Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Student Senate

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The Student Senate
28th Session
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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Action Taken: **PASSED**
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Speaker of the Student Senate

Committee Act

"An Act formalizing the status of Student Government Association Committees."

WHEREAS(1):

Chapter 9 of the Bylaws is too vague for the descriptions and operations of Standing Committees; and,

WHEREAS(2):

The way Standing Committees practice and the way that they are written in the Bylaws does not match; and,

WHEREAS(3):

Standing Committees needs to be clear in the Bylaws to continue their growth and success in the Student Government Association.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (1):

That in Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution add the following:
“iii. Meeting with the Chairpersons for all standing committees monthly to advise the chair and track the committee’s progress.”

And re-number the listed duties, respectively.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (2):

That Chapter 9 - Standing Committees be changed to Chapter 9 – Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (3):

That Chapter 2 – Membership section 2.01 remove the first line, that reads:

“Committee members must be approved by the Student Government Association President.”

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (4):

That Chapter 9 section 1 last paragraph, which reads: “The chairperson of each committee is required to submit a description of the committee’s goals and objectives in their first committee report to the Student Senate”, be given its own section as 9.02.

And add a second sentence, which shall read: “All standing committee chairs shall report to the Senate and the Vice President monthly about the progress of their committee.”

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (5):

That the Special Fencing Committee be added in section 9.01 as follows:
x. Special Funding Committee

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (6):

That section 9.11 be added, which shall read:

"The Special Funding Committee shall be chaired by the current Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Any funds that are allocated to the Student Government Association by an outside entity shall be organized and distributed by the Special Funding Committee."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (7):

That the Student Affairs Committee in sections 9.01 and 9.07 be changed to the Student Engagement Committee.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (8):

That the first sentence in section 9.05 be changed to "The Public Relations Committee serves to promote good relations between the Student Government Association and the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi community."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (9):

That the third sentence in section 9.05 that reads "The Public Relations Committee is responsible for overseeing and gathering student input", be removed, and that the new sentence shall read, "The Public Relations Committee is responsible for coordinating with other committees to promote events sponsored by the Student Government Association."
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (10):

That the first sentence in section 9.07 be added to include "... and is responsible for overseeing and gathering student input."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (11):

That the Legislative Study Committee in 9.01 and 9.08 be changed to the Governmental Relations Committee.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (12):

That section 9.08 be amended to read "The Governmental Relations Committee is charged with coordinating all relations with the local and state government. When the Texas Legislature is in session, the committee shall be charged with researching all introduced legislation that may affect Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The committee will review the proposed bills and work to develop suggestions and a plan of action for the Student Government Association."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (13):

That the words "or CoChairs" be removed from section 9.13.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (14):
That section 9.14 be added, which shall read: "All Standing Committees shall meet a minimum of once a month during the Senate session. If the chair of the committee or the Vice President deems it necessary for the committee to meet more than once, a special session may be called."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (15):

That section 9.15 be added, which shall read: "The President shall have the power to create an Ad Hoc Committee to carry out executive responsibilities. If an Ad Hoc Committee needs to be created, the opinion must be presented to the Senate for approval. The Vice President shall chair the Ad Hoc Committee. Any Ad Hoc Committee shall be temporary, until the committee’s purpose has been resolved."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (16):

That section 9.16 be added, which shall read: "Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the constitution, if a committee chair is not meeting in committee, with the Vice President, or not reporting to the Senate over the duration of a month, the Student Government Association President then has the power to initiate removal proceedings against said committee chair. The Student Senate then must approve the removal with a majority vote. The Student Senate must vote on the removal by the end of the meeting in which the proceedings originated."

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted (17):

That Chapter 9 sections be re-numbered accordingly.