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STUDENT SENATE

S07RS

SGB No. 1

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A BILL

A BILL TO AMEND STUDENT SENATOR DUTIES ARTICLE TWO II SECTION SIX (6) OF
THE SENATE BYLAWS

PARAGRAPH 1: Whereas, the purpose of the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College Student Government Senate is to serve the students in every way that it can, to the best of its ability; and

PARAGRAPH 2: Whereas, the LSU A&M Student Government has expressed ardent and unanimous interest in increasing transparency between the Student Government and the Student Body; and

PARAGRAPH 3: Whereas, many members of the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College Student Body have previously expressed both disappointment in previous Student Government opaqueness and ardent interest in increasing transparency of communication between the Student Government and the Student Body; and

PARAGRAPH 4: Whereas, direct and unmediated communication between Student Government Senators and their constituents is the only way to ensure effective representation and confer legitimacy upon the body; and

PARAGRAPH 5: Whereas, Student Government Senators are already mandated to maintain office hours to increase communication between representatives and their constituents; and

PARAGRAPH 6: Whereas the ambiguous nature of the currently enrolled Office Hours Mandate has rendered it ultimately ineffective;

PARAGRAPH 7: Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College that the Article II Section 6 be amended to include Sub-Section C as follows.

C. "The Student Government Senate shall implement and maintain an open forum for the Student Body in the form of a Student Government Senate Table in Free Speech Ally at least two (2) days a week, one (1) of which must be on either a Tuesday or a Thursday, one of which must be on either a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, for at least one (1) hour, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 02:00 PM, to be manned by at least two (2) incumbent Student Government Senators. These Open Forums shall be organized and recorded by the Chairman of the Governmental Relations Committee in conjunction with

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the Student Government Department of Communications or its equivalent as provided for in the Executive Branch Charter. Attendance of at least one (1) hour per semester at any duly organized Student Government Senate Table Sit shall meet the weekly mandated office hour requirement specified in the LSU A&M Student By-Laws. Failure to attend at least hour per semester at any duly organized Student Government Senate Table Sit shall be treated as one (1) unexcused absence assessed at the end of each semester.”

PARAGRAPH 8: This Bill shall take effect upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the LSU A&M 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:

J. COLORADO ROBERTSON, SPEAKER

MARY CASWELL ALSFELD, PRESIDENT

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