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## STUDENT SENATE

F09RS

SGB No. 15

BY: SPEAKER MARTIN AND SENATOR MULLEN

## A BILL

TO AMEND THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE RULES OF ORDER  
TO CREATE THE POSITION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT RULES OF ORDER IS THE DOCUMENT THAT GUIDES AND GOVERNS THIS LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS IS PARAMOUNT TO MAINTAINING ORDER AND ENSURING THAT MEETINGS OF THE SENATE ARE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE.

**PARAGRAPH 3:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT RULE 2.1 AND RULE 2.8 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT RULES OF ORDER BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Rule 2.1 Titles**

The officers of the Student Senate shall be the following: Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, Secretary, Undersecretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms, 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, 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 Parliamentarian, the Sergeant at Arms, 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.

**PARAGRAPH 4:** THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT RULE 2.12 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT RULES OF ORDER BE AMENDED AND RULE 2.13 BE CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Rule 2.12 Sergeant at Arms duties**

- A. To assist the presiding officer in maintaining order in the Senate chamber, and upon the request of the presiding officer, to escort any disorderly Senator or member of the gallery out of the chamber.
- B. To coordinate and supervise the activities of Legislative Aides in preparing the chamber for a meeting of the Senate and return it back to its proper order upon adjournment.
- C. To receive from the Chief of Staff of the Executive branch a list of all officers to report during Executive Officer Reports and provide this list to the presiding officer before the Senate is called to order.
- D. To obtain a list of all members of the public that wish to address the Senate and provide this list to the presiding officer before the Senate is called to order.
- E. To help facilitate any and all votes of the Senate

**Rule 2.13 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 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.

Approved:

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**Tyler Martin**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

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**Stuart Watkins**  
**Student Body President**

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

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