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## STUDENT SENATE

SGB No. 9

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**A BILL**

**TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS  
TO REQUIRE THAT ALL COLLEGE COUNCILS HOST "COUNCIL CHATS" FOR THEIR  
RESPECTIVE COLLEGES ONCE PER SEMESTER**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, COLLEGE COUNCILS ARE NOT HELD TO ANY STANDARDS COMPARABLE TO OTHER GOVERNING BODIES, AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, COLLEGE COUNCILS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE UNEQUALLY AND VARY BETWEEN COLLEGES AND MANY COUNCILS ARE NOT ENGAGING STUDENTS AS FITTING FOR MEMBERS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT , AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, COUNCIL CHATS WILL REQUIRE ALL COUNCILS TO HOST A MEET-AND-GREET FOR ALL STUDENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGE S ONCE PER SEMESTER AT A TIME AND LOCATION ON CAMPUS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL, AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, COUNCIL CHATS WILL ALLOW COUNCILS TO RECEIVE DIRECT FEEDBACK AND IDEAS FROM STUDENTS TO WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY FOR THE STUDENTS OF EACH COLLEGE, AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, EACH EVENT SHOULD BE PUBLICIZED WITH A BROADCAST EMAIL SENT TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE AND FAILURE TO HOST ONE COUNCIL CHAT PER SEMESTER WILL RESULT IN INACTIVE STATUS FOR THE COUNCIL , AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, COUNCIL CHATS WILL BE AN EFFICIENT EVENT FOR STUDENTS OF ALL COLLEGE TO MEET THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNCILS AND AIR GRIEVANCES AND OFFER IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INITIATIVES OF THE COUNCIL
- PARAGRAPH 7:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT ARTICLE V OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS NOW READS

**ARTICLE V****College Council Affairs****Section 1. College Council Bylaws**

Every College Council shall be required to keep a copy of their bylaws on file with the Speaker pro tempore. Updated copies shall be submitted to the Speaker pro tempore whenever changes

are made. 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 Election Board shall begin the process to 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 semester the College Council Presidents' Commission will meet at least two (2) times. One unexecuted 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 5. The Annual Plan**

- A. Each College Council shall prepare an Annual Plan, which shall consist of a basic outline of the programs, initiatives and objectives of the council for the academic year. The Annual Plan shall merely serve as a guideline for initiatives, and shall not restrict any council from pursuing additional initiatives or programs.
- B. The Annual Plan shall be submitted to the Student Body Vice President no later than the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 Annual Plan in order to ensure its success.
- D. The Annual 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 Annual Plan to the Student Body Vice President on time, must maintain a 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 by the Student Senate.
- D. In the event a College Council is deemed inactive and wishes to become active, they must accomplish all duties required and present themselves to the Senate to be reactivated by a simple majority vote.

**Section 7. Transitional Meetings**

- A. It is the first order of business of each incoming College Council President to hold a transitional meeting with their respective predecessor.
- B. For the success of the newly elected College Council, transitional documents and a detailed list of successes and failures shall be provided to the new President.
- C. This meeting must take place upon the conclusion of the former President's term.

**Section 8. Council Chats**

- A. The Council will makes itself available once per semester at a time and location on campus chosen at the discretion of the Council.
- B. The purpose of a Council Chat is to engage students of the college in order to receive feedback and ideas used to shape initiatives for the College.
- C. These events will be publicized by a required broadcast email to all students of the College.
- D. Failure to host one Council Chat per semester will result in inactive status for the Council.

**PARAGRAPH 8:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) 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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**Aaron Caffarel**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cody Wells**  
**Student Body President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_