeachment, shall be referred by the Speaker according to the topic matter as hereinafter set forth to one (1) appropriate standing committee listed herein; provided, however that at the time of referral any member may object to the referral and may move to assign the legislation to another committee named in the motion.
A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: To this committee shall be referred, in accordance with the rules, all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Academic, educational affairs and programs.
2. University faculty, including any matters before the Faculty Senate.
3. LSU Student Government Textbook Exchange. All matters relating to textbooks.
5. Financial aid.
6. Academic issues relating to the Code of Student Conduct.
7. Academic calendar.
8. All in-class issues, including the electronic use policy.
10. Matters relating to LSU Libraries, with the exception of the building hours or maintenance.
11. All matters related to service learning courses.
12. All matters related to enrollment
8. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

B. ATHLETICS: To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. University-affiliated athletics and intramural sports generally.
2. Matters relating to priority points and student tickets
3. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

C. CAMPUS SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY: The motto of this committee is “While other committees pass legislation, CSD saves lives.” The motto shall appear on all official committee correspondence. To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. All matters relating to on-campus housing, including the Residence Halls, and Greek housing.
2. The construction, demolition, or modification of structures or areas on campus.
3. Facility Planning.
5. The Information Technology Master Plan.
6. The University Master Plan.
7. The purchase, sale, modification, or use university technology.
8. Information Technology Services.
9. The Student Technology Fee, with the exception of increases or decreases of the fee itself.
10. Issues pertaining to sustainability and conservation.
11. All issues relating to campus parking, traffic, and transportation.
12. All matters relating to campus safety.
13. All matters relating to campus lighting.
12. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

D. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. External affairs of the Student Government.
2. Relations between the Student Government and the state government, the city-parish government, other student governments, and national student associations, including, but not limited to the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents, the Council of Student Government Associations, the SEC Student Government Conference.
3. Public relations of the Student Government.
4. Other university governing bodies, such as the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate.
5. Volunteer and community services.
6. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.
C. **BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS, FINANCE**: To this committee shall be referred, in accordance with the rules, all legislation, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. The Student Government Budget Bill.
2. Fiscal affairs of the Student Government, including expenditures by the Student Senate.
3. Budgetary requirements and procedures.
4. Deposit and investment of Student Government funds.
5. Except as otherwise stated in these Rules of Order, salaries of Student Government employees.
6. Revenue raising and revenue measures generally, both of the Student Government and of the College Councils, including Corporate Sponsorship funds and their allocation.
7. Management of Student Government records.
8. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

E. **RULES**: To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Services of or for the Student Senate, its members and/or its committees.
3. Legislative rules and procedures.
4. Elections and Election Board.
5. Appointment of persons to office in the Student Government.
6. Caucuses and their formation; these pieces of legislation will be reviewed in a joint committee meeting with the Student Life and Community Outreach Committee.
7. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

F. **STUDENT AUXILIARIES AND SERVICES**: To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. All matters relating to athletics, including issues related to student ticketing, Tiger Stadium, priority points, and intramural sports.
2. All matters relating to university technology and Information Technology Services.
3. Moodle, MyLSU and TigerMail.
4. LSU Dining, Union Vendors and Chartwells.
5. All matters relating to Student Auxiliary Services.
6. UREC.
7. TigerCASH.
8. All matters relating to student fees.
9. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

F. **STUDENT LIFE, DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**: To this committee shall be referred all legislation and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. All matters related to, including facilitation of, the “Orgs2Geaux” program.
2. Student-related auxiliaries.
3. University disciplinary regulations and all other non-academic matters pertaining to the Student Code of Conduct.
4. Cultural affairs and diversity.
5. All matters relating to minority, international, and first generation students.
6. All matters relating to retention.
7. All matters pertaining to students’ constitutional rights and civil liberties.
8. Flagship Agenda
9. External affairs of the Student Government
10. Relations between the Student Government and the state government, the city parish government, other student governments, and national student associations, including, but not limited to the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents, the Council of Student Government Associations, the SEC Student Government Conference.
11. Volunteer and community services.
6. School and college council affairs generally.
7. Student groups and organizations.
8. Entertainment events and organizations.
9. All matters pertaining to Free Speech Alley.
10. All matters pertaining to First Year Experience.
11. All matters pertaining to the satisfaction of the duties of Senators.
15. Caucuses and their formation; these pieces of legislation will be reviewed in a joint committee meeting with the Committee on Rules.
16. Other matters as ordered by the Student Senate.

