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5 **Title: Amending the Constitution and Bylaws of the Senate of College Councils**

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7 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution and Bylaws serve as the official governing document for the
8 Senate of College Councils; and,

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10 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution and Bylaws ought to reflect the desired current policies and
11 practices of Senate as Senate serves as the official voice of students in academic
12 affairs; and,

13 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution and Bylaws of Senate need to be amended to reflect desired
14 Current practices, or current practices need to be changed to reflect the
15 Constitution and Bylaws of Senate; and,

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17 **WHEREAS,** Senate would be best served by amending the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect
18 its current practices in many areas and; therefore, be it

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20 **ENACTED,** That Article I Section D of the Constitution Senate of College Councils be
21 amended to reflect the current intent and practices of Senate

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23 *“D. [Senate supports **a few** registered student organizations **and journals** at the*
24 *University of Texas at Austin as officially sponsored agencies. These agencies*
25 *fulfill the academic mission of the Senate of College Councils and the University*
26 *through the organizations’ initiatives.]”;*

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30 **ENACTED,** That Article I Section E be amended to reflect the current intent and practices of
31 Senate

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33 *“E. Senate distributes money collected through the Student Services Fee to*
34 *registered student organizations through an appropriations process **led by***
35 ***Senate’s financial director and composed of the financial directors of all***
36 ***college councils** that takes place at least once a semester.” ;*

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41 **ENACTED,** That Article II be amended to reflect the intended elections revisions of the Senate
42 of College Councils

43 **ENACTED,** “A. *The executive officers are the President, Vice President, Financial Director,*
44 *Policy Director, Administrative Director, Executive Director, Communications*
45 *Director, and Membership Director. Each officer participates in General*
46 *Assembly meetings, serves on the Executive Board, and performs all respective*
47 *duties as stated in the Bylaws. The President, Vice President, and Financial*
48 *Director are elected according to the Bylaws **and the Election Code.**”;*

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53 **ENACTED,** That Article II Section D be amended to reflect the current roles of council
54 Financial Directors,
55 “D. The Financial Director of each council is an ex-officio member. Each
56 financial director participates in General Assembly meetings and serves on the
57 Financial Committee. **Each financial director also participates in the**
58 **appropriations process that has to be held at least once a semester.”;**

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63 **ENACTED,** That Article II Section E be amended to reflect the position of co chairs in Senate
64 and their expected duties,

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66 *[E. There are eight academic committees in the Senate of College Councils that*
67 *are co chaired by two individuals selected by the President, Vice President and*
68 *Financial Director. The committees are:*

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70 *1. Academic Enrichment Committee*
71 *2. Academic Integrity Committee*
72 *3. Curriculum Committee*
73 *4. Faculty Affairs Committee*
74 *5. Multimedia and Press Committee*
75 *6. Outreach and Development Committee*
76 *7. Recruitment and Retention Committee*
77 *8. Undergraduate Research Committee*

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79 *Committee Chairs are expected to hold at least two office hours a week and are*
80 *not allowed to hold a voting position in Senate’s General Assembly.];*

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85 **ENACTED,** That Article II Section F be amended to reflect the following,
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87 *“F. The Executive Board appoints up to fifty at large members in the fall semester*
88 *for the term of one year. Each at large participates in General Assembly meetings*
89 *and is required to serve on at least one academic committee. An attendance policy*
90 *may be imposed upon at large members.”;*

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94 **ENACTED,** That Article II Section G be amended to reflect the following,

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96 *“G. External Affairs Committee: Consists of continuing At Larges, appointed by*
97 *the Senate Membership Director and approved by the Senate Executive Board.*
98 *The External Affairs Committee will serve as an assistant to council Senate*
99 *Representatives, the Senate Executive Director and the Senate Policy Director to*
100 *provide assistance to the Senate Representative of each council to ensure clear*
101 *interpretation of policy and provide aid in legislation writing that may be deemed*
102 *college specific. The External Affairs Committee will also assist councils and the*
103 *Senate Executive Director by providing event-planning resources for council*
104 *events.*

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106 *a. Members of this committee must fulfill the following requirements:*

107 *i. They must hold a minimum of two office hours per week*

108 *ii. They must attend bi weekly meetings, to be set by the Senate Membership*
109 *Director, co chaired by the Senate Executive Director.*

110 *iii. Each member is assigned to College Council and must subsequently attend*
111 *each meeting of the college council and agency of senate, pending council*
112 *approval, to which they are assigned.*

113 *iv. Each member is also assigned to an internal committee within the Senate*

114 *v. Each member of the External Affairs Committee is charged to keep in contact*
115 *with the Executive Director of Senate to ensure continuity of communication*
116 *between internal Senate and college councils.*

117 *vi. An attendance policy is enforced upon this committee as they are allowed*
118 *only two unexcused absences for the academic year.*

119 *vii. The External Affairs Committee will consist of no more than*
120 *twenty continuing at large members to be appointed by the Senate*
121 *Membership Director.”;*

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126 **ENACTED,** That Article II Section G be amended to reflect the following,

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128 *“. The President of Student Government and the Graduate Student Assembly are*
129 *ex officio members of the Senate.”;*

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ENACTED, That Article IV Section C be amended to reflect the following,

