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G.B. #345  
A Bill to Update the Constitution to Reflect New Government Structure  

Whereas, the Senate has resolved to reorganize student government into one branch to enhance effectiveness, collaboration, and the development of solutions,  

Whereas, the Constitution provides a guideline to affirm Senate leadership, members, governing rules, and expectations,  

Whereas, the Constitution needs to reflect the new organization of the Senate and Graduate Student government;  

Therefore, be it enacted by the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate assembled,  

That “Article III: Members” be amended:  

The membership of CGSG shall include all elected and appointed officials in the legislative branch, as well as any persons representing CGSG on university committees.  

That “Article IV: Legislative Branch” be replaced with:  

4.1 Purpose:  
Power shall be vested in the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President elected by the Graduate Student Body to oversee both the Graduate Student Senate, hereafter referred to as the Senate, and Satellite Councils.  

4.2 Duties and Responsibilities of Leadership  

4.2.1: Positions  
The Student Body President shall serve as the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall preside over the Senate along with the Vice President. He or she shall appoint Senate officers, including the Chief of Staff, the President Pro-Tempore, and the Senate Secretary, hereafter referred to as the executive board.
Section 4.2.2: President of the Graduate Student Body
The duties and powers of the Student Body President shall include the power to:

a. Serve as a spokesperson for the Graduate Student Body;
b. Provide vision and direction to the organization;
c. Issue proclamations of a celebratory nature and recognize graduate student achievements and contributions to graduate student life;
d. Represent the Graduate Student Body to the Board of Trustees and University administration;
e. Make appointments to University committees on which CGSG is entitled to representation;
f. Appoint, along with the Vice President, the 3 Senate officer positions of the executive board;
g. Unilaterally remove any person in a position appointed by the Student Body President.

Section 4.2.3: Vice President of the Graduate Student Body
The duties and power of the Student Body Vice President shall include:

a. Assist and advise the Student Body President in all of his/her responsibilities.
b. Establish the date, time, and location of Senate meetings;
c. Ensure the proper operation of Senate activities;
d. Appoint, along with the President, the 3 Senate officer positions of the executive board;
e. Unilaterally remove any person in a position appointed by the Student Body Vice President.

Section 4.2.3: Chief of Staff of the Graduate Student Senate
The duties and power of the Chief of Staff shall include:

a. Assist and advise the Student Body President in regard to Senate committees that pertain to any outside business needing to be conducted by the Graduate Student Senate as stated in the Senate’s Rules of Order.

Section 4.2.4: President Pro-Tempore of the Graduate Student Senate
The duties and power of the President Pro-Tempore shall include:
Section 4.2.5: Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate
The duties and power of the Secretary shall include:
   a. Keep the Constitution and Rules of Order up to date with new amendments and changes as they are approved
   b. Perform all duties pertaining to the records of the Senate as assigned by the presiding officer.

Section 4.2.6: Executive Board Meetings
The executive board, which includes the President, Vice-President, Chief of Staff, President Pro-Tempore, and Senate Secretary, shall be required to meet regularly to share and update information regarding the status of business being done both inside and outside of the senate. These location and time of these meetings shall be agreed upon by all 5 members and should re-occur no less than every 2 weeks.

Section 4.2.7: Office Terms
The President-elect and Vice-President-elect shall be sworn in at the final Senate meeting of the academic year and shall serve until the swearing in of the succeeding administration. Upon the succeeding administration, a new Chief of Staff, President Pro-Tempore, and Senate Secretary shall be re-appointed if warranted by the new administration.

Section 4.2.8: Representative Requirements
Members of the executive board shall be automatically and immediately removed from office if said member fails to meet at any one of the following criteria:
   a. Maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point ratio.
   b. Not be on disciplinary probation with Clemson University.
   c. Maintain enrollment as a Clemson University graduate student.

