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Title: Diversity Symposium Committee Bill

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Be it enacted by the Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas

Intent

The intent of this bill is to improve Student Government's service to the student body at the University of Texas, by mandating a diversity symposium for Representatives, Committee Chairs and Agency Directors, and the Executive Board.

Amending: Article V of the Internal Rules of Procedures, Assembly Committees

Insert the following into Article V of the Internal Rules:

H. Diversity Symposium Committee- The Diversity Symposium Committee shall be responsible for organizing a diversity symposium for Student Government. The curriculum of the diversity symposium shall meet the guidelines outlined below, and be approved by the Advisor of Student Government.

1. The purpose of this symposium is threefold:

a. To increase Student Government members' awareness of UT's diverse student body.

b. To enhance Student Government members' knowledge and understanding of how diversity impacts students and UT.

c. To improve Student Government's service to the UT student body by better equipping Representatives and Committee and Agency Heads to respond to the needs of their constituents.

2. The structure of the diversity symposium will be as follows:

a. Required topics include, but are not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, cognitive and physical disabilities, economic status, age, geographic origin, physical characteristics, religion, language, privilege, and information on how these relate to current student demographics at UT.

b. The symposium shall include at least three of the following; a large group discussion, a student panel, an activity, film, and work in large groups and small groups of no more than ten Student Government members.

c. Student Government members shall be expected to respect each other's ideas, opinions, and perspectives.

Footnotes

None

Comments

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