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Establishing a Statistically Proportional Methodology for Apportioning College and School Representation in the Assembly

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Article 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

SECTION 1. Student Government Constitution, Article IV is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.6 ~~DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES. Each college and school shall be allotted at least one (1) representative in the Assembly. The total number of college and school representatives shall be annually determined proportionally to the total number of students enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin.~~

(a) The total number of college and school representatives shall be determined by the Speaker of the Assembly based upon the enrollment data available from the enrollment figures from the previous semester of each school year as published in the annual *Statistical Handbook* by the University's Office of Information Management and Analysis.

(b) The total number of college and school representatives shall be determined based upon a 1:1500 ratio of college and school representatives at-large to students.

(c) Each college and school shall be allotted at least one (1) representative in the Assembly.

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Comment [SG1]: Amended to include the following.

Sec. 4.7 ~~STATISTICALLY APPORTIONMENT OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF COLLEGE AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES. Each college and school shall have a total number of allotted apportioned representatives to be elected by and charged with representing the students of that college or school (both undergraduate and graduate) for one-year terms based upon the chart below: the proportion of the total student body enrolled in the respective college or school with the proportion of representation among the college and~~

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MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS IN-RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE REPRESENTATIVES. University-wide representatives and must have completed a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours if an undergraduate student or nine (9) hours if a graduate student in-residence at the University.

FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVES. Two (2) representatives shall be elected from the incoming class of first-year students (including first-year undergraduate, graduate, and transfer students to the University as so defined by the Office of the Registrar) and serve one year terms in the Assembly.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTABLE SEATS IN THE ASSEMBLY. The Speaker of the Assembly shall submit the number of electable seats within the Assembly (including University at-large seats) to the Editor of *The Daily Texan* at least four (4) weeks prior to the spring election.

SPRING-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES' TERMS OF OFFICE. Representatives from the colleges and schools and University-wide representatives shall begin their terms at noon on the first Tuesday of April and end the following first Tuesday of April.

—————FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVES' TERMS OF OFFICE. First-year Representatives shall begin their terms at noon on the first Tuesday of October and end the following first Tuesday of April.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLY. Ex-officio members of the Assembly include all members of the executive branch, judicial branch, and external appointments. Ex-officio members also include the presidents of the Senate of College Councils, the Graduate Student Assembly, and the Campus Events and Entertainment.

NAMING OF ADDITIONAL EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. The Assembly may also name additional ex-officio members outside of those listed within this Constitution.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLY TERMS' OF OFFICE. Ex-officio members of the Assembly shall serve one-year terms, to begin from the time they are officially recognized as such, and shall serve without a vote in the Assembly.

DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY. The Student Government Assembly shall possess the following duties, powers, and authority:

(a) The Assembly shall pass legislation to represent the official voice of the student body and define official Student Government policy.

(b) The Assembly, as a whole, shall represent and advocate on behalf of all students at the

89 University before any and all audiences including, but not limited to, the administration
90 of The University of Texas at Austin, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas
91 System, the City of Austin, and the Texas Legislature.
92 (c) The budget of the Student Government must be presented to and approved by the
93 Assembly.
94 (d) The Assembly shall be responsible for the proper and prudent distribution of Student
95 Government funds.
96 (e) The Assembly shall maintain funds for distribution to student organizations, to Student
97 Government Agencies, and for special Student Government projects.
98 (f) All appointments by the President must be approved by the Assembly, unless specified
99 otherwise.
100 (g) Any appointment confirmed by the Assembly may be reversed by a two-thirds majority
101 of total sitting members of the Assembly.
102 (h) The Assembly shall have the power to create special agencies to conduct the business of
103 Student Government.
104 (i) The Assembly shall have the power to create any appointive office or committee deemed
105 necessary and proper.
106 (j) No formal action can be taken by the Assembly without a quorum present, which shall
107 consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the total sitting representatives.
108 (k) The Assembly shall have the power to convene itself by written request of one-third
109 (1/3) of the total sitting representatives and to not convene itself by written request of
110 two-thirds (2/3) of the total sitting representatives.
111 (l) The Assembly shall meet at least bi-weekly during the fall and spring semesters, on a
112 specific day and time to be set by the Speaker of the Assembly.
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114 | Sec. 4.2~~2~~⁴ COLLEGE OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE VACANCIES. Vacancies of a representative
115 seat of a college or school shall be filled by the respective college council, within a period of
116 thirty (30) days after the seat becomes vacant.

117 | Sec. 4.2~~3~~² EXTENDED VACANCIES, UNIVERSITY-WIDE VACANCIES AND FIRST-YEAR
118 VACANCIES. If a vacancy longer than thirty (30) days cannot be filled by the appropriate
119 college council; or if the vacancy is in a University-wide or first-year representative seat; the
120 Assembly Board shall fill the vacancy by appointment, subject to the approval of the Assembly.

121 | Sec. 4.2~~4~~³ APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE REQUIREMENTS. All appointed representatives must
122 meet the same requirements as the elected representatives.

123 | Sec. 4.2~~5~~⁴ PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. The Assembly may determine the rules of its
24 proceedings and parliamentary procedure.

125 | Sec. 4.2⁶
126 | not specified in this Constitution.

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ASSEMBLY ELECTION OF UNSPECIFIED OFFICERS. The Assembly may elect officers

ONE VOTE PER REPRESENTATIVE. Each representative shall have one vote.

NO SECRET BALLOTS. No secret ballots shall be taken by the Student Government
Assembly nor any of its sub-entities and committees.