

AN ACT TO ENFORCE ARTICLE III SECTION 11 OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION REQUIRING A QUORUM IS MAINTAINED TO CONTINUE BUSINESS IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S WEEKLY MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Article III reads “a two-thirds majority of all members of the Student Senate shall constitute a quorum to do business,” and;

WHEREAS, the Senate has been operating under different interpretations of Article III Section 11, which has led to confusion and turmoil, and;

WHEREAS, Senate business should only be permitted with a super-majority of two-thirds of the Senators present at each meeting.

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

Section 1 The East Tennessee State University Student Government Association Senate can only act in an official capacity when a two-thirds majority of the Senators are present during the entire meeting.

Section 2 If a two-thirds majority of the Student Government Association Senate is not present at any given point during a meeting, the Senate shall:

- A. Adjourn and move business to the next meeting,
- B. Issue a quorum call to all Senators not present, or
- C. Entertain a motion to recess until a two-thirds majority of the Senators can be present at the meeting.

Section 3 At any point in time a Senator feels there is an absence of a quorum; he or she may demand a roll call. Once the roll call is administered, the Attorney General of the SGA Senate will have the final say over whether the Senate is operating constitutionally. His/her decision will be final and official and will not be up for debate.

Section 4 Acting on legislation or any other official business of the Senate while failing to meet the two-thirds majority stated in Section 11 of Article III of the Student Government Association's constitution will automatically:

- A. Make all legislation null and void upon passage,
- B. Constitute disciplinary action toward the Vice President, President Pro Tempore, or whomever is acting as the Speaker, and,
- C. Make all business discussed at the meeting null and void and up for reconsideration at the following meeting.

Section 5 A motion to form a caucus, when a two-thirds quorum is not met, is not permitted under this new legislation.

Section 6 The Student Government Association's Secretary/Treasurer keeps a record of the attendance at all times during the meeting so that it is known when the two-thirds quorum majority is not met.

Section 7 All Senators must be permitted by the Speaker to leave the meeting by requesting a point of personal privilege at all times. If the senator fails to request this privilege, the senator will be subject for disciplinary action.

Section 8 A senator will be counted as absent if he/she leaves the meeting before it is formally adjourned.

Section 9 The Speaker, or person chairing over the meeting, does not count as part of the two-thirds majority when the quorum count is being taken.

Section 10 These new rules will be added to Article III Section 11 as part of the quorum clause in the Student Government Association's constitution.

Section 11 This legislation will take affect immediately upon its passage.

Sponsors:

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