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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **F13RS**

5 **SGB No. 2**

6 **BY: SENATOR DEBLIEUX**

7 **A BILL**

8 **TO AMEND THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION**

9 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE TEMPORARY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
10 DOCUMENT REVISION COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN SPRING  
11 2013 TO IMPROVE ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF LSU  
12 STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AND;

13 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE TEMPORARY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
14 DOCUMENT REVISION COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED THE  
15 FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
16 CONSTITUTION, AND;

17 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE I SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS  
18 FOLLOWS

19 **ARTICLE I**  
20 **The Student Government**

21 **Section 1. Title**

22 The governmental organization of the students of this institution shall be known as the  
23 Student Government of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical  
24 College (LSU) at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

25 **Section 2. Student Representation**

26 Any and all students, as defined by the regulations of Louisiana State University, shall be  
27 defined as members of the Student Body. These students are entitled to representation  
28 through the Student Government.

29 **Section 3. Purpose**

30 The purposes of the Student Government shall be:

- 31 A. To represent the concerns and interests of Louisiana State University students;
- 32 B. To serve as the official advisory body of the students to the university  
33 administration, faculty, staff, the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Louisiana Board  
34 of Regents, the Louisiana State Legislature, the federal government and the  
35 general public;
- 36 C. To empower the student body by providing a medium through which students  
37 may actively engage in issues impacting the Louisiana State University  
38 community;
- 39 D. To provide programs for the betterment and enrichment of the University;
- 40 E. To preserve and advance the academic and collegiate experience of the student  
41 body;
- 42 F. To contribute to a culture of tradition and pride in Louisiana State University.

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#### Section 4. Governing Structure

- A. The governing structure of the Student Government shall consist of the following three (3) branches: Executive, Legislative and Judicial;
- B. No Executive Branch member or Judicial Branch member shall be permitted to serve as a member of the Legislative Branch. No Executive Branch member, paid appointed officer, or member of the Legislative Branch shall be permitted to serve on the University Court.

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE II SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

## ARTICLE II The Executive Branch

#### Section 1. Executive Power

The executive power of the Student Government shall be vested in the Student Body President and Vice President.

#### Section 2. Executive Officers

Executive Officers shall include the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, all members appointed to the Executive Staff, as well as all College Council Executive Officers, as prescribed later in this Article.

#### Section 3. Student Body President

The Student Body President shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- A. Serve as the chief executive officer of the Student Government;
- B. Act as the chief spokesperson of the Student Body;
- C. Call special meetings of the Student Senate, the President's Cabinet, and the Student Body;
- D. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees appointed by him/her;
- E. Execute all enacted legislation of the Student Senate, report the status of all enacted legislation, and address the Student Senate on a regular basis for the purpose of answering questions and for clarification;
- F. Serve on and/or nominate and/or appoint representatives of the Student Body to university committees affecting the activities and lives of the students, with such service and/or nominations and/or appointments made upon the request of the proper university officials;
- G. Appoint each student member of the Judicial Branch designated as a Presidential appointee with a two-thirds (2/3) approval by the Student Senate;
- H. To immediately fill any vacancy on the University Court incurred by the graduation, impeachment, resignation, or expulsion of an appointed University Court Justice with a two-thirds (2/3) approval by the Student Senate. This appointee shall serve out the remainder of the term of the vacated position;
- I. Sign or veto all legislation passed by the Student Senate, provided that such power is exercised within four (4) class days after passage of the legislation in question. If the legislation is not signed or vetoed within this period of time, it shall be considered enacted;
- J. Submit the Executive Branch Charter to the Student Senate outlining the organization of the Executive Branch, including any officers and their duties, as provided in the Bylaws;
- K. Serve as the Student Body's representative on the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents.

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#### Section 4. Student Body Vice President

The Student Body Vice President shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- A. Serve as President in the absence or incapacity of the President;
- B. Serve as a member of the President's Cabinet;
- C. Serve as the chair of the College Council Presidents' Commission;
- D. Assist the President in such executive matters as the President sees fit.

#### Section 5. Executive Staff

The President shall create an Executive Staff as defined by an Executive Charter.

