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**A Resolution**–

To be entitled as the “Equal Opportunity for Organizations Resolution” suggesting improvements in policy for organizations at Texas State University by allowing easier access for participation on campus.

**WHEREAS**: Texas State University is a university that prides itself in providing an environment where all students are encouraged to be involved in campus life; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University hosts a diverse student body eager to take opportunies to be involved when they are presented to them; and

**WHEREAS**: Certain polices enacted by Student Involvement make it difficult for organizations to be actively involved and present on campus; and

**WHEREAS:** Students with a passionate cause may not be able to find an advisor who aligns with their goals, leaving them unable to pursue a role of campus leadership; and

**WHEREAS**: Both faculty and students at Texas State University have busy schedules that make extra regulations for involvement on campus more difficult; and

**WHEREAS**: Faculty has had to deny student organizations’ requests for advising solely based upon their schedules not allowing it; and

**WHEREAS**: Students’ participation in campus life should not be dependent upon faculties’ schedules and their abilities to take on the role of advisor; and

**WHEREAS**: An advisor is not essential to a student organization and making a faculty advisor optional instead of a requirement would not conflict with the welfare of students because student organizations would still be required to abide with procedures in the Student Organizations Handbook; and

**WHEREAS**: Making the addition of an advisor optional would leave student organizations responsible to evaluate their understanding of Student Involvement Code and thus ensuring that their ability to secure an advisor would not jeopardize their survival as a registered student organization on campus. Therefore;

**BE IT ENACTED:** That student organizations should be given an opportunity to apply to have faculty advisor requirement waived. This should be granted based on grounds of the nature of the organization, whether an advisor is available, and whether the organization intends to include travel as part of organization sanctioned activities and;

**BE IT ENACTED:** That to preserve fairness and objectivity a student organization should receive a reason for decision in the event that their waiver application is denied, specifying what factors contributed to the decision and providing specifics as to how and why acting in such a manner based on those factors is justified and;

**BE IT ENACTED**: Upon passage this piece be forwarded to the director of student involvement for review.

**BE IT FURTHR ENACTED**: That upon passage this legislation shall be forwarded to student body president Connor Clegg and for further action.