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STUDENT SENATE

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S18RS

SGB No. 6

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, MANY OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS AND RULES OF ORDER ARE UNCLEAR AND OUT OF DATE; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THESE AMENDMENTS CAN POTENTIALLY PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY ARISEN; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE BYLAWS WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

LSU Student Government Bylaws

ARTICLE II: Executive Branch Affairs

§4. Executive Branch Charter

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided for in the Bylaws, the Executive Branch shall be organized by Executive Charter, subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Student Senate.

- (A) This Executive Charter shall list the various Executive Departments and the positions under them, including any positions which are to receive salary under the Student Government Budget.
- (B) This Executive Charter must be passed before any Executive Branch office appointments can be approved.
- (C) ~~A chief financial officer~~ **An Executive Director of Finance** and a Commissioner of Elections must be included in the Executive Branch Charter.

ARTICLE VIII: Financial Organization

§2. Student Government Budget

- (A) *Section 2.A.* The Student Body President shall submit a proposed Student Government Budget to the Temporary Budget and Appropriations Committee, to be authored by a Senator, for the coming fiscal year to be approved by the Student Senate immediately following ~~his/her~~ **the Student Body President's** installation.
- (B) *Section 2.B.* The projected revenues for the Student Government Operating Budget shall be determined by utilizing Budget and Planning enrollment by the current designated fees.
- (C) *Section 2.C.* The Student Government Budget shall be considered by the Senate as a Student Government Bill, and shall have been adopted for the upcoming fiscal year at or before the beginning of that fiscal year.
- (D) *Section 2.D.* No funds shall be appropriated or expended in a fiscal year unless and until a Student Government Budget for that fiscal year has been adopted.
- (E) ***Section 2. E.* A Senator may move to amend and substitute the Student Government Budget during its consideration.**
- (F) ~~*Section 2-E F.* During the fiscal year for which a Student Government Budget has been adopted, all of the conditions listed in said budget shall be treated as an auxiliary document within the Procedure Handbook, and may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. Such amendment shall become effective upon final passage~~

~~of legislation detailing the amendment. No friendly amendments shall be allowed in amending the Student Government Budget.~~

- (G) ~~Section 2. G.~~ Any amendments made to the Student Government Budget must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. Such amendments shall become effective upon final passage of the legislation detailing the amendment. No friendly amendments shall be allowed in amending the Student Government Budget.
- (H) ~~Section 2. F.~~ ~~H.~~ Should a budget become unbalanced, by eventuation of a deficit balance in a line item, the Student Senate shall within fifteen (15) class days amend said budget to remove the deficit.
- (I) ~~Section 2. G.~~ ~~I.~~ The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Executive Director of Finance will review and amend the Student Government Budget each semester to reflect the fourteen (14) day enrollment numbers.
- (J) ~~Section 2. H.~~ ~~J.~~ No more than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) may be appropriated in the Student Government Budget for total student salaries of the Student Government members during one (1) fiscal year.
- (K) ~~Section 2. I.~~ ~~K.~~ Any student occupying a position with a designated salary in the Student Government Budget shall be paid up to but no more than one-eighth (1/8) of the specified salary per month. The only exception to this rule is if a student does not receive the full one-eighth (1/8) of a particular salary for a particular month during which he/she was on payroll; in this case, the student would be allowed to make up the difference over the next month(s) through supplemental pay. Additional provisions may be provided for in the Student Government Budget.

ARTICLE X: Funding Through Student Senate

§1.

Section 1. The Student Senate shall have the authority to distribute funding from the Legislative General Contingency Account, Student Government Surplus Account, and the Student Government Initiatives Account with appropriate approval of the Student Body President.

