

B-F2019-03: To clarify the review process for Initiatives and voting requirements needed to pass an Initiative. *To add Initiatives to the classification and voting processes delineated for other forms of legislation and update the Bylaws to reflect the current process required to pass a commendation or resolution. To assign the Vice President for Student Services the role of objectively reviewing Initiatives before being sent to the Executive President.*

In the General Body,

Date: September 2, 2019

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A Bill,

To create a letter designation and format for Initiatives, similar to that of Bills, Resolutions, and Commendations. All Commendations must go through the Governmental Affairs Committee prior to being introduced to the General Body in “New Business.” Resolutions are sent to an appropriately designated committee and voted within that committee. Initiatives are sent to the Vice President for Student Services who shall meet with the relevant sponsors to offer structural and formatting suggestions. An Initiative needs a simple majority vote to be passed in the General Body.

Formatting:

Bylaw 02, Section B
Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2

Details

Bylaw 02, Section B shall be renamed.
Bylaw 02, Section B shall now be titled:

Section B: Bills, Commendations, Initiatives, and Resolutions

Bylaw 02, Section B shall be instilled.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 1 shall be amended.
Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 1 shall read:

A Bill is any legislation that amends the Bylaws or Constitution. If the legislation does not amend the Bylaws or the Constitution, it shall either be a Commendation, Initiative, or Resolution. Commendations

shall be all legislation that effectuates appreciations and honors and should be drafted as such. Any other measures shall be Resolutions and should be drafted as such. Initiatives are petitions drafted by students not associated with Student Government.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 1 shall be instilled.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 2 shall be amended.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 2 shall read:

All Commendations shall be submitted to the Bylaw Review Chair and shall be voted on in the Governmental Affairs Committee. If passed by simple majority, Commendations shall be sent to the President, who shall place the legislation on “New Business” at the next General Body meeting. Following this meeting, the legislation will be placed on “Old Business” and will be voted on at the following General Body meeting.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 2 shall be instilled.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 3 shall be added.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 3 shall read:

All Resolutions shall be sent to the Bylaw Review Chair who will designate the legislation to its relevant committee to gain insight, constructive feedback, and structural improvements. Once the designated committee reviews the Resolution, the committee shall send it to the President, who shall place the legislation on “New Business” at the next General Body meeting. Following this meeting, the Resolution will be placed on “Old Business” and will be voted on at the following General Body meeting.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 4 shall be added.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 4 shall read:

All Initiatives shall be sent to the Vice President for Student Services who shall meet with the relevant sponsors to offer structural and formatting suggestions. Once the Vice President for Student Services reviews the Resolution, the committee shall send it to the President, who shall place the legislation on “New Business” at the next General Body meeting. Following this meeting, the Resolution will be placed on “Old Business” and will be voted on at the following General Body meeting.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsections 3-5 shall be renumbered 5-7.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 7 shall be amended.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 7 shall read:

A simple majority of those present is necessary to pass an Initiative.

Bylaw 02, Section B, Subsection 7 shall be instilled.

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2a shall be amended.

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2a shall read:

A letter indicating whether the legislation is a Bill, Commendation, Initiative, or Resolution. A Bill shall be designated by “B”, a Commendation shall be designated by “C”, an Initiative shall be designated by “I”, and a Resolution shall be designated by “R”;

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2a shall be instilled.

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2c shall be amended.

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2c shall read:

A number. Bills, Commendations, Initiatives, and Resolutions shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with “1” for the first piece of legislation of the current session, followed by “2”, and so forth. Bills, Commendations, Initiatives, and Resolutions shall have separate numbering systems.

Bylaw 02, Section C, Subsection 2c shall be instilled.

Effective Date: Immediately