

An Act to Enhance the Readability of the SGA Constitution and By-laws, Modify Procedures relating to Senate Standing and Ad-hoc Committees, and Provide for the Introduction of a specialized Rules of Order for the SGA Senate.

- Whereas,** there exists no glossary of terms used in the Constitution, and,
- Whereas,** such a glossary would be useful for enhancing the readability and parsimonious nature of the Constitution, and,
- Whereas,** many sections of the Constitution are unclear or vague in their operation, and,
- Whereas,** there are current contradictions within the Constitution and By-laws, and,
- Whereas,** contradictions lead to confusing situations that have different rules applied in similar situations, and,
- Whereas,** this confusion prevents members of SGA from effectively carrying out their duties and powers, and,
- Whereas,** this confusion lowers the transparency of our body to the student body, and,
- Whereas,** the standing committees of deliberative bodies are meant to be powerful committees that exist in perpetuity, and,
- Whereas,** currently the Standing Committees of the Senate are determined by the Executive Council, and,
- Whereas,** the current rules regarding officers of standing committees are unclear and contradictory, and,
- Whereas,** the Senate is a deliberative body that operates on parliamentary procedure to maintain order, and,
- Whereas,** currently some debate practices are out of order under the standing procedure and By-laws, and,
- Whereas,** the Senate should strive to be a consistent body with clearly codified standards that the student body can see and rely on, and,
- Whereas,** the Senate's current precedents have the potential to be applied inconsistently in the future,

NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

Section 1: This bill shall be known as the "Institutional Revision Act (Senate) of 2021".

Section 2: In Article I, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language of the Section, and insert the following: "The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Technological University Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as 'SGA' or 'the SGA.'"

Section 3: In Article I of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 3 entitled "Terms"

Section 3.1: In Article I, Section 3, insert the following language: "The following terms and phrases shall be used in this Constitution:"

Section 3.1.1: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection A, reading: "*An announcement* is, at bare minimum, a posting on the SGA website."

Section 3.1.2: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection B, reading: "*A constituency* is a subsection of the student body bound together by college, major, or common interest."

Section 3.1.3: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection C, reading: "Every member of the student body is classified as a *constituent*."

Section 3.1.4: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection D, reading: "The *Election Commission* is a standing committee of the SGA Executive Branch that oversees the annual SGA Executive Council and SGA Senate elections."

Section 3.1.5: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection E, reading: "*Afu/1 session* of the SGA Senate shall extend from the first regular meeting of the SGA Senate following the ratification of the election results until the adjournment of the SGA Senate *sine die* before the conclusion of the academic year."

Section 3.1.6: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection F, reading: "The *graduate student body* refers to all members of the student body who are enrolled in graduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University."

Section 3.1.7: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection G, reading: "There are two *halfsessions* of the SGA Senate. The first half session begins at the first regular meeting of the full session and ends at the last

regular meeting of the Fall semester. The second half session begins at the first regular meeting of the Spring semester and ends at the last regular meeting of the full session."

Section 3.1.8: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection H, reading: "Holding officer refers to sitting as a member of one of the three branches of SGA."

Section 3.1.9: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection I, reading: "A meeting of the SGA Senate is any gathering of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the SGA Senate, provided all such members have been notified of that gathering at least one (1) week in advance of the gathering."

Section 3.1.10: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection J, reading: "A notification of a student or a group of students shall be satisfied by either an e-mail sent to all individuals in that group, or a verbal announcement at a regular meeting of that group, provided minutes of that meeting are recorded and distributed."

Section 3.1.11: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection K, reading: "A regular meeting is a meeting scheduled by the relevant body for the purpose of conducting their routine business."

Section 3.1.12: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection M, reading: "A special meeting of the SGA Senate is an emergency meeting called by the SGA President on important matters that must be discussed as soon as possible."

