A BILL

To Adjust the Apportionment Procedure of the Student Senate as Reflected in the Student Government Constitution

Paragraph 1: Whereas, the current way Senate seats are apportioned in colleges with less than one thousand (<1000) students is not proportional; and

Paragraph 2: Whereas, the Schools of Art and Design, Mass Communication, Music and Dramatic Arts, Veterinary Medicine, and Coast and Environment currently have the same amount of Senators; and

Paragraph 3: Whereas, these colleges range in population from seven hundred and eighty-four (784) students in the College of Art and Design to as little as sixty-nine (69) students in the College of Coast and Environment; and

Paragraph 4: Whereas, giving each academic area a base of two (2) Senators and then one (1) additional senator for every five hundred (500) students would more accurately represent these smaller colleges while still maintaining meaningful representation for those under five hundred (500); and

Paragraph 5: Whereas, based on Fall 2014 enrollment numbers each college would gain one (1) seat with the exceptions of Music and Dramatic Arts, Veterinary Medicine, and Coast and Environment (11 total new seats); and

Paragraph 6: Whereas, from the consolidation of College Council positions made by the 2011 Summer Planning Committee 14 potential representatives to the Student Body were lost; and

Paragraph 7: Whereas, these extra seats would increase student representation and participation in Student Government; and
PARAGRAPH 8: Whereas, these changes to the Constitution shall read:

Section 5. Student Senate Apportionment
Apportionment of the Student Senate shall be as follows:
A. Every Academic Area shall have a base of two (2) Student Senators regardless of enrollment numbers. By the twentieth (20th) class day of each fall semester, the number of Student Senators from each Academic Area shall be adjusted so that every college has there is one (1) Senator for each five hundred (500) students, rounding up to the nearest five hundred, regardless of enrollment numbers;
B. By the twentieth (20th) class day of each fall semester, the number of Student Senators shall be adjusted so that each Academic Area receives an additional Senator for every five hundred (500) students enrolled without rounding. In the case that an Academic Area has fewer than five hundred (500) students, there shall be two (2) senators;
C. Apportionment shall be based on the official university full-time and part-time enrollment figures for that particular fall semester. This apportionment shall be performed by the Speaker of the Student Senate, and must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. This apportionment shall become effective upon the call to order of the Student Senate Fall Organizational Session;
D. Reapportionment or the discontinuation of any Academic Area shall not affect the term of office of any duly elected and installed member of the Student Senate;
E. Half of the total number of Senators from each Academic Area will be elected in the fall semester and half will be elected in the spring semester, for a term of one (1) year. In the event of an odd number of Senators, there shall be one (1) more seat available in the Spring election than in the Fall election.

PARAGRAPH 9: Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government of Louisiana State University that the LSU Student Government Constitution be so amended, and

PARAGRAPH 10: Be it further resolved that an appropriate referendum be placed on the Fall General Election Ballot via Concurrent Resolution approved by the Student Senate.

APPROVED:

TYLER S. LOGA
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
DATE: 10/7/14

CLAYTON TUFTS
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
DATE: 10/7/14