§2. Request for Funding

- (A) *Section 2.A.* Requests for funding through the Student Senate shall be submitted through the Student Senate funding application.
 - a. The Student Senate funding application shall be approved through a Student Government Bill through the Temporary Budget and Appropriations Committee in the Spring Organizational Session.
 - i. Amendments to the application must be approved by the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Speaker of the Student Senate, and the Student Government Financial Coordinator.
 - b. The Student Senate funding application shall include at minimum the following:
 - i. Contact information to the:
 - 1. Student Representative
 - 2. Corresponding university advisor.
 - ii. Event information regarding:
 - 1. Travel or programming information
 - 2. Financial information
 - iii. Informational guidelines on how to apply to funding from Senate.
 - c. The first application for funding submitted is the one that will be considered
 - d. A funding request form that must be signed by the Student Government Financial Coordinator and the **Chair of Budget and Appropriations Committee** ~~Executive Director of Finance~~ to verify that the request is
 - i. In accordance with university policy

- ii. In accordance with the Student Government Constitution and auxiliary documents
- iii. Within the means of the Student Government Budget.
- e. An attached itemized budget for total cost of request and breakdown of how allotted funds will be spent
- f. No Student Government Finance Bill (SGFB) shall be **submitted to new business** brought before the Budget and Appropriations Committee without the completed Student Government Funding Request **Form Application**.

§3. Restrictions on Student Senate Allocation

- (A) *Section 3.A.* Any full-time student(s), event or organization recognized by Campus Life, seeking funding from Student Senate that may qualify for funding from the Programming Support & Initiatives Fund (PSIF) or the Organizational Relief Fund (ORF) must first apply for funding through PSIF or ORF before requesting Senate funding. In order to be considered eligible for Senate funding, a student or student organization must meet one of the following criteria:
- a. An organization, event, student(s), or expenditure finds it does not meet the standing requirements of either PSIF or ORF at the time of the request,
 - b. Submits a formal request to either PSIF or ORF that is deemed ineligible based on the standing requirements of either PSIF or ORF at the time of the request,
 - c. Submits a formal request to either PSIF or ORF and is not awarded funding,
 - d. Is awarded funding that does not fully meet the organization, event, or student(s) needs.
 - ~~i. The student(s), event, or organization must decline all funds that have been awarded by PSIF or ORF prior to requesting receiving Student Senate funding.~~
 - i. Immediately following the funding request approval by the Student Senate, any PSIF or ORF funds that have been awarded to the student(s), event, or organization within the same semester will be revoked per the PSIF bylaws and ORF bylaws.
 - ~~ii. In the event that funding from the PSIF or ORF committees is awarded, an author of the finance bill will notify the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee prior to legislation being considered.~~

ARTICLE XI: Financial Accounts

§2. Student Government Initiative Accounts

- (A) *Section 2.A.* Student Government Initiatives
- a. Funds from this account may be requested via a SGFB.
 - b. This account may be used for student initiatives and programs.
 - c. No money shall be allocated from this for student travel.
 - d. Funds allocated from this account are limited to be used within the fiscal year they are requested.
 - e. **The Student Senate shall not allocate more than sixty percent (60%) of the Student Government Initiatives account during the Spring semester as allocated by full-time student enrollment.**

§3. Student Government Operating Accounts

- (A) *Section 3.E.* Legislative General Contingency

- a. This account is under control of Student Senate and signature of the President and is accessed by a SGFB.

Legislative Branch: Rules of Order

CHAPTER 3: Legislation

Rule 3.2. Profiling of Legislation

If a piece of legislation is to be presented at a meeting of the Senate during New Business, the preamble of the legislation shall have been delivered to the Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, Secretary, or Undersecretary at lsusenat@lsu.edu, electronically no later than twelve PM (12:00) ~~six (6)~~ before the meeting is to convene. ~~unless otherwise stated by the presiding Speaker of the Senate.~~

