



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

BILL 22-01

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF ELECTIONS

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government Association (SGA) to represent the university in its entirety,

WHEREAS, the current requirements for Executive Candidate eligibility set forth by Section 3 of the Code of Elections create an unnecessary limitation to the student body to run for executive positions,

WHEREAS, following the vacating of the treasurer position in the Fall of 2021 the Executive Council filled the position through the appointment process in which the Executive Council found that the most qualified candidate was not previously a member of the Student Government Association,

WHEREAS, this successful appointment which falls within the guidelines set forth by the SGA governing documents, proves the ability of students without previous SGA membership should be considered capable candidates for the position given previous experience,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, due to the restrictive characteristics of Executive Candidate eligibility there should be changes to promote participation in the betterment of the university,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the passage of this bill, the Code of Elections shall be to reflect the following changes to Article VII Section 3 of the Code of Elections:

Section 3: Candidate Eligibility

A. Executive Candidates

- a. Must be registered as a full-time student in good standing with the university and must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale prior to the start of the campaign period and throughout the elected term.
- b. Candidates for President and Vice President must serve a year in SGA to be eligible for candidacy. This includes all individuals added to the SGA before midterm of the Fall Semester.
- c. Candidates for Treasurer and Secretary **shall not be required to complete previous service within SGA. Rather candidates should take into consideration the commitment and requirements of the position when applying. ~~must have served at least one semester in SGA to be eligible for candidacy. This includes individuals who began their tenure in January and will complete the current semester in SGA~~**
- d. Must be able to fulfill the obligations of the position during the term as listed in the SGA Constitution.
- e. Must submit one letter of recommendation from VSU Faculty/Staff to be eligible for candidacy.
- f. Each candidate shall file an elections packet including a statement of intent and grade release statement.
- g. Any person elected as a part of the Executive Branch may not hold more than two Executive Board positions in other student organization, including SGA on campus during their term. This excludes appointed members of the executive branch.
- h. Must meet all requirements for VSU Student Employment and may not hold other on campus jobs that will interfere with one's ability to complete mandatory office hour requirements. Current on campus jobs candidates plan to maintain should be disclosed in the elections packet.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED upon passage of this bill, above revisions will be immediately put into effect and a copy of the revised SGA Code of Elections will be uploaded to the SGA website.

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Against: 0

Abstain: 4

Primary Mover: Senator Garrett

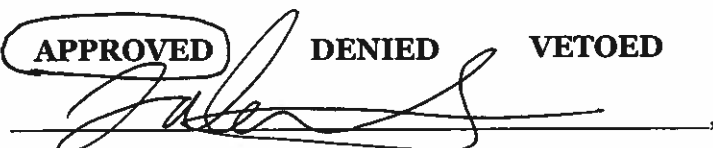
Secondary Mover: Senator Harper

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Date: 03/22/2022



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