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STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION**TO CREATE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON ONLINE VOTING.**

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE MOST OBVIOUS AND INSIDIOUS PROBLEM FACING STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT LSU IS ARGUABLY CHRONICALLY LOW VOTER TURNOUT, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, LOW VOTER TURNOUT INHERENTLY WEAKENS THE STRENGTH AND CREDIBILITY OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT, REDUCING OUR ABILITY TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACTIVELY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXPLORE ANY POSSIBLE SOLUTION OR ALIVATION TO THIS SYSTEMIC PROBLEM, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, DURING THE ONE-DAY ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD THIS FALL, SIXTY-THREE (63) STUDENTS CAST VOTES FOR THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION, WHILE ON THAT SAME ABSENTEE VOTING DAY, OVER TWO-THOUSAND (2,000) STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW THE PAWS LINK TO "SG ELECTIONS", AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, ONLINE VOTING MAY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT AND AWARENESS REGARDING STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, MANY LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT ONLINE VOTING REMAIN UNANSWERED,

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, THE TASK OF DRAFTING LEGISLATION TO RADICALLY AND FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR SG ELECTIONS IS DETAILED, TIME-CONSUMING, AND VITALLY IMPORTANT.

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON ONLINE VOTING BE CREATED WITH FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS (CHAIR – NON-VOTING)
2. ONE MEMBER OF THE ELECTION BOARD APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS
3. THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
4. ONE STUDENT APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT
5. THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

6. ONE STUDENT SENATOR APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER AND CONFIRMED BY A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE
7. THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMP OF THE SENATE
8. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
9. ONE MEMBER OF THE FRESHMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED BY FEC
10. ONE MEMBER OF LAST YEAR'S TALENTED TENTH PROJECT APPOINTED BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.
11. THE COMMISSION MAY ADD ANY OTHER FACULTY, STAFF, OR STUDENTS TO BECOME EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AT THE COMMISSION'S JUDGEMENT.
12. PROXIES ARE ALLOWED.

B. DUTIES

1. TO REACH A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE STUDENT SENATE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ONLINE VOTING FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT.
2. IF RECOMMENDING ONLINE VOTING STARTING FOR THE FALL OF 2003, TO DRAFT LEGISLATION MAKING IT A REALITY.

C. DURATION

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONCLUDE ITS BUSINESS AND MAKE ITS FORMAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE SENATE BY THE SENATE'S FIRST MEETING OF APRIL 2003.
2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROPOSE ANY LEGISLATION REGARDING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING.

PARAGRAPH 9: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

APPROVED

JAY BULLER- SPEAKER

DATE

DARRELL BROUSSARD- PRESIDENT

DATE