Section 3.1.13: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection N, reading: "The Student Organization Life Opportunity (S.O.L.O.) Fund is the body of funds consisting of contributions of individual students, called the S.O.L.O. Fee, to enrich and enhance student life on campus."

Section 3.1.14: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection O, reading: "The student body refers to the collection of students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University."

Section 3.1.17: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection P, reading:
"A *student organization* is any grouping of members of the student body united by a common interest that has been registered with the appropriate university offices, not including SGA."

Section 3.1.18: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection Q, reading:
"A *supermajority*, or supermajority vote, is a vote in which two-thirds (2/3) of the total requested to vote, vote in approval or opposition."

Section 3.1.19: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection R, reading:
"The *undergraduate student body* refers to all members of the student body who are enrolled in undergraduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University."

Section 3.1.20: In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection S, reading:
"A *vacancy* is defined as the absence of a person holding a particular office."

Section 4: In Article II, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the language of Subsection A and replace it with the following: "Promote the constitutional liberties and general welfare of the University community"

Section 5: In Article II, Section 1, Subsection B of the SGA Constitution, strike the words "Tennessee Tech" and insert "Tennessee Technological University"

Section 6: In Article II, Section 1, Subsection C of the SGA Constitution, strike the words after "opinion" and insert "to the administration of Tennessee Technological University"

Section 7: In Article II, Section 1, Subsection D of the SGA Constitution, strike the words "on campus" and insert "on and off campus"

Section 8: In Article II, Section 2, Subsection A of the SGA Constitution, capitalize the first letter of the word "constitution"

Section 9: In Article II, Section 2, Subsection B of the SGA Constitution, strike the word "bylaws" and insert "By-laws"

Section 10: In Article II, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, strike Subsection C and replace it with the following: "Enact legislation to address all matters related to Tennessee

Technological University with the purpose of improving the experience and welfare of the student body"

Section 11: In Article II, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, strike Subsection D and replace it with the following: "Exercise all other powers and responsibilities granted to SGA by Tennessee Technological University"

Section 12: In Article III of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language of the article.

Section 12.1: Insert the following language: "SGA shall be organized into three co-equal branches of government: the Legislative Branch, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch."

Section 12.2: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "The Executive Branch of SGA shall consist of the Executive Council and the Executive Cabinet."

Section 12.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection A, reading: "The Executive Council shall consist of the following elected officers: SGA President, SGA Vice President, SGA Secretary, and SGA Treasurer."

Section 12.2.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection B, reading: "The Executive Cabinet shall consist of officers appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the SGA Senate."

Section 12.3: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "The Legislative Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Senate."

Section 12.4: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "The Judicial Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Supreme Court."

Section 13: In Article IV of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language before Section 1.

Section 14: In Article IV, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language before Subsection A.

Section 15: In Article IV of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 4 entitled "Executive Branch Terms of Office", and renumber subsequent articles.

Section 15.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Executive Council:"

Section 15.1.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for members of the Executive Council shall begin once they are sworn in within the final two weeks of each academic year and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 15.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Executive Cabinet:"

Section 15.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for members of the Executive Cabinet shall begin after they are confirmed by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 17: In Article V, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language of the Section, and insert the following: "The Legislative Branch shall consist of a unicameral body known as the 'SGA Senate.' It shall be referred to hereafter as the 'Senate.'"

Section 18: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, strike all sections after Section 1.

Section 19: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 2 entitled "Purpose"

Section 19.1: In Article V, Section 2, insert the following language: "The general purpose of the SGA Senate is to represent the Tennessee Technological University student body through legislation, to work toward enhancing the experience of students on and off campus, and to oversee the responsible allocation of funds under its direct control."

Section 20: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 3 entitled "Membership"

Section 20.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "The Senate shall consist of the following types of members:"

Section 20.1.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Senators"

Section 20.1.1.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Academic Senators"

Section 20.1.1.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Freshman Senators"

Section 20.1.1.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Transfer Senators"

Section 20.1.1.4: Insert a new clause v, reading: "Special Interest Senators"

Section 20.1.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Non-voting ex officio members"

Section 20.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Senators"

Section 20.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Academic Senators"

Section 20.2.1.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Academic Senators shall represent the views and interests of their home college/school within the Senate."

