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## STUDENT SENATE

F12RS

SGB No. 1

BY: SPEAKER WESTBROOK

**A BILL****TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS**

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THERE IS INFORMATION IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS THAT NEEDS TO BE UPDATED WITH OUR EVOLVING IDEAS AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE III SECTION 3, LETTER A OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 3. Composition of the Student Senate**

- A. The Student Senate shall be composed of students representing the following Academic Units and/or Divisions:
1. College of Agriculture
  2. College of Art & Design
  3. College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  4. College of Science
  5. E.J. Ourso College of Business
  6. School of the Coast and Environment
  7. College of **Human Sciences and** Education
  8. College of Engineering
  9. Graduate School
  10. Manship School of Mass Communication
  11. College of Music and Dramatic Arts
  12. University College Center for Advising and Counseling
  13. University College Center for Freshman Year
  14. School of Veterinary Medicine

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THERE SHALL BE A NEW SECTION 2 IN ARTICLE III, READING AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 2. Student Senate Committee Reports to the Executive Branch**

All Student Senate Committee Chairs, or his or her designee, shall orally report to the Executive Branch on their activities at least three (3) times per semester.

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII SECTION 3 SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 3. College Council Funding in the Student Government Budget**

Funds shall be appropriated in the Student Government Budget to fund the College Councils as follows:

- A. College Councils shall be appropriated an amount not less than five percent (5%) but not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the money paid by all students to the self-assessed

fee for Student Government operational funds. These funds shall be disbursed in the following manner:

1. Sixty-five percent (65%) of the total money shall be disbursed to each College Council based on the amount of students enrolled in the Academic Area.
  2. Thirty-five percent (35%) of the total money shall be disbursed equally among each Academic Area.
- B. The amount in paragraph A shall be determined from the same source as used in calculating revenues for the Student Government Budget.
  - C. Amounts appropriated to the College Councils shall be appropriated as separate line items by Academic Area.
  - D. The Student Government chief financial officer shall notify the College Council Presidents of the amounts of money designated for that Academic Area by the end of each Spring semester.
  - E. Amounts not expended by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) will automatically carry over to the next fiscal year's College Council Surplus Account budget.
  - F. College Councils shall file a projected, itemized expense report within five (5) class days of receiving the College Council budgets to the Director of College Council Affairs.

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII SECTION 7 SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 7. Appropriations of Funds**

- A. Student Government funding shall be submitted on the provided Student Government funding application.
  1. All student senate funding request forms must be signed by the Student Government Coordinator and the Executive Director of Finance.
- B. Each group appropriated funds by the Student Government shall present a written or oral report to the Student Senate. The written or oral report shall be given no more than two (2) Student Senate meetings after the event for which the funds were appropriated. The reports shall include the following:
  1. Attendance at the event
  2. Success of the event
  3. Final expense statement
  4. Problems encountered
  5. Future plans of the organization
  6. Method of notification of Student Government sponsorship
- C. **Each group appropriated funds by the Student Government must give all receipts for the event to the Student Government Coordinator for reimbursement within thirty (30) days of the event and before the end of the fiscal year. (June 30<sup>th</sup>).**
- D. **Each group must be informed of the Student Government funding procedures by the author of the finance legislation upon appropriation of funds.**
- E. Any failure to comply with paragraph B or C of this Section will automatically result in that group being ineligible to receive Student Government funds for one (1) year from the date of the event.

**PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VIII LETTER A SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Student Government Surplus
  1. This account may only be used for one-time expenditures of Student Government.
  2. Funds may be requested by members of Student Government via a Bill introduced in and approved by the Senate and approved by the Student Body President, Dean of Students, and Vice-Chancellor of

Student Life through a memorandum disseminated by the Student Body President.

3. All remaining funds in Student Government Operating Accounts, with the exception of the College Councils Surplus Account, at the end of each fiscal year are transferred to the Student Government Surplus Account and.

**PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, ARTICLE VIII, LETTER C, NUMBER 7 SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

7. College Council
  - a. This is the parent account of all College Council Funding at the beginning of each year.
  - b. Revenues in this account will automatically be distributed to College Councils, as enumerated in the budget bill.

**PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, ALL SUBSEQUENT RULES SHALL BE RELETTERED OR RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

**PARAGRAPH 9:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS ARE TO BE AMENDED, AND

**PARAGRAPH 10:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS ( $2/3$ ) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

**Approved:**

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**Meredith Westbrook**  
Speaker of the Senate

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**R. Taylor Cox**  
Student Body President

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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