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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

STUDENT SENATE

F09RS

SGB No. 22

BY: SPEAKER MARTIN

A BILL

TO AMEND THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE RULES OF ORDER AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, The LSU Student Government Senate currently holds a retreat every semester to instruct new members on procedures and to encourage a cohesive environment in the Senate; and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, It is crucial that all members be in attendance for these retreats; and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, Passage of this legislation would increase awareness of Senators in Rules of Order and general operations of Student Government due to required participation;

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, Rule 2.6 of the Senate Rules of Order should be amended to read:

RULE 2.6 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DUTIES

H. To plan and execute a SENATOR ORIENTATION SESSION at the beginning of each semester for members of the Senate, with help from the Speaker, Legislative staff, and any other Senators, as deemed necessary.

AND;

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Student Government Bylaws should be amended to read:

SECTION 1. STUDENT SENATOR DUTIES

A. The primary duty of a Student Senator is to represent the constituency of his/her elected college.

B. Student Senators should be publicly available to their constituency for a minimum of an hour per week in an accessible forum. During these times senators should be aware of pending legislation and current campus issues. Each Senator will inform the Speaker of the time and place he/she will be serving by the second regularly scheduled Senate meeting or ten (10) class days after a new Senator is appointed, or by the discretion of the Speaker. The times will be posted on the Student Government web site and in the Senate Office.
C. **Senators must attend each Senate Orientation Session, as described in Article III, Section 8 of these Bylaws.**

AND;

**Paragraph 6:** WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Student Government Bylaws should be amended to read:

**Section 3. Removal of Senators**

A. A member of the Student Senate shall be removed from his/her position on the Student Senate once he/she has accumulated a total of three (3) session unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Student Senate per session, including the orientation, three (3) unexcused absences from his or her assigned standing committee per session, or removal from his/her respective College Council according to the College Council Constitution.

B. If a senator cannot attend the College Council meeting at the set time for any reason, the senator may meet with the College Council President at a time convenient to them. This makeup meeting shall not count as an absence.

C. The Minutes from Student Senate meetings and committee meeting reports shall be used in determining the number of unexcused absences.

D. A senator shall be removed from his/her position on the Student Senate should he/she fail to attend a Senate Orientation Session unless expressly excused by the Senate Advisor. Reasons for excusal shall be the same as for regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate.

AND;

**Paragraph 7:** WHEREAS, Article III, Section 8 of the Student Government Bylaws shall be added and read:

**Section 8. Senator Orientation Session**

A. **An orientation session for all Senators shall be held at the beginning of each semester. All Senators shall be required to attend.**

B. **It shall be the purpose of this orientation session to instruct Senators on such subjects as Rules of Order, Student Government governing documents, legislation, and any other matters deemed necessary.**

C. **This session shall also serve as a team-building session to encourage Senators to work with their fellow Senators in serving the students of Louisiana State University.**
D. A Senator shall be assigned one fall absence for failure to attend the initial orientation session.

E. A make up orientation session shall be held two (2) weeks after the initial session. All Senators that did not attend the initial session must attend.

PARAGRAPH 8: Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College that the Senate Rules of Order and the Bylaws of the Louisiana State University Student Government be amended as follows:

PARAGRAPH 9: This bill shall take effect upon passage by a (%) 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               STUART WATKINS
Speaker of the Senate       Student Body President

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