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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **F13RS**

5 **SGB No. 4**

6 **BY: SENATOR BAUMGARDNER**

7 **A BILL**

8 **TO AMEND THE COLLEGE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION**

9 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE TEMPORARY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
10 GOVERNING DOCUMENT REVISION COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED
11 THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE COLLEGE COUNCILS
12 CONSTITUTION, AND;

13 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS COMMISSION
14 HAS RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS, AND;

15 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE COLLEGE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION SHALL READ
16 AS FOLLOWS:

17 *College Councils Constitution*
18 *Revised: May 2013*

19 *Preamble*

20 *We the College Councils of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and*
21 *Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in order to provide an officially*
22 *recognized student organization to identify and represent student interests in the*
23 *individual colleges; to enhance the quality of education; to provide a forum for*
24 *discussion among the students and faculty; to help promote Student Government*
25 *activities and events; and to provide opportunities for interaction between students*
26 *and the community do hereby adopt and establish this constitution of the LSU*
27 *Student Government College Councils.*

28 **Article I – Name**

29 The name of these organizations will be Student Government College Councils at
30 Louisiana State University. The College Councils shall be composed of the following
31 Academic Units and/or Divisions: College of Agriculture, College of Art and Design,
32 College of Business, School of Coast and Environment, College of Engineering,
33 Graduate School, College of Human Sciences and Education, College of Humanities
34 and Social Sciences, School of Mass Communication, College of Music and
35 Dramatic Arts, College of Science, University College Center for Advising and
36 Counseling, University College Center for Freshman Year, and School of Veterinary
37 Medicine.

38 **Article II – Purpose**

39 The purpose of the College Councils is two-fold. First, they shall serve to unify the
40 students, faculty, and staff of each College, and facilitate events for college
41 cohesion. Second, by serving on committees as assigned by the Deans of the
42 respective Academic Areas and serving in the roles to which they were elected, the
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56 College Councils will serve as liaisons among the faculty, and students, and Student
57 Government representatives.

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60 Article III – Membership
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63 SECTION 1. Active membership to each Council includes but is not limited to the
64 Student Government elected student officers of each College Council, including the
65 President, Vice President, and At-Large Members; the Student Government
66 Senators of each College; and any additional officers as the College Council bylaws
67 dictate.

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69 SECTION 2. Members, with the exception of Senators, may be removed from the
70 College Council if they do not comply with Student Government regulations,
71 including those described in each Council's bylaws, or miss a total of three meetings
72 in one semester.

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74 SECTION 3. The College Councils shall assess no dues to any of its membership.
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77 Article IV – Officers and their Election
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80 SECTION 1. The duties of the officers mentioned in Article III Section 1 are as
81 follows:

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83 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council; shall
84 perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the Constitution or are assigned
85 by the membership of the Council; and shall coordinate the work of the officers of the
86 Council and of any special or standing committees formed, by the Council. The
87 President shall serve as a voting member of the Council.

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89 2. The Vice President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform
90 the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. The
91 Vice President will also be responsible for the coordination of any special or standing
92 committees and shall oversee the reports of the Chairs in the inability of the Chair to
93 attend a meeting. The Vice President shall also perform other duties as may be
94 incumbent upon the office or as assigned by the President of the College Council.
95 The Vice President shall serve as a voting member of the Council.

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97 3. The three (3) At-Large members shall perform any duties as the
98 incumbent upon the office or assigned by the President of the College Council and
99 shall be voting members of the Council.

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101 4. The Senators shall act as liaisons between the College Council and
102 the LSU Student Senate; shall consult with the College Council on current legislation
103 and other legislative matters. Senators shall serve as voting members of the Council.
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105 5. The faculty, staff, or administrative advisor appointed by the Dean of
106 each Academic Area shall serve as a resource for the College Council. The advisor,
107 or his/her designee, should attend regular College Council meetings and other
108 Council events as necessary. The advisor shall serve as an ex- officio member of

109 the Council.

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111 6. Any additional officer/member shall be charged with duties as seen fit
112 by the President or as afforded in the Council's bylaws.

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114 SECTION 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot; annually during the Student
115 Government elections. Officers shall assume their official duties upon election and
116 shall serve for a term of one year. Previous officers will serve the rest of the
117 semester in which elections took place to assist with transitioning and finish
118 outstanding programming.

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120 SECTION 3. Should the office of President of a College Council become vacant, the
121 Vice President of that College Council shall succeed to the office. If the office of Vice
122 President, Member-at-Large of a College Council should become vacant, the
123 College Council President shall appoint a person from the Academic Area to fill the
124 vacancy, based on a majority vote of the existing College Council. If a Senate seat
125 becomes vacant, the College Council of that Academic Area shall appoint a student
126 from that Academic Area to fill the as detailed in the Student Government Bylaws. If
127 the offices of the President and Vice President of a College Council become vacant
128 simultaneously, the remaining members within the respective College Council will
129 elect a new President and Vice President amongst themselves. Any remaining
130 positions will be filled through the application process from their respective Academic
131 Area. If there are no remaining members within a College Council, then the Election
132 Board shall conduct an election to fill the vacancies.

