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4 **Title:** **Amending the Constitution of the Senate of College Councils to Allow for**
5 **Financial Committee Proxy Voting**
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7 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Senate of College Councils (Senate) serves as the official
8 governing document for Senate members; and,
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10 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of Senate ought to reflect the desired current practices and
11 policies of Senate as Senate serves students as the official student voice in
12 academics at the University of Texas at Austin; and,
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14 **WHEREAS,** College councils whose financial representatives are unable or unwilling to
15 perform their duties, whether immediate or sustained, in regards to voting in any
16 given round of organization appropriations, should nonetheless have a voice in
17 academic appropriations; and,
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19 **WHEREAS,** Council presidents are the only other members of college council executive
20 boards who also sit on Senate and are thus equipped with the privilege to
21 represent college councils in academic affairs; and,
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23 **WHEREAS,** Council presidents are also authorized to act as the financial authority of their
24 internal council affairs if the financial director is unable or unwilling to perform;
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27 **WHEREAS,** It is in Senate's and councils' best interests to have equal and accurate
28 representation in academic appropriations to ensure fairness in procedure, image
29 and outcome; therefore, be it
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31 **ENACTED,** That Article IV of the Constitution of Senate be amended to allow council
32 presidents to vote at appropriations meetings:
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34 *“[D. The Financial Committee is made up of the financial director of each council*
35 *and the Senate Financial Director. The Committee appropriates money from the*
36 *Student Services Fee to registered student organizations and, [acts as a forum of*
37 *communication on financial matters including questions on spending, fundraising,*
38 *and best practices. The Committee also advises the Executive Board on budgetary*
39 *decisions regarding council allocations and is the originator of spending bills and*
40 *amendments to the Internal Spending Rules. The Financial Committee shall have*
41 *complete discretion on how the appropriation process will take place throughout*
42 *the academic year.] In cases in which a council's financial director is unable*

43 **or unwilling to represent his or her council in voting for academic**
44 **appropriations to organizations, the sitting council president may vote on**
45 **behalf of the financial director with the approval of the Financial Director of**
46 **Senate.**

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