

Senate of College Councils Policy Briefing

S.B. 1005 – Amending the Constitution of the Senate of College Councils to Allow for Financial Committee Proxy Voting

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BACKGROUND

- This year and in years past, only financial directors have been able to have a vote in appropriations decisions, and if they cannot make it to meeting because of tests or other conflicts, their councils are not represented in the appropriations process.

PURPOSE

- To allow equitable representation of college councils' opinions in the appropriations process.

SUMMARY

- Allows only the council president to vote as a proxy for the financial director with the permission of the Senate Financial Director.

WHEREAS SUMMARY

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| Lines 7 through 12 | Senate Constitution is the official governing document and should reflect Senate's academic beliefs and policies for the best for students |
| Lines 14 through 17 | Some financial directors cannot or will not represent their councils at every appropriations meeting |
| Lines 19 through 25 | Presidents are the only truly authorized representatives to serve on behalf of the college council and on Senate |
| Lines 27 through 29 | In order to maintain fairness and equity, proxy voting is best. |

ENACTED SUMMARY

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| Lines 34 through 46 | If a council's financial director is unable or unwilling to represent his or her council, the president may vote on his or her behalf at organization appropriations rounds with the permission of the Senate Financial Director |
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Senate of College Councils Executive Board

**NEXT STEPS IF
PASSED**

➤ Formally amend and enforce constitution

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