

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

Bill 18-24

"Creation of an ED of Technology"

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WHEREAS, PSG relies on web based resources for internal management and external communication; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not have a suitable designated person within the organization that has responsibility for managing the technological resources, other than social media; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not have an updated website for the 2018-2019 session; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not have a consistent digital calendar for events that is synchronized across the organization; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not have office hours of representatives available online for constituents to see; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not regularly post legislation to the website or maintain a digital archive of previous legislation like it ought to as laid out in Section V, Part B of the By-laws; and

WHEREAS, PSG does not make the broadcasts of public meetings readily available when it ought to; and

WHEREAS, It should be possible for senators to maintain a public record of the work they are doing for the student body on the website but no such ability exists with the website as it is; and

WHEREAS, Senators do not have a page on the website whereby they can describe what they are working on for the student body; and

WHEREAS, A creative Executive Director of Technology could undertake the creation of other projects that would further improve PSG's ability to undertake it's admission; and

WHEREAS, PSG should be a transparent organization, that allows for constituent involvement in decisions; and

WHEREAS, PSG would greatly benefit from assigning the management of all PSG's technology needs to a specific person who is in charge of a corresponding Committee; and

WHEREAS, This person should have relevant technological skills in web development and application development; and

WHEREAS, PSG should utilize digital technology and the web in ways that it currently does not to increase our positive impact on the Purdue Student Body; and

WHEREAS, An Executive Director of Technology can best coordinate this;

Therefore, be it ENACTED,

That Article IV, Section II, Part B, subsection 2 of the Constitution be amended to include "(h) Technology" written after "(g) sustainability" in the same section.

Therefore, be it FURTHER ENACTED,

That Article III, Section II, Part A, subsection 2 of the By-Laws be amended to include the following text after sub-subsection g:

Technology: The Executive Director of Technology shall be responsible for managing, maintaining, and expanding all the digital assets of Purdue Student Government. They shall act as Purdue Student Government Computer and IT department and be tasked with constructing and maintaining any digital or web based infrastructure that is required or would aide the operations

of any other branch or unit of Purdue Student Government. They have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain a list of unique passwords from year to year for all web credentials for PSG accounts and ensure that they are passed onto the next administration during transition;
2. Maintain a publicly available digital calendar or set of calendars for all PSG events to be stored on with proper permissions so PSG members can share events they are responsible for scheduling;
3. Manage the PSG file-share system by establishing proper permissions for folders to enforce editing and viewing privileges;
4. Build, maintain, and expand the PSG website and its functionality from a technical perspective. All authority to post content to the website or any social media profiles will be retained by the ED of Communications and the Press Secretary;
5. Maintain the recordings of Senate Meetings and make them available to Constituents;
6. Make approved legislation available for constituents online;
7. Build any other digital or web based resource that could aid PSG in fulfilling its responsibilities;

Therefore, be it FURTHER ENACTED,

That Article III, Section II, Part A, subsection 2 of the By-Laws be amended to remove the following text from sub-subsection a:

“They will be responsible for ensuring a minimum of one member designated as the Director of Online Communications (Webmaster).”

Therefore, be it FURTHER ENACTED,

That Article IV, Section I, Part B, subsection 6 be amended to include the following text after sub-subsection d:

“The Student Body Secretary shall be required to produce a spreadsheet detailing who gets editing, suggestion, and viewing privileges on the file-share system to the ED of Technology by the Student Body Secretary and this spreadsheet will be available to all PSG officers.”

Student Body President

Student Senate President