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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

STUDENT SENATE

F10RS

SGB No. 7

BY: SENATOR LANDRY AND SENATOR TERRACCIANO

A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE BYLAWS SHOULD REFLECT THE CURRENT NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE COUNCILS PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION (CCPC); AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND ALL CCPC MEETINGS, THEREBY NEEDING A PROXY; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, COLLEGE COUNCILS SHOULD DECLARE HOW THE COUNCIL WILL USE ITS BUDGET; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, FUNDING REQUEST FORMS ARE AN UNNECESSARY PART OF OBTAINING FUNDING FOR COLLEGE COUNCILS; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

LSU Student Government Bylaws

Revised: Spring 2010

ARTICLE V

College Council Affairs

Section 1. College Council Constitutions

Every College Council shall be required to keep a copy of their constitution and any bylaws on file in the Office of Campus Life. Updated copies shall be submitted to the Office of Campus Life whenever changes are made for University approval.

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, Secretary or Treasurer 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, the offices of President and Vice President remain vacant, the remaining members of the
College Council shall be permitted to fill the offices by a majority vote of those present and voting.

2. The members selected under this provision shall hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3. Notification of College Council Meetings

It shall be the duty of the President of each college council to inform its respective Senators of the date, time, and place of each regularly scheduled college council meeting within ten (10) class days after the beginning of the semester.

Section 4. College Council Presidents’ Commission

A. Each College Council President shall serve on the College Council Presidents’ Commission along with the Student Body Vice President, and the Student Senate Speaker Pro Tempore, and the Director of College Council affairs sitting as ex officio members.

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 College Council Presidents’ Commission will appoint a chair person from among the membership at the first meeting of the commission which shall be called to order by the Student Body Vice-President. The chair elect 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. Two-thirds of the presidents shall constitute a quorum.

E. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Commission shall be the tie-breaking vote.

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

G. A proxy may be used to substitute attendance of a president without consequence of an absence. Proxies may be any Executive Board member of their respective College Council.

Section 5. 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.

ARTICLE VII
Financial Organization
Section 3. College Council Funding in the Student Government Budget

Funds shall be appropriated in the Student Government Budget to fund the College Councils as follows:

A. College Councils shall be appropriated an amount not less than five percent (5%) but not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the money paid by all students to the self-assessed fee for Student Government operational funds. These funds shall be disbursed in the following manner:
   1. Sixty percent (60%) of the total money shall be disbursed to each College Council based on the amount of students enrolled in the Academic Area.
   2. Forty percent (40%) of the total money shall be disbursed equally among each Academic Area.

B. The amount in paragraph A shall be determined from the same source as used in calculating revenues for the Student Government Budget.

C. Amounts appropriated to the College Councils shall be appropriated as separate line items by Academic Area.

D. The Student Government chief financial officer shall notify the College Council Presidents of the amounts of money designated for that Academic Area by the end of each Spring semester.

E. Amounts not expended by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) will automatically carry over to the next fiscal year’s College Council Surplus Account budget.

F. College Councils shall file a projected, itemized expense report within five (5) class days of receiving the College Council budgets to the Director of College Council Affairs.

ARTICLE VIII
Financial Accounts

C. Student Government Operating Accounts

8. College Council Surplus
   a. This account is under the control of the College Council President’s Commission (CCPC).
   b. Requests for funding are granted only to College Councils that no longer have funds remaining in their accounts or plan to spend in excess of their initial appropriation. A request for CCPC funding must be submitted to the CCPC through the chief financial officer by a college council funding request form.
   c. Students organizations that wish to co-sponsor an event with a college council in an effort to require these funds must contact the President of their college council.

9. Individual College Councils
   a. These accounts are under the control of each respective College Council.
   b. Requests for funds by students or student organizations must be made to the President of the council.
   c. Financial matters require consent of the College Council or a majority (1/2) vote by active members present at a regular meeting.
   d. After approval of funds, a funding request form must be submitted to the chief financial officer.
   e. Any remaining funds at the end of the year will be transferred to the College Council Surplus.
PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS BE THUS AMENDED.

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.

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