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STUDENT SENATE
S19RS
SGB No. 3
BY: SENATOR JOHNSON

ENROLLED

A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS ARTICLE XV: DELEGATION
TO INCLUDE CAUCUSES.

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS CURRENTLY HAVE A DELEGATE SYSTEM THAT ISN'T BEING UTILIZED; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE DELEGATION SYSTEM DOESN'T ADDRESS WHEN A GROUP HAS MORE THAN ONE DELEGATE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF CAUCUSES IS TO PREVENT EXCESS OF DELEGATES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, CAUCUSES CAN MAKE OUR DELEGATE SYSTEM MORE EFFECTIVE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE XV: Delegations and Caucuses

§1. The Definition and Purpose of a Delegation

Section 1.A. A delegate shall be defined as a member of Student Government, appointed or elected, that will represent a specific group on campus in addition to their academic areas. The representation is currently broken up into Academic Areas within the Student Senate and the Executive Branch through College Council, however, the LSU student is not only defined by their Academic Area and their needs may not involve their Academic classification. The Student Government also represents the students in more facets than just their Academic Areas.

§2. Requirements in order to Receive a Delegate

Section 2.A. Any standing group of students may apply for representation from Student Government.

- a. A standing group of students is defined as an organization recognized by Campus Life, a minority on campus, students of a similar religion, or a group of students with a common cause.

Section 2.B. The standing group must submit a request for a delegate to the Student Body President and the Speaker of the Student Senate stating:

- a. Name of Group
- b. Reason for Delegate(s)
- c. Suggested potential Delegate(s).

Section 2.C. This request must be done at least once a year.

- b. The group's request shall be reviewed each semester by the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach

(or its equivalent) to ensure that the delegate(s) are able to complete their duties.

Section 2.D. The number of delegates a group of students can be assigned will be decided by a majority vote (3/5) of the President, Vice President, Speaker of the Student Senate, Speaker Pro Tempore and Chief Justice.

- a. There shall be a maximum of twelve (12) delegates per group.
- b. A group of seven (7) or more delegates can submit to be called a Caucus for their organization by providing the Speaker of the Student Senate with auxiliary documents including a Constitution and Bylaws for their caucus and may be granted a caucus only at the approval of the Student Senate through legislative instruments.

§3. Assigning SG Members as a Delegate and their Responsibilities

Section 3.A. When a standing group requests a delegate (or delegates) a joint meeting of the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach and the Committee on Rules shall be called to review all appointments to serve as that group's delegate, subject to approval of the Student Senate, based on:

1. Similar affiliations or backgrounds
2. Requests made by the group of students
3. Willingness to volunteer by the member
4. If no delegate can be found based on the previous statements, the group can choose a single member amongst themselves to represent the group during delegate reports.

Section 3.B. The Delegate's duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Attending at least one meeting per month of the group of students.
2. Communicating with their group on a biweekly basis.
3. Reporting their constituents' issues at the weekly senate and senior staff meetings.
4. Informing the student group of resources within Student Government and the current issues being discussed in Senate.

§4. Definition and Purpose of a Caucus

Section 4. A. Caucus shall be defined as a group of appointed delegates that represent similar groups on campus in addition to their specific academic areas.

- a. A caucus may be formed for reasons that include, but are not limited to, coordination between delegates representing similar groups and the prevention of excessive and redundant delegate assignments.

§5. Requirements in order to be Recognized as a Caucus

Section 5.A. The standing group must submit a request for a caucus to the Speaker of the Student Senate stating possible delegates, a constitution and bylaws for the caucus.

- a. When a standing group has requested and been assigned nine (9) or more delegates they can submit to become a Caucus at the approval of the Speaker of the Student Senate and President.
- b. A caucus must have at least one (1) student senator.

§6. Responsibilities of a Caucus.

- Section 6. A.* The Caucus' duties shall include, but not be limited to:
- a. Attending at least one meeting per month of their group(s) of students.
 - b. Holding caucus meetings every other week to address their group's needs and discuss possible initiatives.
 - c. Reporting their constituents' issues at the weekly senate and executive branch meetings.
 - d. Informing the student groups of resources within Student Government and the current issues being discussed in Senate.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS BE AMENDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELEGATION SYSTEM, AND

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO ANDREW CHENEVERT, CHIEF JUSTICE, CHRISTINA BLACK, SPEAKER OF THE STUDENT SENATE, AND STEWART LOCKETT, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

PARAGRAPH 8: 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:

CHRISTINA M. BLACK
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

STEWART LOCKETT
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