Rule 6.5 Committee Duties

It shall also be the independent duty of each committee each regular session to prepare a strategic plan addressing issues under its purview, due by the third meeting of each regular session. The committee chair shall designate members to conduct research and prepare legislation under the goals of its strategic plan.

Rule 6.6 Regular Committee Meeting

Each standing committee of the Student Senate shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, at least two (2) times a month and in every week in which it is referred legislation. Time and place of the meeting are to be announced two (2) class days in advance during the Order of Business of Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications, sent in an email via the Student Government listserv, and posted on the Senate web site.

Rule 6.7 Joint Committee Meetings

A. If any Senator moves for a piece of legislation to be jointly referred to more than one standing committee, and that motion passes the body by a 2/3 vote, a joint committee meeting between the committees involved must be called.
B. It shall be the duty of the involved committee chairs to designate a meeting time that works for enough of the committees to constitute a quorum.
C. This new joint committee shall act as one committee for the purposes of quorum and the necessary voting percentages. No absences shall be assessed to any Senator that fails to attend this joint meeting, as long as the meeting is at a different time than their original standing committee.
D. The presiding chair shall be the Senator of the committee to which the legislation was originally referred, unless they are an affiliated party to the legislation in question.
E. Joint Committees shall automatically be formed for the following circumstances and shall involve the following committees:
   1. The formation of a caucus, involving the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach;
   2. Discussion on the entirety of the Student Code of Conduct, involving the Committee on Academic Affairs and the Committee on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach;
   3. Amendments to the Student Technology Fee Plan, involving the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Student Auxiliaries and Services; and
4. Amendments to any governing document that involve finances, involving the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Rule 6.8 Meetings Prohibited while Senate Meets

No committee can hold regularly scheduled meetings on the same day on which the Senate holds its regularly scheduled meetings.

Rule 6.9 Advertised Committee-Forums

Each committee must host a public forum twice each semester on the subject that it governs.

A. This forum must be advertised in a suitable manner to the student body. The advertisement must include the time and place of the meeting, subjects to be discussed, as well as any related guest speakers.

B. Records of student input and discussion must be kept and filed in the senate office and used for the preparation and adjustment of the strategic plan.

C. This forum does not take the place of a regularly scheduled meeting and new legislation may not be discussed.

Rule 6.18 Temporary Committees

A. During the annual Spring Organizational Session, the Speaker of the Senate may appoint no fewer than seven (7), but no more than eleven (11), senators to one and only one (1) of the following temporary committees:

1. TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FINANCE: To this committee shall be referred the Student Government Budget for the new administration, the allocation of Corporate Sponsorship funds, as well as any legislation dealing with finance.

2. TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON RULES: To this committee shall be referred all Executive Staff, Election Board, and Judicial Branch appointments made by the Student Body President and approved by the Student Senate, as well as any legislation dealing with rules.

B. These temporary committees shall meet between the first and last meeting of the Spring Organizational Session in order to hear and approve all referred legislation.

C. The Temporary Committee on Rules may take the following actions on any appointment:

1. Report favorably to the Floor
2. Report unfavorably to the Floor
3. Take no action

D. The Speaker pro tempore shall be the Chair of the Temporary Committee on.

E. The Speaker shall appoint the Chair of the Temporary Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

F. Rules in this Chapter regarding absences shall not apply to Temporary Committees.

F. The membership of these committees shall be dissolved at the conclusion of the Spring Organizational Session.

PARAGRAPH 3: THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE HEREBY AMENDS THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER.
PARAGRAPH 4: 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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Speaker of the Senate                                     Student Body President
Date:____________________                                     Date:____________________