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1 **A Bill-**

2 To be entitled "SAB Constitution Ratification" relating to the
3 ratification of the SAB Constitution by the Texas State Student
4 Government Senate.

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6 **WHEREAS:** The Constitution governing the Student Advisory Board
7 historically required ratification per amendment by a 2/3
8 vote by each Texas State University System Institution
9 Student Governing Body; And

10 **WHEREAS:** This method of ratification is not needed, nor does the
11 amendment of the SAB Constitution greatly affect the
12 students that are a part of each institutions' governing
13 body or the students that the governing bodies represent;
14 And

15 **BE IT ENACTED:** The Student Senate of the Student Government votes
16 to ratify the Constitution governing the Student Advisory
17 Board so that further amendments of the respective
18 Constitution do not require a 2/3 majority vote from each
19 institutions' governing body.

20 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** This legislation be forwarded to the
21 Student Body President for further action.

The Texas State University System Student Advisory Board

Amended November 20, 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Student Advisory Board is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Texas State University System Board of Regents. The Student Advisory Board articulates the student's perspective to the Board of Regents to assist the Board of Regents in making system wide and school specific decisions. It is the goal of The Student Advisory Board to work in conjunction with the Board of Regents and the Components to ensure the success of all students in the Texas State University System by effectively communicating the concerns and opinions of the students to the Board of Regents. An additional and important goal of The Student Advisory Board is to function as a cooperative association among component schools in order to exchange information, provide networking opportunities, and share programs that will benefit all Texas State University System members.

PREAMBLE

We, the student body representatives of the Texas State University System, under the authority delegated by the Board of Regents, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for The Student Advisory Board. Our purpose is to consider issues, programs and initiatives concerning the component institutions. This Board is committed to serving as a source of communication between the Board of Regents and the students.

Article I: Name and Definitions

- A) This organization shall be known as The Student Advisory Board of The Texas State University System.
- B) The Texas State University System Board of Regents shall hereafter be referred to as the Board of Regents.
- C) The first meeting of the Board of Regents after September 1st shall be referred to as the first quarterly meeting. Each subsequent meeting shall be referred to in numerical order.
- D) The Chair shall be that individual who speaks before the Board of Regents.
- E) The term Chair shall be defined as the student who is elected by The Student Advisory Board to preside over The Student Advisory Board meetings.

Article II: Powers and Duties of the Advisory Board

A) The Student Advisory Board shall meet prior to and during each quarterly Board of Regents meeting on order to:

- 1) Elect a temporary representative in the event when the Chair is unable to address the Board of Regents.
- 2) Ensure that the Chair and the Advisory Board are aware of concerns of the students of each component institution.
- 3) Approve, by two-thirds vote of members present, the Chair's presentation to the Board of Regents.
- 4) At the fourth quarterly meeting each year, the Chancellor and the Chief Student Affairs Officers at the meeting and the members of The Student Advisory Board will meet to discuss the progress of SAB and to develop proposals for improvement.
- 5) The Student Advisory Board may meet in addition to these regularly scheduled meetings if a majority of its members deem it necessary.
- 6) Meet with the Student Regent to provide insight on the Board of Regents' goals and direction for our report's topics.

B) The Student Advisory Board shall have the power to address issues brought before it in keeping with its mission statement.

C) Legislative Research Team

- 1) The Legislative Research Team shall be comprised of delegates from The Student Advisory Board. The team will be composed of at least one, but not more than three delegates.
- 2) The Legislative Research Team shall be elected at the first quarterly meeting by a simple majority of delegates present.
- 3) The team shall be responsible for researching legislative and other political activities that could potentially impact the students of the Texas State University System.
- 4) The results of such research will be disseminated to all member schools at each quarterly meeting, and as warranted between quarterly meetings.

Article III: Membership

A) Delegations:

- 1) Each component of the Texas State University System, with a student government, and represented by a University President shall be represented on The Student Advisory Board by two permanent members and one alternate member.
- 2) The component that the Chair represents may have two permanent members and the Chair since the Chair cannot vote.

B) Optional Participation

- 1) Removal Process: A member school may remove itself from participation from The Student Advisory Board by submitting a letter of resignation signed by the President of the Student Body and the President of the University, to the chair of The Student Advisory Board and to the Secretary/Historian one month prior to the next quarterly meeting.
- 2) Reinstatement Process: Once a school has resigned as a member of The Student Advisory Board, they may petition The Student Advisory Board to regain status. They will, upon petition, attend one quarterly meeting on probation. After completion of the probationary period, the school will be reinstated to The Student Advisory Board.

