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## STUDENT SENATE

F05RS

SGB No. 8

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## A BILL

TO PRESENT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE LSU A&M STUDENT BODY IN THE FALL 2005 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 TO PROVIDE A MORE CURRENT AND INCLUSIVE LIST OF FULL TIME ELIGIBLE VOTERS .

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE ELECTION CODE REVISION COMMITTEE DETERMINED ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION IS IMPRACTICAL TO THE IMPLEMENTATION IN A NEW ONLINE VOTING SYSTEM, AND;
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 CURRENTLY READS: "STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED FULL TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONSTITUTION. STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED PART-TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ONLY ON REFERENDA THAT AFFECT THEM FINANCIALLY"; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, WITH THE ADVENT OF ONLINE VOTING, THE ABILITY TO CREATE A CURRENT AND ACURATE LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS IS IMPERATIVE; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION, "EVERY FULL TIME STUDENT, AS DEFINED BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY, SHALL BE DEFINED AS A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT BODY AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT," LEADING TO THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT WORDING OF ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 DOES NOT REFLECT THIS INCLUSIVE SENTIMENT; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT TEXT OF ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 DOES NOT ALLOW TIME FOR THE PROCESSING OF THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE: A) CROSS-ENROLLED, B) INTERNSHIP, C) CO-OP STUDENTS, ETC., WHICH STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERED FULL TIME BY THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR, BUT DO NOT APPEAR AS FULL TIME IN THE REGISTRAR'S DATABASE UNTIL LATER IN THE SEMESTER; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, ALLOWING FOR GENERATION OF A LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS NEARER TO THE ELECTION WOULD INCLUDE THESE STUDENTS; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT TEXT OF ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 DOES NOT REFLECT THE FREQUENT CHANGES IN STUDENT FULL TIME STATUS AFFECTED BY THE ADD/DROP DATES OF THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES DOES NOT RUN A SPECIAL QUERY TO CREATE A DEFINED LIST OF FULL TIME STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES, REFERED TO IN THE CONSTITUTION AS "THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER"; AND,
- PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, SUCH LISTS ARE SCHEDULED EVERY SUNDAY; AND,

**PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, TO REFLECT THE MOST CURRENT LIST OF FULL TIME STUDENTS, NOT TO EXCLUDE THOSE STUDENTS WHO DULY DESERVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE BASED ON AN ARCHAIC RESTRICTION, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE THAT MOST CONVENIENTLY COINCIDES WITH THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED; AND,

**PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, THE PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WILL ENSURE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REPRESENTATION OF ALL FULL TIME STUDENTS.

**PARAGRAPH 12:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LSU AND A&M STUDENT SENATE, TWO-THIRDS ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) OF THE MEMBER OF THE SAID BODY CONCURRING, THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION BE PLACED ON THE FALL 2005 STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, ENTITLED "A PROPOSITION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION":

“STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED FULL TIME THE SUNDAY BEFORE ANY ELECTION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONSTITUTION. STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED PART TIME THE SUNDAY BEFORE ANY ELECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ONLY ON REFERENDA THAT AFFECT THEM FINANCIALLY.

- IN FAVOR OF
- AGAINST”

**APPROVED:**

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**BO STAPLES, SPEAKER**

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**MICHELLE GIEG, PRESIDENT**

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