#### Section 6. President's Cabinet

In accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws, there shall be a President's Cabinet to act in an advisory capacity on all matters affecting student welfare.

#### Section 7. President and Vice President Elections

The President and Vice President shall be elected in the Spring semester for a term of one (1) year with a two (2) term maximum. Candidates for these offices shall not be voted on separately.

#### Section 8. College Councils

- A. Every Academic Unit or Division listed in the Student Government Bylaws shall have a College Council, which shall serve to represent the interests of LSU students on the College level. For the purposes of this Constitution, any Academic Units or Divisions represented shall hereafter be referred to as Academic Areas;
- B. The Executive Officers of College Councils shall include a President, Vice President and three (3) members at-large;
- C. Composition
  - 1. Each College Council shall consist of the Executive Officers, who shall be elected in the Spring semester for a one (1) year term.

#### Section 9. Election Board

- A. The Election Board shall be an entity of the Executive Branch and shall report solely to the Student Government Advisor.

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE III SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

## ARTICLE III The Legislative Branch

#### Section 1. Legislative Power

All legislative powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the LSU Student Senate.

#### Section 2. Abilities By Type of Vote

- 171 The Student Senate, commensurate with the subsequent provisions of the Constitution  
172 and Bylaws, shall have the power to act as follows:
- 173 A. By a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senators present and voting at any duly  
174 constituted Student Senate meeting, the Student Senate may;
    - 175 1. Amend the Rules of Court by its own initiation;
    - 176 2. Amend the College Council Constitution by its own initiation;
  - 177 B. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present and voting at any duly  
178 constituted Student Senate meeting, the Student Senate may:
    - 179 1. Approve Judicial Branch appointments;
    - 180 2. Suspend the Student Senate Rules of Order;
    - 181 3. Override any Presidential veto;
    - 182 4. Remove the Speaker of the Student Senate;
    - 183 5. Impeach any officer of the Student Government;
    - 184 6. Amend the Student Senate Rules of Order, the Bylaws, and the Election  
185 Code;
    - 186 7. Approve an amendment to the Rules of Court following the  
187 recommendation of a simple majority (1/2) vote of the University Court;
    - 188 8. Approve an amendment to the College Council Constitution following the  
189 recommendation of a simple majority (1/2) vote of the College Council  
190 Presidents' Commission;
    - 191 9. Approve the Student Government Budget and make appropriations.
  - 192 C. By a simple majority (1/2) vote of the Senators present and voting at any duly  
193 constituted Student Senate meeting, the Student Senate may:
    - 194 1. Recommend action and express opinion on behalf of the Student Body in  
195 all areas of student life;
    - 196 2. Approve any appointments, other than to the Judicial Branch, by the  
197 President  
198 and/or Speaker requiring Senate approval under this Constitution and  
199 Bylaws;
    - 200 3. Create any temporary Student Senate committee and approve any  
201 appointments made thereto.

### 202 203 204 Section 3. Student Senate Meetings and Composition

- 205 A. Student Senate meetings shall be held as specified in the Bylaws.
- 206 B. The Student Senate shall be composed of students representing any Academic  
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### 209 210 Section 4. Parliamentary Procedure

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212 The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the  
213 procedure of the meetings of the Student Senate, except as otherwise provided for in this  
214 Constitution, the Bylaws, or the Louisiana State University Student Government Rules of  
215 Order.

### 216 217 Section 5. Student Senate Apportionment

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219 Apportionment of the Student Senate shall be as follows:

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222 A. By the twentieth (20th) class day of each Fall semester, the number of Student  
223 Senators from each Academic Area shall be adjusted so that there is one (1)  
224 Senator for each five-hundred (500) students, rounding up to the nearest five  
225 hundred, regardless of enrollment numbers;
- 226 B. In the case that an Academic Area has fewer than five hundred (500) students,  
227 there shall be two (2) senators;
- 228 C. Apportionment shall be based on the official university full-time and part-time  
229 enrollment figures for that particular Fall semester. This apportionment shall be  
230 performed by the Speaker of the Student Senate, and must be approved by a

- 231 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. This apportionment shall become  
232 effective upon the call to order of the Student Senate Fall Organizational  
233 Session;  
234 D. Reapportionment or the discontinuation of any Academic Area shall not affect  
235 the term of office of any duly elected and installed member of the Student  
236 Senate;  
237 E. Half of the total number of Senators from each Academic Area will be elected in  
238 the Fall semester and half will be elected in the Spring semester, for a term of  
239 one (1) year. In the event of an odd number of Senators, there shall be one (1)  
240 more seat available in the Spring election than in the Fall election.