Section 20.2.1.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Academic Senators shall be elected by the constituents of their home college/school to serve during the upcoming academic year."

Section 20.2.1.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "The following constituencies are entitled to elect Senators to the Senate:"

Section 20.2.1.3.1: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 1, reading: "College of Agriculture and Human Ecology"

Section 20.2.1.3.2: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 2, reading: "College of Arts and Sciences"

Section 20.2.1.3.3: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 3, reading: "College of Business"

Section 20.2.1.3.4: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 4, reading: "College of Education"

Section 20.2.1.3.5: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 5, reading: "College of Engineering"

Section 20.2.1.3.6: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 6, reading: "College of Fine Arts"

Section 20.2.1.3.7: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 7, reading: "College of Graduate Studies"

Section 20.2.1.3.8: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 8, reading: "College of Interdisciplinary Studies"

Section 20.2.1.3.9: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 9, reading: "Whitson-Hester School of Nursing"

Section 20.2.1.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: There shall be one (1) Academic Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) students, with a minimum of two (2) Senators per college/school, based on the official enrollment numbers from the previous fall semester."

Section 20.2.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Freshmen Senators"

Section 20.2.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall represent the views and interests of first-year freshmen at Tennessee Technological University."

Section 20.2.2.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises."

Section 20.2.2.2.1: Insert a new subclause 1, reading: "Prospective senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President's choosing before their appointment to the Senate."

Section 20.2.2.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate."

Section 20.2.2.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: "There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Freshman Senators, with one (1) additional Freshmen Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) entering freshmen beyond seven hundred (700) students."

Section 20.2.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "Special Interest Senators"

Section 20.2.3.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Special Interest Senators shall represent the views and interests of a particular group of the student body within the Senate."

Section 20.2.3.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "The following constituencies are entitled to appoint Senators to the Senate:"

Section 20.2.3.2.1: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 1, reading:
"Accessible Education Center (AEC) - 1 Senator"

Section 20.2.3.2.2: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 2, reading:
"Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) - 1 Senator"

Section 20.2.3.2.3: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 3, reading:
"Residence Hall Association (RHA) - 2 Senators"

Section 20.2.3.2.4: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 4, reading:
"Office of International Education (OIE) - 1 Senator"

Section 20.2.3.2.5: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 5, reading:
"Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) - 2 Senators"

Section 20.2.4: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4, reading: "Transfer Senators"

Section 20.2.4.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Transfer Senators shall represent the views and interests of members of the student body who have transferred to Tennessee Technological University from another college or school."

Section 20.2.4.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Transfer Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises."

Section 20.2.4.2.1: Insert a new subclause 1, reading:
"Prospective senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President's choosing before their appointment to the Senate."

Section 20.2.4.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Transfer Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate."

Section 20.2.4.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: "There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Transfer Senators, with one (1) additional Transfer Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) transfers beyond seven hundred (700) students."

Section 20.3: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "Non-voting *ex officio* members"

Section 20.3.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Non-voting *ex officio* members of the Senate shall possess the following rights while the Senate is in session:"

Section 20.3.1.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Calling for orders of the day"

Section 20.3.1.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Raising points of order, points of personal privilege, points of information, and points of parliamentary inquiry"

Section 20.3.1.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Speaking during meetings"

Section 20.3.1.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: "Serving in standing, special, and ad-hoc committees of the Senate"

Section 20.3.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The following shall be non-voting *ex officio* members of the Senate:"

Section 20.3.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "The SGA Secretary"

Section 20.3.2.2: Insert a new clause ii, reading: "The SGA Treasurer"

Section 20.3.2.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Members of the Executive Cabinet"

Section 21: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 4 entitled "Qualifications"

Section 21.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Senators shall be full-time students during their term of office."

