Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 19-20, 59* }

An Act Establishing Governing Boards

Introduced By: Senator **Chase McAdams** and considered this **25th** day of **February** in the Year **2020**

Sponsored By: President Nathan Mudrak of the sophomore class
Senator Katie Li of the sophomore class

Referred to the Senate by the **Committee on Student Organizations** which recommends its **Passage/failure** by a vote of **10** to **0.**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Governing Board Act."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
(b) JHU, Hopkins - The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.
(c) CSO— The term "CSO" shall refer to the Committee on Student Organizations.
(d) FSL— The term "FSL" shall refer to the Fraternity and Sorority Life.
(e) MLC— The term "MLC" shall refer to the Multicultural Leadership Council.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

a) More than 180 organizations will be SGA-recognized for the 2020-2021 school year.
    i) This bill is designed to better support organizations by providing more individualized and targeted support to organizations. Additionally, they will allow the CSO to make more informed decisions on topics relevant to student organizations.

SECTION 4. GOVERNING BOARD BYLAWS

(a) Remove the current Section XIV
(b) Establish Section XIV: Governing Boards of the bylaws to read as follows:
    1. Governing Boards will be subcommittees of the CSO and fall under the CSO's jurisdiction.
    2. Governing Boards shall be reappointed following SGA elections in the spring.
    3. There will be a governing board for each category of organizations under the SGA.
        3.1. FSL organizations and sports clubs will be exempt from governing boards.
    4. Governing Boards shall be composed of 5 members: Chair, Secretary, Representative to the CSO, and 2 general members .
        4.1. 4 of the governing board positions for the cultural governing board shall be filled by the executive members of the MLC with the representative to the CSO being filled through the application process.
        4.2. The position of representative to the CSO will be specifically applied to, but the Chair and secretary will be chosen by the governing board from themselves.
        4.3. The representative to the CSO will be a non-voting member of the CSO.
    5. The governing board members will be chosen by an application and interview process with the CSO and confirmed by a simple majority of the Senate.
        5.1. To be a member of a governing board, you must be a member of an executive board of an organization under the governing board's jurisdiction.
    6. Decisions made within a governing board shall be made by a simple majority with each member being entitled to one vote.
    7. Organizations will be required to be under the governing board of their primary categorization.
        7.1. Organizations will have the option to opt-in to an additional governing board with the approval of the governing board they wish to be added under.

8. Governing boards have the right to pass and send recommendations to the CSO, given that they have reached a majority-approved decision to do so.
9. The CSO can overturn any decision made by governing boards by a ⅔ vote.
10. A member of any governing board can be removed by ⅔ vote of the Senate at the recommendation of a simple majority vote of the CSO.
11. Governing boards shall have a meeting with all executive members under their jurisdiction twice a semester.
12. Governing board members should provide logistical support to organizations under them to the best of their ability
13. Regular updates about organizations under them shall be provided to the CSO.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **X** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON PASSAGE, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS BILL INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE BILL'S ADOPTION AS LAW.

Signatures of Enactment:

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President of the Senate

Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Pritika Parmar

Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Eric Armstrong
Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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Chase McAdams
Senator