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## 242 Section 6. Student Senate Vacancies

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244 Student Senate vacancies shall be appointed by the College Councils within  
245 the respective Academic Areas as detailed in the LSU Student Government  
246 Bylaws.

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## 248 Section 7. Speaker of the Student Senate

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- 250 A. The Student Senate shall be presided over by a Speaker of the Student Senate,  
251 who shall be elected by a simple majority (1/2) vote of the members of the  
252 Student Senate present and voting. Such election shall be by silent ballot;  
253 B. The election of the Speaker shall be the next order of business following the  
254 installation of the Student Body President at the Student Senate Spring  
255 Organizational Session;  
256 C. The Speaker's term of office shall run concurrently with that of the Student Body  
257 President;  
258 D. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall have the following powers and  
259 responsibilities:  
260 1. To preside over meetings of the Student Senate;  
261 2. To appoint and/or remove the membership and chairmen of all Student  
262 Senate Standing Committees with approval of the Student Senate;  
263 3. To serve as a member of the President's Cabinet;  
264 4. To serve as President in the event of the incapacity of both the President  
265 and the Vice President;  
266 5. To certify and present all Legislation passed by the Student Senate to  
267 the President within two (2) class days of passage;  
268 6. All other duties as stipulated in the Student Government Bylaws and the  
269 Student Senate Rules of Order.

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## 271 Section 8. The Speaker pro tempore of the Student Senate

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- 273 A. The Speaker pro tempore shall have the following powers and responsibilities:  
274 1. Serve as Speaker in the absence or incapacity of the Speaker;  
275 2. Assist the Speaker in such legislative matters as the Speaker sees fit;  
276 3. Serve in any and all capacities as deemed appropriated by the Bylaws.

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## 278 Section 9. One Vote Per Senator

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- 280 A. Only members of the Student Senate as defined in this Article may vote; each  
281 Senator may cast one (1) and only one (1) vote on any matter under  
282 consideration by the Senate;  
283 B. Under no circumstances may a Senator cast a vote on behalf of another Senator  
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286 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE IV SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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## Article IV The Judicial Branch

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### Section 1. Judicial Power

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The judicial power of the Student Government shall be vested in the University Court.

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### Section 2. Judicial Officers

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Members of the Judicial Branch shall include the Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice, all Associate Justices, and any Judicial appointments.

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### Section 3. University Court

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- A. The University Court shall be composed of nine (9) Justices, as well as the LSU Dean of Students or his/her designee, who shall be non-voting. The Justices shall be selected as follows:
1. One (1) Justice appointed by the Student Body President for a one (1) year term with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Senate present and voting in the Spring Organizational Session;
  2. Four (4) Justices appointed by the Student Body President for two (2) year terms with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Senate present and voting in the Spring Organizational Session;
- B. The University Court and its offices shall be the only entity of the Judicial Branch.

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### Section 4. Powers of the University Court

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The University Court shall have the following powers:

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- A. To hear all cases and controversies arising under the Student Government Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Order, and to issue judgments upon such cases and controversies. The Court shall have complete and exclusive authority to interpret and to give meaning to any Constitutional provision, Bylaw, Rule of Order, or legislative instrument;
- B. To hear and issue judgments upon all appeals, cases and controversies arising under the Student Government Election Code and elections held by the Election Board;
- C. To issue injunctions and to compel any member of the Student Government to appear before it in any case or controversy arising under this section.
- D. To elect a Chief Justice by a simple majority (1/2) vote;
- E. To recommend by a simple majority (1/2) vote to the Student Senate such changes to the Rules of Court as it deems necessary. The Senate may approve such changes by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at a duly convened meeting. The Student Senate may propose and enact such changes without recommendation from the University Court with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those present and voting;
- F. To hear and to rule upon all case referred to it by the Vice Chancellor for Student Life or the Dean of Students.