Section 21.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Senators shall maintain a 2.75 cumulative grade point average throughout their term of office."

Section 21.3: Insert a new subsection C reading: "Senator shall maintain the position within the constituency that enables them to serve as Senator."

Section 21.4: Insert a new Subsection D, reading: "Failure of any senator to maintain these minimum requirements shall, upon notification by the Speaker of the Senate, result in disciplinary action up to and including the initiation of impeachment proceedings if the Senator fails to resign."

Section 22: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 5 entitled "Duties and Powers"

Section 22.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Duties of the Senate:"

Section 22.1.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Hold regular meetings."

Section 22.1.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Enact legislation consistent with the letter and spirit of the SGA Constitution and By-laws."

Section 22.1.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "Consider and act on all decisions made by standing, special, and ad-hoc committees of the Senate."

Section 22.1.4: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4, reading: "Act as representatives of the student body to the faculty, staff, and administration of Tennessee Technological University."

Section 22.1.5: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 5, reading: "Appropriate and approve the expenditures of all funds under the direct control of SGA."

Section 22.1.6: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 6, reading: "Appoint a Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate."

Section 22.1.7: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 7, reading: "Approve or reject, through individual supermajority votes, those nominated to the Executive Cabinet, the SGA Supreme Court, and to other appointed positions."

Section 22.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Powers of the Senate:"

Section 22.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Appoint a Parliamentarian, a Clerk, and a Sergeant-at-Arms."

Section 22.2.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Initiate impeachment proceedings against those who violate the letter and/or spirit of the SGA Constitution and By-laws."

Section 22.2.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "Remove a member of the Election Commission."

Section 22.2.4: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4, reading: "Override, by a supermajority vote, a presidential veto of Senate legislation."

Section 23: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 6 entitled "Committees"

Section 23.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Each Senator shall be a regular member of exactly one (1) SGA Senate standing committee."

Section 23.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Only Senators who are members of a particular standing committee are permitted to vote on matters addressed in that committee."

Section 23.3: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "The size of each standing committee shall be determined by the Speaker of the Senate."

Section 23.4: Insert a new Subsection D, reading: "Upon election, each Senator shall submit their committee assignment preferences to the Speaker of the Senate."

Section 23.4.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The Speaker of the Senate shall determine standing committee assignments in light of the preferences expressed by Senators, at the beginning of each half session of the SGA Senate."

Section 23.5: Insert a new Subsection E, reading: "The standing committees of the SGA Senate and processes for electing their chairpersons shall be described in the SGA By-laws."

Section 23.6: Insert a new Subsection F, reading: "Service on an ad-hoc or a special committee shall not exempt any Senator from service on at least one (1) SGA standing committee."

Section 24: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 7 entitled "Senate Capacity"

Section 24.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Senators are ineligible to serve in any other branch, nor represent any other constituency in SGA."

Section 25: In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 8 entitled "Senate Terms of Office"

Section 25.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Academic Senators:"

Section 25.1.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for Academic Senators shall begin once they are sworn in within the final two weeks"

of each academic year and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 25.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Freshman Senators:"

Section 25.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for Freshman Senators shall begin once they are sworn in following their confirmation by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 25.3: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "Special Interest Senators:"

Section 25.3.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for Special Interest Senators shall begin at the first regular meeting following their appointment and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 25.4: Insert a new Subsection D, reading: "Transfer Senators:"

Section 25.4.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for Transfer Senators shall begin once they are sworn in following their confirmation by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

Section 26: In the SGA Constitution, strike the existing Article VIII and Article XIV and adjust the numbering of subsequent articles.

Section 27: In the SGA Constitution, add a new Article entitled "Precedence of Governing Documents" before the Article entitled "Amendments"

Section 27.1: Insert the following: "In the event of a conflict between the governing documents of SGA, the order of precedence shall be: the SGA Constitution, the SGA By-laws, the Rules of Order of the SGA Senate, and the latest edition *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised*."

