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STUDENT SENATE

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE RULES OF ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SELECTING LEGISLATIVE STAFF.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE CURRENT MEANS OF SELECTING SENATE STAFF HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE PROBLEMATIC IN NATURE, AND;

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, CURRENT STAFF SHOULD BE SEEN AS INSTRUMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS RATHER THAN POLITICAL APPOINTEES, AND;

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THESE AMENDMENTS WILL PROVIDE FOR AN IMPROVED SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE, AND;

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE TRADITIONAL OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO DO THEIR TRADITIONAL JOBS, WHILE PROVIDING THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE STAFF TO AIDE IN A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, AND;

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED:

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE RULES OF ORDER

CHAPTER 1. OFFICERS

RULE 1.1 OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT SENATE SHALL BE THE FOLLOWING: SPEAKER, SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, PARLIAMENTARIAN, AND ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF.

RULE 1.3 SPEAKER; ADDITIONAL DUTIES

1. TO OPEN THE MEETINGS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAYS DURING REGULAR SESSION.

2. TO CAUSE THE SENATE TO PROCEED WITH ITS BUSINESS IN THE PROPER ORDER UNDER THE RULES, IF A QUORUM IS PRESENT, AND TO PROCEED UPON EACH ORDER OF BUSINESS.
3. TO PRESERVE ORDER AND DECORUM OF THE SENATE.
4. TO DECIDE ALL POINTS OF ORDER, SUBJECT TO APPEAL TO THE SENATE.
5. TO EXPLAIN OR CLARIFY ANY RULE OF PROCEDURE UPON REQUEST.
6. TO STATE EACH MOTION AS IT IS MADE.
7. TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS WHO SEEK THE FLOOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPEAKING IN DEBATE OR OTHERWISE.
8. TO STATE AND PUT TO VOTE ALL QUESTIONS REQUIRING A VOTE, AND ALL QUESTIONS UPON WHICH A VOTE IS ORDERED, AND TO ANNOUNCE THE VOTE.
9. TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH REQUIRE HIS SIGNATURE.
10. TO APPOINT THE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STUDENT SENATE.
11. TO BE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCESSING OF SENATE-APPROVED LEGISLATION, AND TO SEE THAT THE LEGISLATION REACHES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS OF PASSAGE.
12. TO DO AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

RULE 1.8 LEGISLATIVE STAFF; ELECTION, APPOINTMENT, AND REMOVAL

THE SECRETARY AND LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE STUDENT SENATE SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE STUDENT SENATE. SECRETARY AND LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT NOMINATIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED FROM THE FLOOR AT THE FIRST SENATE MEETING AFTER THE NEW SPEAKER TAKES OFFICE. THE NOMINATING SENATOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE NOMINEES' ONE (1) PAGE BIOGRAPHY SHEET TO THE STUDENT SENATE OFFICE ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE STUDENT SENATE MEETING BY 4:30 PM. THE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND ANY ADDITIONAL SENATE STAFF MEMBERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER WITH A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) APPROVAL OF THE SENATE. THE SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF, AND PARLIAMENTARIAN SHALL BE NON-MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. THE SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, OR PARLIAMENTARIAN MAY BE REMOVED WITH A RECOMMENDATION BY THE SPEAKER AND WITH A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE SENATE PRESENT AND VOTING, OR BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE SENATE PRESENT AND VOTING. THE SPEAKER MAY DISMISS ANY ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF AT WILL.

RULE 1.9 SECRETARY; DUTIES

1. TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KEEPING OF ALL PAPERS AND RECORDS OF THE STUDENT SENATE, AND TO MAINTAIN THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIONS OF THE SENATE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACCURACY.
2. TO ANNOUNCE THE RECEIPT OF EACH VETO MESSAGE AS RECEIVED FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, AND TO READ THE SAME UPON THE APPROPRIATE ORDER OF BUSINESS.
3. TO MAKE ACCESSIBLE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE A COPY OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.
4. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER AND THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, TO APPOINT AN ACTING SPEAKER.
5. TO FAITHFULLY AND PROMPTLY EXECUTE ALL PROPER ORDERS OF THE SENATE.

RULE 1.10 LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT; DUTIES

1. TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS ALL FILED LEGISLATION IN A TIMELY MANNER.
2. TO ENDORSE ALL LEGISLATION WITH THE ACTION TAKEN AND THE DATE OF SUCH ACTION TAKEN THEREON.
3. TO PERFORM PROOFING OF ALL LEGISLATION, AND TO PROVIDE CORRECTLY FORMATTED COPIES OF ALL LEGISLATION TO SENATE MEMBERS AND THE NEWS MEDIA UPON REQUEST AND UPON THE CONVENING OF A SENATE MEETING.
4. TO MAINTAIN FILES ON ALL LEGISLATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION AND DATA RELATING TO LEGISLATION.
5. TO MAINTAIN A LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL.
6. ANY OTHER ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY OR BY A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT SENATE.

RULE 1.11 PARLIAMENTARIAN; DUTIES

1. TO ADVISE THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE CONCERNING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.
2. UPON REQUEST, TO ADVISE ANY STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE.
3. TO ARRANGE AND NUMBER THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE STUDENT SENATE FOLLOWING ANY AMENDMENT THERETO, TO EFFECT AN ORDERLY AND CONSISTENT ARRANGEMENT OF THE RULES.
4. TO CAUSE UPDATED COPIES OF THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE STUDENT SENATE TO BE PRINTED AND MADE ACCESSIBLE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE ONCE A SEMESTER.
5. TO REVIEW ALL LEGISLATION, AS IT IS TURNED IN TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE LEGISLATION.
6. TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OR SCORE ABOVE SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) ON THE PARLIAMENTARIAN EXAM GIVEN BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

RULE 1.12 ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF

1. TO SERVE AS ASSISTANTS TO THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE.
2. TO FULFILL ANY ADDITIONAL ACTS REQUESTED BY THE SPEAKER ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE.

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, CURRENT STAFF AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF LSU A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHALL BE GRANDFATHERED FOR SUCH A TIME UNTIL A NEW SPEAKER ELECTION IS HELD.

PARAGRAPH 7: THIS LEGISLATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

APPROVED

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