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### Section 5. Jurisdiction

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The jurisdiction of the University Court shall be as follows:

344 In cases arising under Section 4 of this Article, the University Court shall have original  
345 and exclusive jurisdiction. Judgments issuing from the University Court in this capacity  
346 shall be final, but subject to review by the Dean of Students only if the judgment includes  
347 a violation of university regulation excluding Student Government governing documents.  
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350 **Section 6. Administration**

- 351 A. University Court shall be administered in accordance with the procedures  
352 outlined in the Rules of Court;  
353 B. Judgments of the University Court shall be expressed in writing and filed in the  
354 records of the Court;  
355 C. Final judgments shall be sent to the Executive Branch for appropriate action.  
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358 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE V SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
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360 **ARTICLE V**  
361 **Elections**

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363 **Section 1. Voter Eligibility**

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365 Students who are registered for at least part-time enrollment status at the time of the  
366 election shall be eligible to vote in all elections provided for in this Constitution except  
367 those referenda concerning fees that do not affect them.  
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369 **Section 2. Candidate Eligibility**

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371 In order to be eligible for election or appointment to any office under this Constitution, a  
372 student must meet all University-mandated requirements of officers of recognized  
373 campus organizations. Any exception to this Section must be expressly provided for  
374 elsewhere in this Constitution.  
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376 **Section 3. Elected Officers**

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378 All officers elected under this Constitution must receive a majority of votes cast in the  
379 election, unless as otherwise provided as a special case in the Student Government  
380 Election Code.  
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382 **Section 4. Election Board Composition**

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384 The Election Board shall report to the Student Government Advisor and shall be  
385 composed of the following:  
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- 387 A. The Commissioner of Elections, who is a student appointed by the  
388 Student Body President through the Executive Charter and approved by  
389 the Senate, who shall serve as the chairman;  
390 B. At least seven (7) student members appointed by the Student Body  
391 President and approved by the Senate. Appointments shall be made in  
392 accordance with the Student Government Election Code.  
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394 **Section 5. Election Board Personnel Restrictions**

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396 No person who is member of the Election Board may be a candidate in any campus-wide  
397 election or hold any other office under the authority of this Constitution or the Bylaws  
398 while that person serves on the Board.  
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400 **Section 6. Election Board Powers**



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The Powers of the Election Board shall include, but not be limited to:

1. To conduct, or delegate authority to conduct, all elections of the Student Government;
2. To disqualify any candidate(s) found in violation of the Student Government Election Code by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, subject to appeal to the University Court;
3. To conduct all other duties defined in the Student Government Election Code.

## Section 7. Election Dates

Two (2) campus-wide elections shall be held each year, one (1) in the Fall semester and one (1) in the Spring semester on dates as provided for in the Student Government Election Code.

**PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

# ARTICLE VI Terms of Office

## Section 1. Assumption of Duties

All officers under this Constitution shall assume their duties upon validation of their election, appointment, or succession to office and after they are duly installed as defined in the Bylaws.

## Section 2. Procedures for Termination

The term of office of any officer provided for in this Constitution may be terminated by means of either of the following procedures:

- A. Impeachment
  1. By filing of formal impeachment charges at a regular meeting of the Student Senate twenty percent (20%) of the standing Student Senate with a minimum of ten (10) Senators;
  2. By a formal hearing at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting, to be presided over by the Chief Justice of the University Court (or by the Vice President in case that the Chief Justice is the officer under impeachment); and
  3. By an affirmative vote for conviction at that Student Senate meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present and voting by silent ballot; or
- B. Recall
  1. By submission of a petition to the Election Board signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the electorate of the office concerned; and
  2. By the Election Board setting provisions for a recall election within ten (10) class days after the petition is submitted; and
  3. By a majority of those voting in the recall election expressing their desire to recall the incumbent.

