

**A BILL TO AMEND MULTIPLE ARTICLES, SECTIONS, SUBSECTIONS, AND  
ENUMERATIONS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE THE STUDENT BODY AND TO  
FURTHER ADVANCE THE PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTABILITY, ATTENTION TO  
DETAIL, AND DUTIFUL DISCHARGE OF POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN  
GOVERNANCE BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AT EAST  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Student Government Association should be free from error or omission of responsibilities, duties, and qualifications of elected representatives of the student body, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution currently omits responsibilities and duties that are currently or should currently be performed by elected and appointed officials within the Student Government Association at East Tennessee State University, and;

**WHEREAS**, certain experiences are necessary to the successful governance of a population, and;

**WHEREAS**, the current Constitution assigns powers to officials acting on behalf of the Student Government Association without assigning responsibility as well, and;

**WHEREAS**, currently, specific sections of the Constitution are exceptionally vague allowing for a lack of performance of duties by individuals, elected and appointed, without recourse, and;

**WHEREAS**, certain sections of the Constitution pertain to a bygone era in which technology was neither as prominent nor prevalent, and;

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous discrepancies and incongruities present within the pages of our Constitution, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association should strive for the best, most efficient, judicious and error free method of governance possible.

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

**Section 1.** Article I Section 2 shall be amended to read in the first sentence, *“All persons who are registered students at East Tennessee State University are members of the student body and shall be subjected to the Student Government Constitution and Code of Laws as well as any*

*legislation or decision passed or otherwise approved by the organization acting on the behalf of the students. The Student body shall enjoy equal rights and responsibilities under the Student Government Constitution”*

**Section 2.** Article I Section 6 shall be amended to read, *“Any part of this Constitution or any law passed under its authorization which is in conflict with the laws of the United States of America, the State of Tennessee, with any rules or regulations of the Tennessee Board of Regents, and/or East Tennessee State University (who serves as an agent of the Board of Regents), shall be null and void from the time of its enactment.”*

**Section 3.** Article II Section 4 Shall be amended to read, *“President. The Student Government President shall be the Chief Executive of the student body and shall have power and responsibility:”*

**Section 4.** Article II Section 4 shall be amended and an additional subsection added as enumeration G. to read, *“To deliver an address to a session of the Student Senate, at which all cabinet members and Student Court Justices shall be in attendance, during the month of November reporting to these elected and appointed officials as to the state of the student body as well as recommended concerns he/she feels the Senate shall address.”*

**Section 5.** Article II Section 5 shall be amended to read, *“Vice President. The Student Government Vice President shall be the Assistant Chief Executive of the student body and shall have the power and responsibility:”*

**Section 6.** Article II Section 6 Subsection E Enumeration 2 shall be amended to read, *“The Presentation of final laws and acts which have achieved the constitutional majority within the Senate to the President, Vice President and Attorney General within seven (7) calendar days of their approval.”*

**Section 7.** Article II Section 9 Subsection C shall be amended to read, *“Maintain regular correspondence with the student body and leaders of the branch university centers which shall include, but is not limited to, one visit to each campus to meet with leadership and students at each at least once per term in order to investigate matters of concern indigenous to these centers and to make recommendations on these matters. Coordinate the activities of the other officials of the Student Government Association to ensure opportunity for active and comprehensive involvement of the student population of these branch centers in the affairs of the Student Government. ‘*

**Section 8.** Article II Section 10 Subsection D shall be stricken in its entirety and subsequent subsections shall be renumbered accordingly.

**Section 9.** Article II Section 11 Subsection C. shall be amended such that the second sentence shall read, *“Responsible for all pre-election arrangements (except publicity), including the dissemination of petitions and the posting of ballots online, and the collection of student enrollment figures.*

**Section 10.** Article II Section 12 Subsection C shall be amended to read, *“Formulate a written monthly report of Student Government activities in conjunction with the Cabinet and the*

*Secretary/Treasurer and submit this report to a method of dissemination that shall include the campus newspaper and an additional method shall be decided upon and agreed to by a majority of Senators present and voting at the first meeting of the fall academic term.”*

**Section 11.** Article II Section 13 Subsection B shall be amended to read, *“Maintain contact with applicants in order to inform them of the progress of their applications and to schedule the review of their application before the BUC Fund committee.”*

**Section 12.** Article II Section 14 Subsection C shall be stricken and the responsibility described therein shall fall to the Student Government President who oversees this responsibility currently. The section shall be moved in its entirety to Article II Section 4 and added as Subsection F.

**Section 13.** Article III Section 3 Subsection B Enumeration 1 Sentence 2 shall be amended to read, *“Senators shall be excused from this requirement one week within every applicable month in order to meet with constituents they represent.”*

**Section 14.** Article III Section 5 Subsection A Enumeration 2c shall be stricken in its entirety.

**Section 15.** Article IV Section 3 Subsection A shall be amended to read, *“The Student Government Association President and the Chief Justice of the Student Court shall be included in the composition of the University Judicial Committee. They shall be the primary student voice on the body. In the event he/she cannot attend, his/her designee shall attend in their place.”*

**Section 16.** Article VI Section 2 Subsection B shall be amended in its entirety to read, *“Any candidate for a Student Senate Seat must have declared a major in the college or school for which they intend to seek office under; students who have not declared a major shall be eligible for the seats apportioned to students who are undeclared. If a student has declared two majors in two different schools or colleges, the student may determine which college or school they wish to seek office as a representative of.”*

**Section 18.** Article VI Section 6 Sentence two shall be amended to read, *“The inauguration of the newly elected members shall take place at the conclusion of business at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the outgoing Senate.”* Furthermore, the third sentence shall be stricken in its entirety.

Sponsors:

**Senator M. Dalton Collins**

Senator Roger Thompson

Senator Adam Jarvis

Senator Hannah Fisher