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STUDENT SENATE

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SGB No. 6

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, UPDATES NEED TO BE MADE TO THE COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION TO STATE THE CURRENT NEEDS OF ALL COLLEGE COUNCILS; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

College Councils Constitution

Preamble

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

Article I – Name

The name of these organizations will be Student Government College Councils at Louisiana State University. The College Councils shall be composed of the following Academic Units and/or Divisions: Agriculture, ~~Arts and Sciences~~ **Humanities and Social Sciences**, ~~Basic Sciences~~ **Science**, Business Administration, **Coast and Environment**, **Art and Design**, Education, Engineering, Graduate School, Mass Communication, Music and Dramatic Arts, University College Center for Advising and Counseling, University College Center for Freshman Year, and Veterinary Medicine.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the College Councils is two-fold. First, they shall serve to unify the students, faculty, and staff of each College, **and facilitate events for college cohesion**. Second, by serving on committees as assigned by the Deans of the respective colleges and Executive Boards of the Councils, the College Councils will serve as liaisons between the faculty and students of each College.

Article III – Basic Policies

SECTION 1. The College Councils are non-commercial organizations.

SECTION 2. The College Councils and their members will not use the name of the organization in connection with a commercial concern.

SECTION 3. The College Councils will cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.

SECTION 4. The College Councils will cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but the members representing the organization in such matters will make no commitments that bind the organization.

Article IV – Membership

SECTION 1. Any student who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become of a member of these College Councils, provided that the student is enrolled in the Academic Area that the College Council represents and subject only to compliance with the provisions of this Constitution. No student who meets the other criteria for membership can be denied membership on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran’s status, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 2. Active membership to the Council is restricted to the Student Government elected student officers of the Executive Board, the student representatives of all the ~~Departments~~ **Organizations** of the Colleges, and other appointed officers as approved by the Executive Boards and Student Government Senators of each College Council **such as at-large members**. Ex-Officio membership is restricted to the Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans, Assistants to the Dean, and the Counselors of each College.

~~**SECTION 3.** The College Councils should actively recruit student leaders of other College-based organizations for membership.~~

~~**SECTION 4.** At Large Membership in these College Councils will be determined by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board of the College present and voting. The simple majority is defined as fifty percent of the total number of voting members plus one. At Large Members will be granted full membership in the council.~~

SECTION 5. Members may be removed from the College Council if they do not comply with Student Government regulations, are found in violation of the Code of Student Conduct or miss three consecutive meetings or a total of four meetings in one semester from the time that they as first elected or appointed.

SECTION 6. The College Councils shall assess no dues to any of its membership.

SECTION 7. In the event this organization becomes ~~inactive~~ **disabled**, all monies left in the treasury after all outstanding debts and claims have been paid shall be donated to the College Council ~~Appropriations Committee~~ Surplus Account.

Article V – Officers and their Election

SECTION 1. To be eligible to be elected to, appointed to, or to hold an office or be a standing committee chairperson, a student:

1. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at LSU;
2. Must be in good standing with the University, have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and not on disciplinary probation or deferred suspension;
3. ~~Must meet all other reasonable academic standards established by the College Council in its bylaws and this constitution.~~ **Student Representatives of all the organizations of the Council's respective college and at-large members, will have the opportunity to be voting members outside the Executive Board Meetings.**
4. **At-large members will be selected by a majority vote of Executive board members to assist the Council with programming and committees. Student representatives for organizations however will be selected by their respective organization.**

SECTION 2. ~~The officers of these College Councils~~ **Executive Board** shall consist of be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, **and** Senators, ~~and other officers that may be subject to the Board according to the Council Bylaws. These officers along with a faculty, staff, or administration adviser of the Dean's office (as appointed by the Dean) shall comprise the Executive Board of the College Councils.~~

SECTION 3. The duties of the officers mentioned in Section 2 are as follows:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the constitution or are assigned by the membership of the Executive Board; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committee, in order that projects be promoted.
2. The Vice President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. The Vice President will also be responsible for the coordination of the committees and oversee the reports of the Chairs in the inability of the Chair to attend a meeting. (Reports must be given to the Vice President at least one day before the meeting). The Vice President shall also perform other duties as may be incumbent upon the office or as assigned by the President of the College Council.
3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Board and shall perform other duties as may be delegated. The Secretary will keep an accurate record of meeting attendance. The minutes and attendance records must be available in the Dean's Office within four days of the meeting. The Secretary must turn in a copy of the College Council Bylaws to ~~Center for Student Leadership and Involvement and Office of the Senate~~ **Student Life and the Director of College Council Affairs.** The Secretary shall also perform other duties as may be incumbent upon the office or as assigned by the President of the College Council.
4. The Treasurer shall serve as the chief financial officer of the Council. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and shall pay out local funds in accordance with approved budgets as authorized by the Council. The Treasurer shall also present a financial statement at every meeting of the Council and at other times when requested by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall perform other duties as may be incumbent upon the office or as assigned by the President of the College Council.

