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Codifying the Ad-hoc Joint Resolution Committee

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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

SEC 1: Append Title III to The Code of Rules and Procedures as follows:

Title III: The Code of Rules Governing the Joint Resolution Committee

- Article I: Ratification
 - Section I: In order to be ratified, this document must be passed by at least two of the three legislative student organizations (The Student Government, The Graduate Student Assembly, and the Senate of College Councils).
 - Section II: If ratified, this bill is to be cataloged and stored with each Legislative Student Organization's respective constitutions and bills.
 - Section III: Any amendments to this document must be passed by at least two of the Legislative Student Organizations.
 - Section IV: Any Legislative Student Organization that does not comply with this document, if ratified, forfeits their representation on the Joint Resolution Committee until the noncompliance is resolved. In the event that the noncompliant Legislative Student Organization appointed the current Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee, an interim Chair is appointed by the next Legislative Student Organization in the rotation.

- Article II: Composition
 - Section I: The Joint Resolution Committee will be composed of three representatives from each LSO that passes this bill.

- Section II: The representatives of the Student Government will be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. These representatives can be any of the elected Representatives that compose the assembly.
 - Section II: The representatives of the Graduate Student Assembly will be appointed by the President, Vice President, and the Legislative Affairs Director. These representatives can be any of the elected Representatives that compose the assembly or the executive branch.
 - Section IV: The representatives of the Senate of College Councils will be appointed by the Policy Director. These representatives can be either members of the Internal or External Senate assembly.
 - Section V: Each of these representatives will have one vote on the committee.
 - Section VI: If any appointed representative sustains two unexcused JR meeting absences, and he or she fails to communicate effectively with the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee or the leadership of the Legislative Student Organization that appointed them, and/or generally fails their duties as a representative on the Joint Resolution Committee, the position(s) that appointed the representative has the authority to remove the representative from the Joint Resolution Committee and can appoint a new representative.
- Article III: Legislation
 - Section I: Legislation that is brought to the committee will be read by the members and each member will vote aye, nay, or abstain as to whether or not the legislation classifies as a Joint Resolution.
 - Section II: If a majority (2 out of 3) of the representatives from any given Legislative Student Organization votes aye on any given legislation, that legislation is to be introduced to that organization's assembly.
 - Section III: Legislation is considered a Joint Resolution if at least two Legislative Student Organizations introduce it to their assemblies.
 - Section IV: Legislation is implemented as a Joint Resolution if at least two Legislative Student Organizations pass it in assembly.
 - Section V: Alterations cannot be made to Joint Resolutions without passing the alterations through the Joint Resolution Committee.
 - Section VI: Amendments cannot be made to Joint Resolutions without passing the amendments through the Joint Resolution Committee.
 - Section VII: If a Joint Resolution only passes a single assembly, the legislation is no longer considered a Joint Resolution and is to be renamed and implemented according to the assembly which passed it.
 - Section VIII: The representatives on the Joint Resolution Committee are responsible for transcribing legislation passed as a Joint Resolution into the legislative format

that their Legislative Student Organization's assembly uses and for submitting it through their Legislative Student Organization's designated legislation submission channels.

- Section IX: The Joint Resolution Committee does not have the authority to alter legislation without the consent of the authors.
- Article IV: The Chair
 - Section I: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee will rotate on an annual basis from The Student Government, to the Graduate Student Assembly, to the Senate of College Councils and repeat. This process will start the Fall 2019-Spring 2020 school year with a Chair from the Student Government.
 - Section II: If the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is from Student Government, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair will also serve as the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee. If the Chair is from the Graduate Student Assembly, they are to be appointed by the President and Vice President. If the Chair is from the Senate of College Councils, the Policy Drafting Chair will also serve as the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee.
 - Section III: The Chair is not a voting member of the Joint Resolution Committee except in the case of ties.
 - Section IV: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee will specify which mode of communication they will use to communicate meeting times, locations, agendas, and any other Joint Resolution Committee business to the Joint Resolution Committee representatives.
 - Section V: If there is a representative on the Joint Resolution Committee that is failing in their duties, not being present, and/or not communicating effectively, the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is to contact the position that appointed the representative to be reprimanded or removed from the Joint Resolution Committee.
 - Section VI: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee will establish Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Joint Resolution Committee and publically share with the Legislative Student Organizations Presidents, Vice Presidents, and the Speaker of the Assembly in Student Government.
 - Section VII: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is to introduce any legislation submitted through their specified channel to the Joint Resolution Committee.
 - Section VIII: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is responsible with providing the representatives on the Joint Resolution Committee with copies of legislation up for discussion and for archiving all Joint Resolutions.

- Section IX: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is responsible for numbering the Joint Resolutions and ensuring that the legislation is uniform in title, number, and content across all the participating assemblies except for the differences in the Legislative Student Organizations' legislative formats.
 - Section X: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is responsible for scheduling meeting times and locations.
 - Section XI: The Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee is responsible for collecting the votes of each of the representatives on the Committee.
 - Section XII: If the Chair of the Joint Resolution Committee resigns, the same Legislative Student Organization that appointed them will appoint a new Joint Resolution Committee Chair. If a second Joint Resolution Committee Chair resigns appointed by the same Legislative Student Organization in the same school year, the next Legislative Student Organization in the annual cycle will appoint the third Joint Resolution Committee Chair. If Joint Resolution Committee Chairs continue to resign, the cycle will continue and the Legislative Student Organizations will rotate selecting new Joint Resolution Committee Chairs until either there are no more resignations or the school year ends. This does not affect the annual cycle. The Legislative Student Organization that appointed the original Joint Resolution Committee Chair has still exhausted their year, and the Legislative Student Organization that was designated to appoint a Joint Resolution Committee Chair the following year still has claim to that appointment, regardless of how many resignations there were the year prior and of which Legislative Student Organization the final Chair was appointed.
- Article V: Meeting Procedures
 - Section I: Any legislation or amendments that are brought to the floor of the Joint Resolution Committee is open for discussion among the Joint Resolution Committee members and the author(s) of the legislation.
 - Section II: The Chair is to invite the authors of any legislation being considered for a Joint Resolution to meeting for discussion and questions and answers.
 - Section III: If there is not at least one appointed member of each participating Legislative Student Organization present at any given Joint Resolution Committee meeting, then quorum must be called and all matters on the agenda must be tabled until the next meeting.
 - Section IV: Any representative that is absent from a Joint Resolution Committee meeting is to be contacted by the Chair of the committee as soon as possible to collect their votes on any matters discussed during the meeting. If the absent representative does not respond within a week, their vote is considered an "abstain."