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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES TO THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS HOLTAN, FINANCE COMMISSION DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Student Senate Bylaws state that senators are required to attend six Organized Activity Budget presentations; and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate Bylaws state that senators are required to attend one hour of deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the discussion regarding the Organized Activity Budget Bill for fiscal year 2009-2010 had many questions; and

WHEREAS, the information that was supposed to be relayed during the six Organized Activity Budget presentations and the one hour of deliberations did not fully occur; and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate Bylaws need to require senators to be fully aware of the intricacies of the budget before the Organized Activity Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, the best way possible for this enlightenment is to require

attendance for the entire Finance Commission Budget Deliberation meetings; and

WHEREAS, by requiring attendance for the entire meeting, senators would have full knowledge of all issues discussed during the deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the senators would be given ample time to investigate certain Organized Activities before the Organized Activity Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the senators to understand the importance of budget hearings; and

WHEREAS, the senators would therefore be required to attend two budget hearing presentations; and

WHEREAS, these two changes to the Student Senate Bylaws would help Student Senate during the annual Organized Activity Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, these two changes assist the senators during the difficult decisions of the Organized Activity Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, the changes aforementioned are shown in Attachment "A";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate passes the changes in the Student Senate Bylaws in Attachment "A"; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

ATTACHMENT "A"

C. Finance Commission Budget Hearings and Deliberations

a) Annually, each senator shall attend at least ~~six~~ two Organized Activity Budget presentations during formal hearings for the Finance Commission. Furthermore, at least one of the ~~six~~ two budget presentations, attended by each senator, ~~must~~ should be Health Services, Athletics or Recreation. During the week with formal hearings, senators shall not be required to maintain an office hour.

1) ~~Each two~~ Two missed presentations shall be the equivalent of one unexcused Senate absence. The Finance Director shall keep record of senator attendance at all presentations and report same to the president and Executive Board.

b) Annually each senator, the President and Vice-President shall attend at least one hour of budget deliberations by the Finance Commission.

1) If a senator misses ~~the hour of~~ the budget deliberations, they shall receive the equivalent of ~~one~~ two unexcused Senate absence. The senator may make up the unexcused absences by listening to a recording of the session, or proving to the President that they understand the issues that were discussed in each of the Organized Activities. The Finance Director shall keep record of senators' attendance at the budget deliberations and report same to the President and Treasurer.