

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

BILL 18-X

“Increase in Student Government Accountability and Transparency-Phase I”

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Assigned to:
Recommendations:
Action(s):
President Pro Tempore: Justus Thomas
Student Senate President: Olivia Keller
Student Body President: Aaron Banks

WHEREAS, the students of Purdue University deserve an open and transparent Student Government; and

WHEREAS, the students of Purdue University ought to have knowledge of the content of legislation brought forth in the organization that represents their interests; and

WHEREAS, those candidates wishing to serve in their Student Government ought to have foreknowledge of how that body operates; and

WHEREAS, voting members of Student Government may wish to know the content of past legislation in order to avoid redundancy across legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, students ought to have knowledge made available to them on the status of legislation in Student Government; and

WHEREAS, Purdue Student Government (PSG) Student Senate draws its general structure from that of the Senate of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States of America has a website with legislation made available to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the newly created ED of Technology position and their staff will be the most well-equipped arm of Student Government to perform crucial tasks such as this;

Therefore, be it ENACTED,

that Article III, Section II, Part A, subsection 2(h)(6) of the By-Laws be replaced by the following text:

“6. Ensure that all legislation, in its entirety and all text intact, is made available to constituents in a timely manner and user-friendly format on the PSG website, and ensure that it denotes and distinguishes the following:

- a) Legislation passed through committee (listed as “active legislation”) and corresponding Senate floor dates;
- b) Dead legislation (to be posted no later than 14 calendar days after being voted against);
- c) Passed legislation and passage date (to be posted no later than 14 calendar days after passage date);
- d) Executive action by the Student Body President on legislation passed by PSG Student Senate (to be posted no later than 14 calendar days after Executive signature or veto is required).”; and

that all legislation falling after and including this bill be the required legislation to be posted on the PSG website, unless the Student Body President should request that the ED of Technology post certain legislation that was passed prior to the passage of this bill, including pertinent legislation from years past, in which case that legislation shall also be required; and

that no one may remove legislation posted to the PSG website, except to include updates to the legislation or move legislation to the correct designated area on the website. □

Student Body President

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