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A Bill -

A bill entitled "Senate Committee Structure Simplification Act" which amends the Student Government Code to reorganize how committees are formed, abolishes all current standing committees, and clarifies remaining select committee responsibilities.

1 **WHEREAS:** We take great pride in the productivity of Student
2 Government and the responsibilities and duties
3 therein; and

4 **WHEREAS:** We desire for our Student Government to operate in the
5 most effective and efficient manner to ensure
6 productivity; and

7 **WHEREAS:** This bill has been compiled and is authorized by the
8 Student Government Constitution Article III, Section
9 10 (b), (j); therefore

10 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the text in the Student Government Code
11 Title VI, Chapter 200, Article V, Sections 1-7
12 be amended by striking out all related sections
13 and subsections and replacing it:

14 §1 **DEFINITION.** A committee reviews legislation specific to its jurisdiction, investigates
15 student concerns, does research on behalf of its members to help create new legislation,
16 makes recommendations on how to improve campus life, or performs Senate administrative
17 functions as necessary.

18 §2 **STANDING COMMITTEES.** The Senate may authorize, disband, or reauthorize standing
19 committees through Simple Senate Resolution.

20 §3 **SELECT COMMITTEES.** Senate Select Committees may meet on an as needed basis as
21 business warrants and must be granted all necessary powers to execute their charge herein:

22 (a) The Senate Select Committee on Selections and Appointments will oversee the
23 selection of senators to fill vacant senate seats and follow procedures to ensure fair
24 nomination of qualified applications.

25 (1) The committee will establish a Senate Application each year and publish the
26 application in the event of Senate vacancy. The application will be open to
27 any eligible student so that interested persons can apply to fill the seat.

28 (2) The committee may establish a reasonable screening process for applicants.

29 (3) The Committee must review all applicants, determine which of them meets
30 the committee's criteria for nomination, and forward approved names to the
31 Senate Pro-Tempore.

32 (4) The Senate Pro-Tempore will make nominations via formal memorandum
33 from the list of committee-approved candidates and transmit this
34 memorandum to the Cabinet or Senate.

35 (5) The Cabinet has the option to review the list of accepted candidates and either
36 deny or ascent to the list; the President may waive this review, resulting in
37 automatic transmittal of the approved candidates to the Senate.

38 (6) The Senate Pro-Tempore will ensure that the final candidate list is transmitted
39 to the Senate.

40 (7) The Senate will have final say on who of the recommended candidates is
41 confirmed to the Senate by a way of majority vote.

42 (8) The Senate Pro-Tempore is responsible for the execution of this subsection.

43 (b) The Conference Committee shall meet on an as needed basis to discuss, review, plan
44 for, and follow up on pieces of legislation that have or will be brought to the Senate

- 45 floor. The committee will work alongside the Student Services Commission to
46 ensure communication and effective organization within Student Government.
- 47 (1) The committee shall be assembled by the Vice President and the Senate Pro
48 Tempore.
 - 49 (2) The committee shall include Senators who have shown interest in the topic(s)
50 which are to be discussed. There is no limit to the number of Senators in the
51 committee.
 - 52 (3) The committee will meet at a time and place chosen by the Vice President and
53 Senate Pro Tempore.
 - 54 (4) The committee can also invite members of the House to collaborate on efforts
55 being taken. The House leader shall be in charge of gathering members from
56 the House to join meetings set by the Vice President and Senate Pro Tempore.
 - 57 (5) All meetings shall be classified as Senate Conference Meetings, must have an
58 agenda, and will be chaired by the Vice President, Senate Pro Tempore, and if
59 present, the House Leader.
 - 60 (6) Chairs of the meeting shall assign a member to take minutes at these meetings,
61 and all minutes shall include any action plans the committee has drafted. All
62 minutes shall then be forwarded to the Student Services Director.
 - 63 (7) These meetings shall be considered closed meetings, unless otherwise decided
64 by the chairs of the meeting.

65 **BE IT ENACTED:** That upon passage this bill be forwarded to the
66 Student Body President Andrew Homann for action.