## Section 3. Other Reasons for Termination

The term of office of any person elected or appointed under this Constitution and Bylaws shall be terminated upon occurrence of any of the following conditions:

- 458 A. Upon the installation of his/her duly chosen successor;  
459 B. For a member of the Senate whose position has been discontinued, upon the  
460 expiration of his/her normal term (i.e. upon the installation meeting held two (2)  
461 campus-wide elections after his/her position is normally elected, if the seat in  
462 question is a full seat);  
463 C. Upon the acceptance of his/her resignation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the  
464 Student Senate present and voting;  
465 D. Upon his/her incapacity to continue in office, to be determined by a two-thirds  
466 (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present and voting;  
467 E. In addition, for the Student Body President or Vice President, upon acceptance  
468 of any paid employment:  
469 1. Outside the University during the Fall or Spring semesters; or  
470 2. Outside the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area during any other time.  
471 F. For Senate members, upon failure to continue to be enrolled in the Academic  
472 Area represented, with the exception of UCAC and UCFY senators, who may  
473 enroll in a different Academic Area one (1) or two (2) semesters after their  
474 election. For all other senators who switch Academic Areas, their current term  
475 representing the senior college they switched from will be terminated upon the  
476 end of that legislative session;  
477 G. For College Council members, upon failure to regain active status within four (4)  
478 legislative weeks of receiving notification of inactive status;  
479 H. Upon failure to meet the University-mandated requirements for officers of  
480 registered student organizations;  
481 I. For Senate members, upon failure to meet the attendance requirements specified  
482 in the Bylaws;  
483 J. No candidate may resign from a position and remain eligible to be appointed to  
484 the same position in the same semester.  
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487 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
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## 489 ARTICLE VII 490 Operational Funds

### 491 Section 1. Origin of Funds

492 Operational funds for the Student Government shall come from a per capita assessment  
493 of the Student Body. The amount of this per capita assessment shall be in accordance  
494 with the official University Student Fee Schedule.  
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### 498 Section 2. Activity of Funds

499 Operational funds for the Student Government shall be deposited by the University in a  
500 Restricted Fund Account by the Office of the Bursar. These funds may not be expended  
501 in a fiscal year until the Student Government Budget for that fiscal year has been  
502 adopted.  
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### 505 Section 3. Responsibility of Funds

506 The President shall be responsible for all operational funds of the Student Government,  
507 shall ensure that all expenditures are in accordance with the provision of the Student  
508 Government Budget and the Bylaws to this Constitution.  
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### 511 Section 4. Student Government Salaries

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513 No student fees shall be used to pay the salary of any student member of Student  
514 Government, except those expressly restricted in any way by the Student Government  
515 Constitution from holding another job.  
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517 **PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VIII SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
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## 519 ARTICLE VIII

### 520 Auxiliary Documents

#### 521 Section 1. Bylaws and Rules of Order

522 There shall be a set of Bylaws to this Constitution as well as Louisiana State University  
523 Student Government Rules of Order, either of which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote  
524 by the members of the Student Senate present and voting for the amendment.  
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#### 526 Section 2. Rules of Court

527 The Rules of Court shall further specify the procedures and rules of order of the  
528 University Court. The Rules of Court may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the  
529 Student Senate present and voting upon the recommendation of the amendment by a  
530 simple majority (1/2) vote of the University Court. The Student Senate may amend the  
531 Rules of Court by a three-fourths (3/4) vote by its own initiation.  
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#### 533 Section 3. The College Council Constitution

534 The College Council Constitution specifies the procedures of the College Councils of the  
535 University Academic Areas. The College Council Constitution may be amended by a two-  
536 thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present and voting upon the recommendation of  
537 the amendment by a simple majority (1/2) vote of the College Council Presidents  
538 Commission. The Student Senate may amend the College Council constitution by a  
539 three-fourths (3/4) vote by its own initiation. Notice of any proposed amendment must be  
540 given five (5) class days prior.  
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#### 542 Section 4. Election Code

543 The Student Government Election Code shall specify the procedures for holding Student  
544 Government elections, as well as the powers and duties of the Election Board. The  
545 Election Code may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present  
546 and voting; however, such amendment will not go into effect until one (1) semester  
547 following passage, not including the Summer Semester.  
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#### 549 Section 5. Conflicting Documents

