S.1819-106

SPONSORED BY: Senator Eldridge
COSPONSORED BY: Senator Holdridge

SUBJECT: Excused Absence Cap II

SENATE VOTE: 37-0-3

DATE INTRODUCED: 2/6/19
COMMITTEE: Rules and Administration
COMMITTEE VOTE: 2-0-2

LEGISLATIVE RESULT: PASS

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

I. That the 200 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

201 – STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

201.1 – Regular Meeting Attendance

201.1.1 – It shall be the duty of each Senate member to attend each Senate meeting.

201.1.2 – The attendance roll call shall be called at least twice meeting; the first time being immediately after the Chair calls the meeting to order, the last at its conclusion.

201.1.2.1 – Each member who is not present for an attendance roll call shall be counted as having one-half of an absence, not to exceed one full absence per meeting.

201.1.2.2 – There will be a fifteen-minute grace period beginning upon the call to order. Any member who arrives during this period shall be counted as being present at attendance roll call.

201.1.2.3 – No Senate member shall be permitted to miss more than four (4) meetings from Senate and/or Committee per semester.

201.1.2.3.1 – No Senate member shall exceed four (4) excused absences from Senate per semester.

201.1.2.3.2 – If an infraction of section 201.1.2.3 has occurred, the Rules and Administration committee shall investigate and decide whether to remove the member or not. The Rules and Administration Committee Chair shall report their decision to the Senate no later than the next meeting. Two-thirds of the Senate can vote to override due to extenuating circumstances. The representative who is to be removed cannot bring up his/her own override vote on the matter.

201.1.2.3.2 – The Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate shall submit to the Chair of the Senate, after formal consultation with the Vice-Chair of the Senate, a number of excused absences Senators are allowed to miss per semester. Senators must not exceed the number of excused absences set by their respective committee chair.

201.1.2.3.3 – If an infraction of section 201.1.2.3 has occurred, the Rules and Administration committee shall investigate and decide whether to remove the member or not. The Rules and Administration Committee Chair shall report their decision to the Senate no later than the next meeting. Two-thirds of the Senate can...
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201.1.2.4 – Absences from special meetings shall not count toward the number of absences permitted.

201.1.2.5 – An excused absence may be defined as an academic conflict (i.e. exams, papers, teacher meetings and/or family emergencies), or any absence for which the Chair of the Senate has been sufficiently notified in advance.

II. That this bill go into effect immediately upon passage, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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