CHAPTER 6: Committees

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(s).~~

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

- ~~a. The Director of Academics or an equivalent position or his/her designee shall be an ex officio, non voting member of the Committee on Academic Affairs.~~
- ~~b. The Director of Athletics or his/her designee shall be an ex officio, non voting member of the Committee on Student Auxiliaries and Services.~~
- ~~c. The President of the Residence Halls Association or his/her designee, the Director of Transportation or an equivalent position or his/her designee, the Director of Campus Development or an equivalent position or his/her designee, the Director of Sustainability or an equivalent position or his/her designee, and the Director of Technology or an equivalent position or his/her designee, shall be an ex officio, non voting member of the Committee on Campus Affairs and Sustainability.~~
- ~~d. A chief financial officer or an equivalent position or his/her designee shall be an ex officio, non voting member of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.~~
- ~~e. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall serve as an ex officio, non voting member of all standing committees.~~
- ~~f. The Director of Organization Outreach or an equivalent position or his/her designee, the Director of Student Involvement or an equivalent position or his/her designee, the Director of External Affairs or an equivalent position or his/her designee, the Executive Director of the Greek Board of Directors or his/her designee, and the Safety Coordinator will be ex officio, non voting members of the Committee on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach.~~

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

(B) Ex-officio, non-voting members of the Student Senate standing committees, or equivalent positions, shall include:

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Executive Director of Academics
- b. Committee on Budget and Appropriations
 - i. Executive Director of Finance
- c. Committee on Campus Affairs and Sustainability
 - i. President of the Residence Halls Association
 - ii. Executive Director of Transportation
 - iii. Executive Director of Campus Affairs and Sustainability
- d. Committee on Student Auxiliaries and Services
 - i. Executive Director of Athletics
 - ii. Executive Director of Student Auxiliaries and Services

- iii. Executive Director of Technology
- e. Committee on Student Life, Diversity, Community Outreach
 - i. Executive Director of Outreach
 - ii. Executive Director of Student Involvement
 - iii. Executive Director of External Affairs
 - iv. ~~Executive~~ Director of the Greek Board of Directors
 - v. Safety Coordinator
- (C) All Executive Branch ex-officio members of the Student Senate standing committees, or their designee, should attend their respective committee meetings a minimum of twice per semester.
- (D) The Speaker of the Student Senate shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all standing committees.

Rule 6.11. Committee Report

- ~~(A) Each standing committee shall submit a written report to the Secretary as soon as possible after each committee meeting. The report must list:~~
 - ~~a. The name of the committee.~~
 - ~~b. The date, time, and place of the committee meeting.~~
 - ~~c. Names of committee members present, absent, and proxies. Approved excused absences shall be noted as such.~~
 - ~~d. The number of each piece of legislation and report on it.~~
 - ~~e. The vote by which such report was determined.~~
 - ~~f. An update on the committee's progress in meeting its strategic plan.~~
 - ~~g. A summary of discussion at the last public forum, if one was held since the last meeting of the Senate.~~
- (B) The chair of the committee shall report on the opinion of the committee with regards to all considered legislation.
 - a. The committee chair may report that it is in the opinion of the committee that the legislation should be approved.
 - b. The committee chair may report that it is in the opinion of the committee that the legislation should be approved as amended.
- (C) The report of the committee on each Presidential Appointment shall be one of the following:
 - a. Report favorably
 - i. The committee is in favor of the appointment being approved.
 - ii. The Senate will vote to approve or reject the appointment at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
 - b. Report unfavorably
 - i. The committee is opposed to the appointment being approved.
 - ii. The President shall be notified that the appointment will not be placed on the agenda for the next Senate meeting, and that it is the opinion of the committee that he/she appoints another candidate for the position.
- ~~(D) The report of the committee shall be signed by the committee chairman and he/she shall be responsible for the accuracy of the report.~~

CHAPTER 9: Voting

Rule 9.8. Recusal

If a Senator has a conflict of interest regarding a piece of legislation, ~~as deemed by the Speaker of the Senate or the relevant committee chair, then that Senator should recuse themselves as a voting member of the committee during the consideration of the legislation.~~ the Speaker of the Senate or the relevant committee chair shall recommend that the Senator recuse themselves as a voting member of the committee during the consideration of legislation.

PARAGRAPH 4: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AMENDED, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO ANDREW CHENEVERT, CHIEF JUSTICE, AND

PARAGRAPH 6: 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:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: _____

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____