5. The Senators shall act as liaisons between the College Council and the LSU A&M Student Senate; shall consult with the Executive Committee of the College Council on current legislation and other legislative matters.
6. The faculty, staff, or administrative adviser appointed by the Dean shall serve as a resource and support mechanism for the officers and members of the organization. The adviser, **or his/her designee** should attend regular ~~and Executive Board~~ meetings and other events as necessary. The adviser is an ex-officio member and has no voting rights.

SECTION 4. Officers shall be elected by ballot; annually during the Student Government elections. Officers shall assume their official duties ~~at the close of the last regular meeting of the academic year~~ **upon election** and shall serve for a term of one year and/or until their successors are elected. **Previous officers will serve the rest of the semester in which elections took place to assist with transitioning and finish outstanding programming.**

SECTION 5. Should the office of the President of the College Council become vacant, the Vice President of that College Council shall succeed to the office. If the office of Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, **or a senator** of a College Council should become vacant, the College Council President shall appoint a person from the Academic Area to fill the vacancy, **based on a majority vote of the existing College Council.** If the offices of the President and Vice President of a College Council become vacant simultaneously, the Election Board shall conduct an election to fill the vacancies.

SECTION 6. Any officer of a College Council in violation of the Council's Purpose or Constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

1. A written request by at least three members of the College Council **or as other wise stated in the Council's Bylaws** and,
2. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak and,
3. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of active members or of members in good standing is necessary to remove the officer or,
4. **Being absent from** three consecutive meetings or a total of four meetings in one semester from the time they were first elected or appointed.

Article VI – Executive Board

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected officers of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senator(s), as well as the faculty, staff, or administrative adviser from the Dean's Office.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to transact necessary business between College Council meetings and such business as may be referred to it by the College Council to approve the plans of work of each standing committee chairperson; and to present a report at the regular meeting of the College Council.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President of the College Council or by a majority of the Executive Board members.

SECTION 4. Executive Board members are subject to recall or impeachment as provided in the LSU Student Government Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 5. Executive Board members may be removed from their office if they are found guilty of a violation of the LSU Code of Student Conduct by the appropriate administrative authority or in violation of Article V Section 1 of this Constitution.

Article VII – Standing and Special Committees

SECTION 1. Standing committees shall be created by the Executive Board as may be required to promote the purposes and interest of the Councils. The Chair of each of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President of his/her Council and approved by the Executive Board. The term of office for the Chair shall be one year or a term set by the President.

SECTION 2. The Chair of each committee shall present plans of work to the Council; however, no work shall be undertaken without the approval of a majority of the Council's Executive Board. Any vacancies occurring in the Chairmanship of a committee shall be filled by the Executive Board.

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

Article VIII – Meetings and Absences

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of each Council shall be held at regular intervals throughout the year as provided by the Council's Bylaws. The Executive Boards must notify the members of its Council of a change of date no less than three (3) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting, **except for extenuating circumstances. Failure to make council aware of any meeting change will constitute an absence for the president.**

SECTION 2. Fifty (50) percent plus one of the active members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the College Council.

SECTION 3. Any member of these College Councils may be removed from his/her position on the Council by a majority vote of the Executive Board of his/her College Council if that member has accumulated more than three (3) consecutive or a total of four absences in one semester from the time that they are first elected or appointed.

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

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

~~*Robert's Rules of Order Revised* shall govern the meetings of the College Council in all cases in which they are applicable.~~

Article X – Amendment Process

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the College Council Presidents **Commission** by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, providing that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least seven school days (7) prior and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Dean of Students or his/her designee.

Article XI – Registration Renewal

The newly elected College Councils will apply to the ~~Center for Student Leadership and Involvement~~ **Student Life** for registration or the appropriate administrative office on an annual basis two weeks after the certification of the election results.

Article XII – Bylaws

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

1. General policy for the operation of the College Council.
2. Regulations governing the nomination of membership and member discipline, **not pertaining to the Executive Board.**
3. Provisions for the appointment of additional ~~officers and~~ **non-elected** representatives as are deemed in the best interest of the College Council.
4. The exercise of all powers not herein specifically assigned, subject to approval from the appropriate administrative authority of the University.
5. Provisions for meeting regulations (minimum frequency), rules of order, summer operations, etcetera.
6. Codified resolutions of affiliation and similar matters.

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

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

SECTION 4. No amendment or article of a new Bylaw may overturn, supercede, or undermine any part or section of this Constitution or the Student Government Constitution.

SECTION 5. Each College Council shall be required to submit an updated copy of its Bylaws to the Office of the Student Senate and the ~~Center for Student Leadership and Involvement~~ **Student Life** or other appropriate administrative office.

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

Article XIII – Ratification

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

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

PARAGRAPH 3: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION BE THUS AMENDED.

PARAGRAPH 4: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A THREE-FOURTHS ($3/4$) 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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