

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

BILL 18-47

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

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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 have a vested interest in how their representatives in Purdue Student Government (PSG) Student Senate are voting; and

WHEREAS, student Senators and their Proxies have an obligation to the University and its students; and

WHEREAS, 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 its members' voting records 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 the language in Article III, Section II, Part A, subsection 2(h)(7) of the Bylaws be read and listed instead under a newly created subsection “2(h)(8)”; and

that the newly vacant Article III, Section II, Part A, subsection 2(h)(7) read instead:

“7. Ensure that the following are reported alongside corresponding legislation in subsection 2(h)(6):

- a. Senators’ names and votes;
- b. Both the Proxy’s name and votes and the name of the Senator for whom they are in attendance, should any Proxy be in attendance;
- c. The Student Senate meeting minutes recorded by the Student Body Secretary, or whoever is taking minutes in lieu of the Secretary.

If names and votes are not adequately being reported, any Senator or Proxy may request a roll-call vote, as is already their prerogative in any legislative session, over any piece of legislation to ensure votes are counted.”; and

that no one may remove names and votes posted to the PSG website, except where required by force of law.

Student Body President

Student Senate President