

B-F2019-04: To amend the infrastructure for Initiatives presented by the student body to Student Government.

In the General Body,

Date: September 3, 2019

Sponsors: Suchir Govindarajan, Vice President for Governmental Affairs
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 Patty Kou, Executive President
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To have Initiatives reviewed by the Vice President for Student Services before being sent to the President in order to provide a formatting and feedback process for sponsors. The Initiative is then presented to the General Body in “Old Business” and “New Business” the following week. The Initiative will be opened to Points of Information and Points of Inquiry, after which the sponsors will leave the session and the General Body will immediately open debate. If the Initiative is passed, the Executive President and Vice President for Advancement will follow the appropriate next steps in notifying administration and the student body.

Formatting:

Article III, Section H
Article XI, Section B

Details

Article III, Section G, Subsection 8 shall be added.
Article III, Section G, Subsection 8 shall read:

To provide the necessary structural and formatting feedback on Initiatives presented to the SG, in an objective manner.

Article XI, Section B shall be renamed.
Article XI, Section B shall now be titled:

Section B: Initiative Proceedings

Article XI, Section B shall be instilled.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 1 shall be added.
Article XI, Section B, Subsection 1 shall read:

Any student or group of students wishing to present legislation directly to the Student Government's General Body for a vote must collect 250 signatures from full-time, currently enrolled TCNJ students on a petition asking the Student Government to hear a given piece of legislation. Student Government members—including Associate Members—may not sign their names to the petition. The petition cannot seek to amend any legislation that would amend the Student Government's Bylaws or Constitution.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 2 shall be added.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 2 shall read:

The completed petition must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Services, who shall meet with the petition's sponsors to offer structural and formatting suggestions only. The finalized Initiative must be sent to the Executive President no less than 24 hours after review.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 3 shall be added.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 3 shall read:

The Initiative will then be sent to New Business where it will be read by the Executive President or a sponsor of the Initiative. The Initiative will be sent out to the General Body by the Executive Vice President by no later than 24 hours after the General Body Meeting in which the Initiative was introduced in New Business.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 4 shall be added.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 4 shall read:

The following General Body Meeting, the Initiative will be included in Old Business, where it will be read by a sponsor of the Initiative or the Executive President. Members of the General Assembly will then be allowed to provide Points of Information and Points of Inquiry regarding the Initiative.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 5 shall be added.

Article XI, Section B, Subsection 5 shall read:

Once Points of Information and Points of Inquiry have been exhausted, the Initiative will immediately be moved into debate and the sponsors will be asked to exit the session. Only if there are no speakers pro or con for the Initiative, may the Executive President call for a motion. Once the Initiative is voted on, the sponsors will be notified of the result. If an Initiative is passed by a simple majority, it is the duty of the Executive President to assign an appropriate Cabinet member to present the Initiative, in conjunction with the sponsors, to Administration, Governance, or any other proper avenue. The Vice President of Advancement is responsible for reporting the Initiative to the student body and appropriate media outlets.

Article XI, Section D, Subsection 3 shall be added.

Article XI, Section D, Subsection 3 shall now read:

The following General Body Meeting, the Resolution will be included in Old Business, where it will immediately be moved into debate. Only if there are no speakers pro or con for the Resolution, may the Executive President call for a motion. Once a resolution is passed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, it is the duty of the Executive President to assign an appropriate Cabinet member to present the Resolution, in conjunction with the sponsors, to Administration, Governance, or any other proper avenue. The Vice President of Advancement is responsible for reporting the Resolution to the student body and appropriate media outlets.

Article XI, Section D, Subsection 3 shall be instilled.

Effective Date: Immediately