Section 28: In Article II, Section 1, Subsection A of the SGA By-laws, strike the second sentence.

Section 29: In Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 8 of the SGA By-laws, strike the word "Old" and insert "Unfinished"

Section 30: In Article II, Section 2, Subsection B of the TTU SGA By-laws, strike the phrase "member of the Senate" and replace it with "Senator".

Section 31: In Article II, Section 3 of the SGA By-laws, strike the language of the Section.

Section 32: In Article II, Section 3 of the SGA By-laws, add a new Subsection A that shall read: "Quorum for the SGA Senate is defined as a two-thirds majority of the total voting members of the Senate."

Section 32.1: In Article II, Section 3, Subsection A of the SGA By-laws, add a new Sub-Subsection 1 that shall read: "If, at any time during a meeting of Senate, a question is raised by a member of the Senate as to the presence of a quorum, the SGA Clerk must call the roll and announce the result."

Section 33: In Article II, Section 3 of the SGA By-laws, add a new Subsection B that shall read: "Quorum for any Student Senate committee is defined as a simple majority of the members of the relevant committee."

Section 35: In Article II, Section 5, Subsection D of the TTU SGA By-laws, strike "vote of members" and insert "of Senators" in its place.

Section 36: In Article II, Section 6, Subsection B of the TTU SGA By-laws, strike "vote of members" and insert "of Senators" in its place.

Section 37: In Article I of the TTU SGA By-laws, strike Sections 7, 8, and 9, add a new Section 7 entitled "Officers of the Senate", and renumber subsequent articles.

Section 37.1: Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "All officers of the Senate must be members of the Senate."

Section 37.2: Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "The following shall be officers of the Senate:"

Section 37.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The Speaker Pro Tempore"

Section 37.2.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The Parliamentarian"

Section 37.2.4: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4, reading: "The Sergeant-at-Arms"

Section 37.3: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "Terms of Service:"

Section 37.3.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of service for all elected Officers of the Senate shall be from the time of their

election until the end of the full session for which they are elected to serve."

Section 37.4: Insert a new Subsection D, reading: "The Speaker Pro Tempore"

Section 37.4.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The Senate shall, before the third regular meeting, elect from its membership a speaker pro tempore."

Section 37.4.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside over any meeting of the Senate in the absence of the Speaker of the Senate."

Section 37.5: Insert a new Subsection E, reading: "The Parliamentarian"

Section 37.5.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The Speaker of the Senate shall designate, at the start of each full session, a member of the Senate to temporarily serve as parliamentarian."

Section 37.5.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The Senate may, before the third regular meeting, elect from its membership a parliamentarian to serve for the remainder of the full session in which they were elected."

Section 37.5.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "In the event that no qualified candidate stands for election, the member chosen by the Speaker of the Senate shall continue to serve as parliamentarian."

Section 37.5.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "The Parliamentarian shall be the Senate's advisor on the interpretation of its rules, procedures, and customs."

Section 37.5.4: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4, reading: "The Parliamentarian shall retain the same rights and privileges as they possessed before their election."

Section 37.7: Insert a new Subsection G, reading: "The Sergeant-at-Arms"

Section 37.7.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The Speaker of the Senate shall designate, at the start of each full session, a member of the Senate to temporarily serve as the sergeant-at-arms."

Section 37.7.2: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The Senate may, before the third regular meeting, elect from its membership a sergeant-at-arms to serve for the remainder of the full session in which they were elected."

Section 37.7.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "In the event that no qualified candidate stands for election, the member chosen by the Speaker of the Senate shall continue to serve as the sergeant-at-arms."

Section 37.7.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "At the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall have the power to remove anyone causing a disturbance from the Senate chambers."

Section 38: In Article II, Sections 8 and 9 of the TTU SGA By-laws shall become Sections 9 and 10, respectively.