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134 SECTION 4. Any officer of a College Council in violation of the Council's Purpose or
135 Constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

136 1. A written request by at least three members of the College Council or as
137 otherwise stated in the Council's Bylaws and,

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139 2. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be
140 present at the next meeting and prepared to speak and,

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142 3. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of active members or of members in good
143 standing is necessary to remove the officer or,

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145 4. Being absent from or a total of three meetings in one semester.

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Article V – Standing and Special Committees

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150 SECTION 1. Standing committees may be created by the College Councils as
151 required to promote the purposes and interest of the Councils. The Chair of each of
152 the standing committees shall be appointed by the President of the Council and
153 approved by a majority vote of the Council. The term of office for the Chair shall be a
154 term set by the College Council President.

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156 SECTION 2. The Chair of each committee shall present plans of work to the Council;
157 however, no work shall be undertaken without the approval of a majority vote of the
158 Council. Any vacancies occurring in the Chairmanship of a committee shall be filled
159 by another member of the Council.

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161 SECTION 3. The President of the Council shall be an ex-officio member of all
162 committees.

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164 Article VI – Meetings

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166 SECTION. 1. Fifty (50) percent of the active members, as stated in Article III, Section
167 1, present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of
168 the College Council.

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170 SECTION 4. 2. The Presidents of each established College Council of LSU shall
171 have at least one (1) meeting each month of the academic year in order to discuss
172 and propose ideas and initiatives and to facilitate communication among each of the
173 Academic Areas, except during the Summer Semester.

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175 Article VII– Amendment Process

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177 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the Student Senate by a
178 simple (1/2) majority vote of the College Council Presidents Commission. The
179 Student Senate may then approve said amendment by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
180 senators present and voting. The Student Senate may also amend this Constitution
181 by its own initiation by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of senators present and voting.

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183 Article VIII– Registration Renewal

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185 The newly elected College Councils will apply to the Campus Life for registration or
186 the appropriate administrative office on an annual basis.

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188 Article IX – Bylaws

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190 SECTION 1. The College Councils shall be empowered to establish and maintain
191 Bylaws for the proper operation and execution of its duties. The Bylaws may include:

- 192 1. General policy for the operation of the College Council.
193 2. Provisions for the appointment of additional non-elected
194 officers/representatives as are deemed in the best interest of the College Council.
195 3. The exercise of all powers not herein specifically assigned, subject to
196 approval from the appropriate administrative authority of the University.
197 4. Provisions for meeting regulations (minimum frequency), rules of order,
198 summer operations, et cetera.
199 5. Codified resolutions of affiliation and similar matters.

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201 SECTION 2. The Bylaws shall contain any and all regulations or criteria concerning
202 Organization Representatives not previously addressed in this Constitution.

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204 SECTION 3. The Bylaws of each College Council shall be approved by a two-thirds
205 (2/3) vote of its membership.

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207 SECTION 4. No amendment or article of a new Bylaw may overturn, supersede, or
208 undermine any part or section of this Constitution, the Student Government
209 Constitution, or the Student Government Bylaws.

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211 SECTION 5. Each College Council shall be required to submit an updated copy of its
212 Bylaws to the Student Senate and to Campus Life or any other appropriate
213 administrative office.

214 1. Bylaws should be reviewed for update at the end of each term.

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Article X – Ratification

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218 SECTION 1. This Constitution shall be ratified by the methods stated in the previous
219 College Council Constitutions. If no Constitution is available, two-thirds (2/3) vote of
220 the College Council shall be sufficient to ratify this Constitution.

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222 SECTION 2. The provisions of this Constitution shall go into effect immediately upon
223 ratification, with the exception that all current officers of the Student Government
224 shall be allowed to serve out their regular terms; all previous College Council
225 Constitutions, Bylaws, and related rules pertaining to the governance of the College
226 Councils of Louisiana State University shall then be null and void.

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231 **PARAGRAPH 4:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA
232 STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND
233 MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THESE
234 AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLEGE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION BE
235 ADOPTED, AND;

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237 **PARAGRAPH 5:** THIS BILL SHALL BE ENROLLED UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS
238 (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY
239 THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL
240 ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY
241 APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

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243 **PARAGRAPH 6:** FURTHERMORE, THESE AMENDMENTS SHALL TAKE EFFECT
244 IMMEDIATELY UPON ENROLLMENT OF THIS BILL.

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265 **ALEX GRASHOFF**
266 **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

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267 **DATE:** _____

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264 **JOHN S. WOODARD**
265 **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

267 **DATE:** _____