Article IV: Board Members

A) Qualifications and Terms of Office:

- 1) Student Advisory Board members must be Texas State University System Students and meet the scholastic eligibility requirements of their institution.
- 2) Each Student Advisory Board member's term will begin at the first quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents

B) Appointment:

- 1) Each Student Government must give a list of its delegation to the advisor at least one day before each meeting.

Article V: Student Advisory Board Officers and Advisor

A) The Chair:

- 1) Shall serve a one-year term beginning with the completion of the fourth quarterly meeting.

- 2) Shall be elected at the fourth quarterly meeting by a simple majority of The Student Advisory Board.
- 3) Shall act as the presiding officer of all meetings of The Student Advisory Board.
- 4) Shall be responsible for the dissemination of all materials and information to The Student Advisory Board members.
- 5) Shall represent the interests of system students in a prepared presentation that has been approved by The Student Advisory board.
- 6) Shall not vote on any matter before the Governing Board.
- 7) Requirements:
 - a) Shall be an official delegate of The Student Advisory Board as appointed by their component student government.

B) The Vice-Chair:

- 1) Shall serve a one-year term beginning with the completion of the fourth quarterly meeting.
- 2) Shall be elected at the fourth quarterly meeting by a simple majority of The Student Advisory Board.
- 3) Shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event of his/her absence.
- 4) Shall perform all duties delegated to him/her by the chair.
- 5) Shall be responsible for coordinating the Legislative Research Team's activities and informing the member schools of The Student Advisory Board of those activities.
- 6) Requirements:
 - a) Shall be an official delegate of The Student Advisory Board as appointed by their student government.

C) The Secretary/Historian

- 1) Shall serve a one- year term beginning with the fourth quarterly meeting.
- 2) Shall be elected at the fourth quarterly meeting by a simple majority of The Student Advisory Board.

3) Shall be responsible for keeping a written record of all Student Advisory Board activities at a stable archive site.

4) Shall keep minutes of all regular and special meetings.

5) Requirements

a) Shall be an official delegate to The Student Advisory Board as appointed by their student government.

D) Parliamentarian

1) Shall serve a one-year term beginning with the completion of the fourth quarterly meeting.

2) Shall be elected by a simple majority of The Student Advisory Board members.

3) Shall assist the Chair and members of The Student Advisory Board in matters relating to Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules of Order.

4) Shall be responsible for maintaining order at the meetings.

5) Shall otherwise assist the Chair with the business of the Board.

6) Requirements:

a) Shall be an official delegate of The Student Advisory Board as appointed by their component student government.

E) Advisor

1) Shall be a component Chief Student Affairs Officer and selected and approved by The Student Advisory Board and the Chief Student Affairs Officers. The Advisor will serve a three-year renewable term beginning with the completion of the fourth quarterly meeting.

2) Shall attend the first session of The Student Advisory Board meeting.

3) The role of the advisor shall be to advise The Student Advisory Board on issues relating to higher level administrative issues and the SAB report.

F) Removal Process:

1) To remove an officer a two-thirds vote of the total membership must be cast.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

A) Attendance at The Student Advisory Board Meetings

1) Each Student Advisory Board Representative shall attend each meeting of The Student Advisory Board.

B) Rules of Order:

1) All meetings of The Student Advisory board shall be conducted under the latest Robert's Rules of Order

C) Voting Regulations:

1) Each school present receives two votes to cast as their delegation sees fit.

2) Votes will be decided by a simple majority vote of members present, unless otherwise specified.

3) Any member school on probation may not vote during the probationary period.

ARTICLE VU: Constitutional Amendments and Bylaws

A) Amendments:

1) Proposals to amend this constitution shall be passed by two-thirds of the total voting membership of The Student Advisory Board and approved by a majority vote of the System Chief Student Affairs Officers.

2) The revised constitution will be forwarded to the Chancellor, Board of Regents, all Chief Student Affairs Officers and to each University President.

B) Bylaws:

1) Bylaws may be adopted by a simple majority vote of representatives present.

ARTICLE VIII: Ratification

A copy of this constitution shall be provided to each component for ratification by each of their Student Advisory Board representatives. Component ratification shall be by simple majority vote during one of the quarterly meetings. Once this constitution has been ratified by 2/3 of the components in the Texas State University System, this constitution will be in effect.