Section 39: In Article II of the SGA By-laws, insert a new Section 8 entitled: "Senate Rules and Procedure"

Section 40: Article II, Section 8 of the TTU SGA By-laws shall be defined by the following Subsections A - E below:

Section 40.1: Subsection A shall read: "The Senate may create and maintain its own rules and procedures not covered in the TTU SGA Constitution or By-laws in a document entitled the *Rules of Order of the SGA Senate*".

Section 40.2: Subsection B shall read: "The Senate may amend its rules and procedures through a resolution sustained by a majority vote of all Senators."

Section 40.3: Subsection C shall read: "*The Rules of Order of the SGA Senate* shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Senate."

Section 40.4: Subsection D shall read: "*The Rules of Order of the SGA Senate* shall expire at the beginning of a new full session unless readopted."

Section 40.5: Subsection E shall read: "The latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* shall supplement the *Rules of Order of the SGA Senate*."

Section 41: In the SGA By-laws, move the current Article VII: Standing Committees to after Article II: Legislative Procedures so that it becomes Article III: Standing Committees and update the following articles to have their new correct numbering.

Section 42: In the SGA By-laws, strike the current title of the new Article III and replace it with "Senate Standing Committees".

Section 43: In the new Article III of the SGA By-laws, the current wording of the Article shall become Section 1

Section 43.1: Section 1 shall be entitled "Section 1 - Officers of SGA Senate Standing Committees".

Section 44: In the new Article III, Section 1 of the SGA By-laws insert the word "Senate" before the phrase "Standing Committee".

Section 45: In the new Article III, Section 1, Subsection A of the SGA By-laws, strike the phrase "Vice President" and insert "Speaker of the Senate" in its place.

Section 46: In the new Article III, Section 1, Subsection A of the SGA By-laws, strike the phrase ", and for reporting the actions of the committee to the SGA Senate".

Section 47: In the new Article III, Section 1, Subsection C of the SGA By-laws, add the phrase "and SGA Senate" at the end of the phrase currently ending with "SGA Secretary".

Section 48: In the new Article III of the SGA By-laws, add a new Section 2 entitled "Section 2 - List of SGA Senate Standing Committees".

Section 49: In the new Article III, Section 2 of the SGA By-laws, add a new Subsection A which shall read: "The following shall be standing committees of Student Senate:"

Section 49.1: Add a new Subsection A which shall read: "Academic Affairs Committee".

Section 49.1.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Academic Affairs Committee are to review legislation that might negatively impact student academics and provide solutions to problems affecting student academics."

Section 49.2: Add a new Subsection B which shall read: "Constitutional Committee".

Section 49.2.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Constitutional Committee are to review all legislation to ensure it is constitutional and prepare final drafts of constitutional changes."

Section 49.3: Add a new Subsection C which shall read: "Environment and Sustainability Committee".

Section 49.3.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Environment and Sustainability Committee are to create legislation that furthers the university's environmental policies and practices, organize campus cleanups, and promote sustainable practices."

Section 49.4: Add a new Subsection D which shall read: "Governmental Affairs Committee".

Section 49.4.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Governmental Affairs Committee are to review all legislation pertinent to local, state, and federal governments and spearhead initiatives relating to external governmental opportunities (e.g. voter registration, contacting government officials, going to the state capitol, etc.)."

Section 49.5: Add a new Subsection E which shall read: "Health and Wellness Committee".

Section 49.5.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Health and Wellness Committee are to review legislation that pertains to the safety and health of students, both mentally and physically."

Section 49.6: Add a new Subsection F which shall read: "Student Affairs Committee".

Section 49.6.1: Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads: "The duties of the Student Affairs Committee are to review all legislation that pertains to student's quality of life, explore possibilities of community service for SGA, and find ways to enrich student personal and educational experiences."

Section 50: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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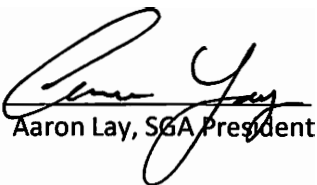
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