- 550 A. No measure may be enacted which would be in conflict with any provisions of  
551 this Constitution;  
552 B. No provision may be enacted in any Auxiliary Document which would be in  
553 conflict with any provisions of any other Auxiliary Document.  
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555 **PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE IX SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
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## 557 ARTICLE IX

### 558 Amendments

#### 559 Section 1. Proposition by Student Senate

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Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Student Senate;

- A. Following a period of at least five (5) class days from the date of proposal, amendments may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate present and voting;
- B. Any amendments must further be ratified by a majority of the students voting in any campus-wide election of the Student Government.

Section 2. Proposition by Student Body

The privilege of initiative is hereby secured to the Student Body. If a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the Student Body requesting an election for consideration of a constitutional amendment be presented to the President, an election for the consideration of such an amendment must be held between ten (10) and fifteen (15) class days following the presentation of the petition to the President.

**PARAGRAPH 12:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE X SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

## ARTICLE X Self-Assessed Student Fees

Section 1. Approval by Student Body

Any proposal to levy, amend, repeal, or otherwise regulate any student self-assessment which affects the entire Student Body must be approved by a majority of the members of the Student Body voting in the Fall or Spring Primary Election.

Section 2. Procedure to Place Assessment of Ballot

Any such proposal may be sent to the Student Body only in either of the following ways:

- A. By approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting of the Student Senate at least five (5) class days after introduction; or
- B. By petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Student Body presented to the President;
- C. Any such proposal must comply with Louisiana State University System Permanent Memorandum Twenty-Nine (29).

**PARAGRAPH 13:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE XI SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

## ARTICLE XI Area of Application

Section 1. The Student Government

This Constitution and Bylaws, official actions, and rules derived there from, shall be the supreme source of student authority and responsibility of the Student Government of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge,

628 Louisiana. However, nothing herein shall be construed to deny or disparage fundamental  
629 rights retained by the students.

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631 Section 2. University Rules and Regulations

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633 Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to supersede the power and authority of the  
634 official rules and regulations of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors of the  
635 Louisiana State University System, the Louisiana Board of Regents, the laws of the State  
636 of Louisiana, and the laws of the United States.

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638 **PARAGRAPH 14:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE XII SHALL AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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## Article XII Ratification

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643 Section 1. Majority Approval

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645 This Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Order, Election Code, the College Council  
646 Constitution and Rules of Court shall be ratified upon the President's receipt of at least  
647 ten percent (10%) of the Student Body requesting consideration of the new constitution  
648 and further after majority approval of the students voting in the election for its ratification;

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650 Section 2. Date of Effect

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652 A. The provisions of this Constitution and the auxiliary documents listed in Section 1  
653 of this Article shall go into effect immediately upon ratification, with the exception  
654 that all current officers of the Student Government shall be allowed to serve out  
655 their regular terms;

656 B. All previous Constitutions, Bylaws, and related rules shall then be null and void.

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659 **PARAGRAPH 15:** WHEREAS, UPON PASSAGE OF THIS BILL, THESE AMENDMENTS  
660 WILL REQUIRE FURTHER APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF THE  
661 STUDENTS VOTING IN THE UPCOMING FALL **2013** ELECTION, AND;

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663 **PARAGRAPH 16:** WHEREAS, AFTER SAID APPROVAL BY THE STUDENT BODY IN THE  
664 FALL **2013** ELECTION, THESE AMENDMENTS WILL BE  
665 IMMEDIATELY RATIFIED.

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667 **PARAGRAPH 17:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA  
668 STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND  
669 MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THESE  
670 AMENDMENTS TO THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
671 CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED PENDING APPROVAL OF THE  
672 STUDENT BODY.

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674 **PARAGRAPH 18:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS  
675 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY  
676 THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
677 ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
678 APPROVED BY THE SENATE, FOLLOWED BY RATIFICATION BY A  
679 MAJORITY OF STUDENTS VOTING IN ANY CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTION  
680 OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

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**JOHN WOODARD**  
**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_