Section 4.2.9: Succession
   a. If the office of Student Body President is vacated, the Student Body Vice President shall assume the office of Student Body President and vacate the office of Student Body Vice President.
   b. Any vacant elected office must be filled at the first Senate meeting following the vacancy.
In the event of an extenuating circumstance, the Senate may vest the Student Body Vice President with the powers of the Student Body President by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4.3: Duties and Responsibilities of Senate

Section 4.3.1: Membership
Each graduate program may, at their discretion, appoint at least one senator or councilor. For purposes of apportionment, graduate programs of the same name, irrespective of the degree types, shall be considered one program. The Senate and Satellite Councils may each provide for additional membership of their respective bodies by legislation.

The chair of each Satellite Council shall be an ex officio member of the Senate.

The term of office for all members of the Legislative Branch shall be from August 1st to July 31st of the following year.

Section 4.3.2: Powers of the Senate
The powers of the Senate shall include the power to:

a. Adopt written resolutions to:
   1. Establish Senate committees;
   2. Establish Senate policies and procedures;
   3. Express the consensus of the Senate on any matter;
   4. Remove, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership, any member of CGSG;

b. Enact written bills, including those to:
   1. Establish Satellite Councils;
   2. Appropriate funds for the benefit of the student body;
   3. Grant recognition to Graduate Student Organizations;
   4. Levy fees on the Graduate Student Body, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees;
   5. Establish regulations governing membership and elections of CGSG.

Section 4.3.3: Legislation

a. Unless waived by the Senate President, new legislation shall be presented to the Senate members at least one week prior to the vote on the legislation.
b. Resolutions shall become effective immediately upon certification of passage by the presiding officer.
c. Legislation passed by the Senate shall be presented to the Student Body President, who may sign or veto the legislation. If the legislation is not signed
or vetoed within seven (7) calendar days of presentation, then the bill shall be considered vetoed. The Senate shall have the right to overturn any veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote at its next meeting.

d. Bills which have been signed by the Student Body President or have received a veto override in the Senate shall become effective upon receiving the signature of the Clemson University Vice President for Student Affairs.

Section 4.3.4: Quorum
a. Forty (40) percent of the Senate membership shall constitute a quorum.
b. Senators must be physically present to count toward a quorum and to vote.

Section 4.4: Satellite Councils

Section 4.4.1: Purpose
The purpose of Satellite Councils is to represent and promote the welfare of graduate students at campuses other than the one at which the Senate resides.

Section 4.4.2: Powers
The powers of each Council shall include the power to:

a. Adopt written resolutions to:
   1. Establish Council committees;
   2. Establish Council policies and procedures;
   3. Express the sense of the Council on any matter;
   4. Remove, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership, any member of the Council;

b. Enact written bills subject to legislation of the Senate, including those to:
   1. Appropriate funds for the benefit of the students of the Council campus;
   2. Levy fees on the students of the Council campus, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees;

Section 4.4.3: Leadership
At the first meeting of the academic year, each Satellite Council shall elect a member to serve as chair of the council. The chair shall preside over their Council and appoint officers, including the Council Secretary.

Section 4.4.4: Legislation
a. Unless waived by the Council Chair, new legislation shall be presented to the Council members at least one week prior to the vote on the legislation.
b. Resolutions shall become effective immediately upon certification of passage by the presiding officer.

c. Bills passed by the Council shall be presented to the Student Body President, who may sign or veto the legislation. If the legislation is not signed or vetoed within seven (7) calendar days of presentation, then the bill shall be considered vetoed. The Council shall have the right to overturn any veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote at its next meeting.

d. Bills which have been signed by the Student Body President or have received a veto override in the Council shall become effective upon receiving the signature of the Clemson University Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Section 4.4.5: Quorum**

Forty (40) percent of Council membership shall constitute a quorum.

That “Article V: Executive Branch” be removed in its entirety as it has been integrated into Article IV.

That “Article VI: Referendum” be renamed “Article V: Referendum” to maintain appropriate numbering.

That “Article VII: Parliamentary Authority” be renamed “Article VI: Parliamentary Authority” to maintain appropriate numbering.

That “Article VIII: Amendment of Constitution” be renamed “Article VII: Amendment of Constitution” to maintain appropriate numbering.

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