Student Government Association Senate

Legislation

Senate Resolution No: BS03-001
Introduced by: Robert Hunt and the Constitution Committee
Date Tabled: February 4, 2003
Date Passed: February 11, 2003
Certified:______________________ (Signature: Robert Hunt Speaker of the Senate)
Approved:______________________ (Signature: Jonathan E Badaracco SGA President)

Senate Operations and Legislation Organization Act

Section 1. Senate Operations:

A. Senate General Assembly meetings shall be held each Tuesday at 7:00p.m.
B. The Attendance Policy is at the discretion of the Speaker. The policy must be stated at the beginning of his/her respective term.
C. The Senate Speaker shall be required to:
   1. Keep record of Officer and Senator attendance and report absence to the Executive Committee.
   2. File and Maintain all SGA Legislation
   3. Upon request, assist Officers and Senators in developing legislation
   4. Shall develop and provide Agendas for each Senate General Assembly Meetings to each Senate Committee. Senators and Officers may, upon request, be provided individual agendas.

Section 2. SGA Legislation

A. Shall be defined as any Bill or Resolution.
   1. Bills are defined as any legislation pertaining to SGA procedures or constitutional amendments. A bill shall be known as an “Act” upon passage.
   2. Resolutions are defined as any legislation pertaining to the official position of SGA
B. Shall include a Senate number consisting of a “B” representing a Bill or an “R” distinguishing a Resolution. An “F” follows the first letter for the Fall term or an “S” for the Spring term. The next two digits are the year the Bill or Resolution was passed or approved. The chronological number of the Bill or Resolution
follows all this for that particular semester. (Ex. BS07-005) This example says, Bill passed in the Spring semester of the year 2007, and it was the fifth (005) Bill passed by Senate that semester.

C. Shall include the name of the Senator and/or Committee that introduced the legislation.

D. Shall include the date the legislation was laid on the table.

E. Shall include the date the legislation was passed.

F. Shall include the signature of the sponsoring Senator.

G. Shall include the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

H. Shall include the signature of the SGA President.

I. Shall be brought as emergency business, if deemed necessary by the sponsor and Speaker of the Senate, or tabled for one week.

J. Shall, once tabled, be complete, submitted to the Speaker of the Senate, and posted in a public area, within twenty-four hours.

K. Shall, once passed, be printed on official SGA letterhead, distributed, and filed by the Speaker of the Senate.

Section 3. Assigning Legislation

A. The Speaker of the Senate will send the legislation, brought up under new business, to the committee he/she thinks is most appropriate.

B. The Speaker of the Senate shall have the sole authority to determine which committee legislation is to be sent.

C. The sponsor of the legislation must meet with the committee that was assigned their legislation where there will be discussion, questions and answers about the legislation.

D. The committee will vote whether to send the legislation to the floor by a majority of those committee members present. There must be a quorum to hold a vote. The sponsor of the legislation is not allowed to vote and the committee can ask any and all peoples to leave the meeting while the vote is being conducted.

E. If the legislation is affirmed then it is sent to the Senate floor as a whole for the following meeting where it will be brought up as old business and voted on following Article III, Section 2, subsection H of the SGA Constitution.