*“C. The Representatives Committee is made up of the Senate representative of each council and is chaired by the Vice President **and is vice-chaired Executive Director of Senate.** The Committee serves as a forum for communication on issues and events of the councils and distributes academic issues to academic committees.”;*

and, be it further

ENACTED, That Article IV Section G be added with the following language

[College Tuition Budget Advisory Committees (CTBACs) are in place in each College and School at The University of Texas at Austin. CTBACs were created by Senate and will serve as a vehicle to give students a voice in college-wide budgetary decisions. Each CTBAC will be comprised of students selected to the committee based on membership requirements approved by the respective college council, and will work to create budgetary recommendations to be presented to the deans of their respective colleges.];

and, be it further

ENACTED, That Bylaw I Section C be amended to reflect the following,

“C. At-large members are granted three absence credits each semester for unexcused absences. If an at-large member exceeds three unexcused absences, he or she may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The membership director before the meeting in which the absence will occur must approve excused absences. The following are the examples of valid reasons to have an absence excused: a test during the time in which the Senate meeting is in session or time given for a death in the member’s family. At-large members are notified of an absence within one week of the occurrence of the absence.”;

and, be it further

ENACTED, That the title of Bylaw III be changed from “DUTIES OF OFFICERS” to “DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS” to clear up any ambiguity in regards to the word “officer” and, be it further

ENACTED, That Bylaw III Section A be amended to reflect the following,

179 *“A. Each ~~officer~~ **executive member** attends General Assembly, Executive Board*
180 *meetings, and other committee meetings. Each officer holds weekly office hours*
181 *for two hours.”;*

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183 and, be it further

184 **ENACTED,** That Bylaw III Section B be amended to reflect the following,
185 *“B. A vacant ~~officer~~ **executive** position is filled by a nominee selected by the*
186 *Executive Board and approved by a two-thirds majority.”;*

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188 and, be it further

189 **ENACTED,** That Bylaw III section C be amended to reflect the following,

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191 *“C. No ~~officer~~ **executive member** of Senate holds an officer position in any other*
192 *student governance organization including Student Government, the Graduate*
193 *Student Assembly or a college council.”*

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195 **ENACTED,** That Bylaw III Section I be amended to reflect the current duties of the Executive
196 Director,

197 *“I. The Executive Director is responsible for promoting and supporting Senate*
198 *Agencies and coordinating Senate resources to serve college councils.*
199 *Additionally, the Executive Director will foster communication between the*
200 *Executive Board, committee chairs and college councils **and maintain the annex***
201 *space.”;*

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206 **ENACTED,** That Bylaw III Section J be amended to reflect to current duties of the
207 Administrative Director,

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209 *“J. The Administrative Director is in charge of compiling general meeting*
210 *agendas, taking general meeting minutes, keeping the official attendance and*
211 *voting records for councils, among other administrative tasks. Additionally, the*
212 *Administrative Director should facilitate organization among the Senate*
213 *Leadership Team and maintain the Senate office space ~~and annex~~. **The Senate***
214 *Administrative Director is also in charge of maintaining contact with all*
215 *University Wide Appointments.”;*

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219 **ENACTED,** That the subject of Bylaw IV be changed from “FINANCE” to “DUTIES OF
220 COMMITTEE CHAIRS,” to outline the responsibilities of committee chairs , and,
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222 **ENACTED,** That Bylaw IV section A be amended to reflect the following
223 *[A. All committee chairs are appointed by Senate’s President, Vice President, and*
224 *Financial Director.]*

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ENACTED, That Bylaw IV Section B be amended to reflect the following,

[B. All committee chairs co-chair each of the eight Senate academic committees.]

and, be it further

ENACTED, That Bylaw IV Section C be amended to reflect the following

[C. Committee Chairs are required to hold bi weekly committee meetings. If a time conflict occurs and both committee chairs are not able to attend the meeting must be rescheduled.];

and, be it further

ENACTED, That Bylaw IV Section D be amended to reflect the following,

[D. Committee Chairs are responsible for keeping track of attendance and progress of their at larges and are responsible for reporting this to the Membership Director.];

and, be it further

ENACTED, That Bylaw IV Section E be amended to reflect the following,

[E. Committee Chairs are not allowed to serve as both a committee chair and as a voting member of Senate’s general assembly (Council President, Council Vice President or Senate Representative).];

and, be it further

ENACTED, That “BYLAW IV: FINANCE” be changed to read “BYLAW V: FINANCE” to reflect the numbering change, and, be it further

ENACTED, That “BYLAW V: OFFICER ELECTIONS” be changed to read “BYLAW VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS” to reflect the numbering change and to clear up title ambiguity, and, be it further,

ENACTED, That section A-N of BYLAW VI EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS be deleted and replaced with only bullet point a which reads,

270 [A. The guidelines and rules that pertain to Senate elections are outlined in the
271 "Election Code."]
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273 to anticipate new elections rules, and, be it further

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275 **ENACTED,** That "BYLAW VI: OFFICER APPOINTMENT" be changed to "BYLAW
276 VII:EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENTS" to reflect numbering changes
277 and to clear up title ambiguity, and, be it further
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279 **ENACTED,** That "BYLAW VI: IMPEACHMENT OF AN OFFICER" be changed to
280 "BYLAW VIII:IMPEACHMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER" to reflect
281 numbering changes and clear up title ambiguity, and, be it further
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283 **ENACTED,** That BYLAW VIII: OFFICIAL COUNCILS be changed to BYLAW IX:
284 OFFICIAL COUNCILS to reflect numbering changes, and, be it further
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286 **ENACTED,** That the Masters in Professional Accounting Council be added as number twenty
287 to the list of official councils in BYLAW IX to reflect the current membership of
288 the Senate of College Councils, and, be it further
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290 **ENACTED,** That "BYLAW IX:AGENCIES" be changed to "BYLAW X:AGENCIES" to
291 reflect numbering changes, and, be it further .
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293 **ENACTED,** That "BYLAW IX:AMENDING THE BYLAWS" be changed to "BYLAW
294 XI:AMENDING THE BYLAWS" to reflect numbering changes.
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