



**Student Senate  
of the  
East Tennessee State University  
Student Government Association**



**SGA-130-11**

Mr. M. Dalton Collins, Mr. Adam Jarvis, Mr. Jared Leftrick, Mr. Roger Thompson, and Ms. Hannah Fisher present the following legislation to the East Tennessee State University Student Government Association on behalf of the students and concerned members of the Student Government Association.

**A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE II SECTION THREE SUBSECTION C OF THE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO  
FURTHER FORTIFY THE SANCTITY AND SUCCESS OF THE ORGANIZATION AS  
TO ALLOW FOR THE COMPETENT, EFFICIENT, AND EDUCATED GOVERNANCE  
OF THE STUDENT BODY SO AS TO QUICKLY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS AND  
INITIATIVES REQUESTED BY THOSE ENROLLED FOR INSTRUCTION AT EAST  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

**WHEREAS**, certain experiences, educational opportunities, and procedural knowledge is necessary for the successful operation of the Student Government Association under the guidance and leadership of those who serve in the executive branch, and;

**WHEREAS**, the ability of the Student Government Association of East Tennessee State University to effectively express the concerns of the student body is one of necessity, and;

**WHEREAS**, policy change initiatives, suggestions, and ideas for the betterment of the entirety of the University community overwhelmingly manifest themselves as expressions and statements from the Student Government Association Senate, and;

**WHEREAS**, the taking of a leadership role in the organization which currently represents upwards of fifteen thousand students without first having the responsibility to some percentage of that population is foolish and puts the opportunity for students to express themselves at extreme peril, and;

**WHEREAS**, the current restrictions allow for someone who has not once been an elected representative of the students to assume one of the top three leadership positions of the student body's representative organization and to recklessly, irresponsibly, and irrationally assume the duty of representing the students, and;

**WHEREAS**, the power to determine the qualifications for the office of President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer is vested in the Senate solely, and;

**WHEREAS**, the amendment will be forwarded to the student body for ratification by general ballot once approved by this body, and;

**WHEREAS**, without such an amendment, the prestige, respect, and admiration bestowed upon this organization may be destroyed by an individual without a working knowledge of the main purpose, body, and mission of the association, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate has the constitutional power to reform its governing document as it sees fit with the approval of the student body, and;

**WHEREAS**, the law making authority of the association is vested solely upon those seated in this chamber bearing the title of Senator and not upon those within the executive branch, the judiciary, or others.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2010-2011 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Student Government Association Senate, the elected representative assembly of the entirety of the student population, hereby amends Article II Section Three Subsection C of the Student Government Association Constitution, which currently reads, "Have served at least one semester in the Student Government," such that it will now read, "*Have served no less than one semester in the Student Government Association Senate and no less than one semester in the Student Government Association. These roles may be served concurrently.*"