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F22RS SGB No. 13 (Vacancy Policy)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Sixth Student Senate



AT THE FALL REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

S.G.B. 13

ENROLLED
AUTHORED BY:
SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DEVAL

*A Bill to amend Title II of the Student
Government Code*

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Amend:

§ 202. Filling a vacancy

At any point after requirement for advertising the vacant seats has been met, the Speaker pro tempore shall notify all College Council members of any vacant seats in their Academic Area and provide those members with the applications received. College Council members and Senators belonging to an Academic Area in which there is a vacant seat must meet and appoint an applicant to fill the vacant seat by a simple majority vote.

§ 203. Vacant Seat Special Committee

In the event that the Speaker pro tempore receives no correspondence from College Council members after five class days from the email notifying them of the vacant seats, the Senate shall appoint an applicant to the seat themselves. This shall be done through the creation of a Special Committee for each Academic Area necessary appointed by the Speaker. This Committee shall be made up of all Senators from that Academic Area. The Committee shall meet and appoint an applicant to fill the vacant seat by a simple majority vote. In the event that there are two or less Senators representing an Academic Area for which a Special Committee is needed, the Speaker shall appoint an additional three Senators to serve on the Committee. Of
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these three additional appointments, none may concurrently be serving on the Senate Rules Committee.

§ 204. Referral to Rules Committee

The appointment selected by the senior college members, or the Special Committee shall be referred to the Senate Rules Committee for an interview. Following the interview, the Senate Rules Committee when standing must vote by majority present and voting to either refer the appointment to the Senate for approval or take no action. If no action is taken on the appointment, the appointment shall receive no further consideration by the Senate, and a new applicant shall be chosen through the same process outlined in the sections above.

To Read:

§ 202. Selecting Appointments to Fill Senate Vacancies

- 2 At any point after requirement for advertising the vacant
- 3 seats has been met, the Speaker pro tempore shall notify all
- 4 College Council members of any vacant seats in their
- 5 Academic Area and provide those members with the
- 6 applications received. Senators from the Academic Area
- 7 where the vacancy occurred will set a date, time, and location
- 8 to meet within ten class days of being notified of a vacancy.
- 9 The Speaker Pro Tempore will notify the College Council
- 10 Members in the Academic Area where the vacancy occurs of
- 11 the meeting. The voting quorum to fill a vacancy is 5 people.
- 12 Senators and College Council members from the academic
- 13 area where the vacancy occurs count towards the voting
- 14 quorum. If senators and college council members are unable
- 15 to constitute a voting quorum on their own, whether from
- 16 scheduling conflicts or multiple vacancies in an Academic
- 17 Area where the vacancy is occurring, senators from other
- 18 Academic Areas may count towards the voting quorum. The
- 19 voting body will select an appoint an applicant to fill a vacant
- 20 seat by a simply majority vote. The Speaker Pro Tempore
- 21 will then refer the appointment to the Rules committee.

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§ 205. Referral to the Senate

If an appointment passes through the Rules Committee, they will be referred to the Senate for approval. If the Senate passes the appointment, but not unanimously, the appointment will be referred to the College Council for approval after being referred to the Senate for approval.

§ 206. Referral to the College Council

If the appointment passes through the Senate without a unanimous vote, the Speaker Pro Tempore will refer the appointment to the College Council for approval. The College Council will then vote to approve the appointment. A 2/3 majority vote in favor of the appointment is required for the appointment to pass the College Council. The Chair of the meeting will then send the minutes and the vote count for the appointment to the Speaker Pro Tempore after the meeting.

22 WHEREAS, filling vacancies in a timely and efficient manner
23 will help the Senate achieve quorum in order to conduct
24 business at General Meetings; and

25 WHEREAS, this bill will nullify SGB 2; and

26 WHEREAS, this bill will add Section 205 and 206 into Title
27 II of the Student Government Code and renumber the other
28 Sections after Section 205 and 206 in the Code accordingly

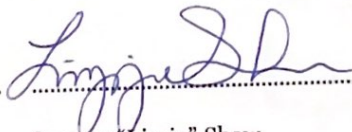
29 WHEREAS; filling vacancies in a timely and efficient manner
30 helps ensure that the Senate remains a large representative
31 body; and

32 THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
33 TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE
34 AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF
35 TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY
36 THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY
37 THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:



Samantha "Sam" Staggs
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
DATE: 10-31-22



Lauren "Lizzie" Shaw
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
DATE: 10-31-22