



SENATE
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
{ S. BILL 21-22, XX }

A BILL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS FOR BETTERMENT

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR **JIWON WOO** OF THE JUNIOR CLASS AND
SENATOR **KOBI KHONG** OF THE SOPHMORE CLASS
CONSIDERED THIS **15TH** DAY OF **MARCH** IN THE YEAR **2022**

SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT **NATHAN MUDRAK** OF THE SENIOR CLASS AND
SENATOR **SUBHA BHATTA** OF THE SENIOR CLASS AND

REFERRED TO THE SENATE BY **THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS** WHICH RECOMMENDS ITS **PASSAGE** BY A VOTE OF **3**
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 “2022 Spring Bylaws Amendment for Betterment”

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 Johns Hopkins University.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

- (a) FINDINGS
 - a. The role of the SGA Bylaws is to ensure effective functioning of the organization;
- (b) PURPOSES
 - a. To update the Bylaws to minimize confusion in SGA operations.
 - b. To give reasonable time-off for medical and family emergencies.
 - c. To reduce the Bylaw amendment in the future by moving yearly-amendable rules to the Rules Bill.
 - d. To give a set guideline for senate vacancies.

SECTION 4. BYLAWS AMENDMENT

- (a) Article 1, Section 2

<u>Current Wording of Bylaws:</u>	<u>Refined Wording of the Bylaws:</u>
<p>3. Class Presidents</p> <p>A. Per the Constitution, four (4) Class Presidents shall be elected for every one-year term to serve as primary class representatives on the Senate.</p> <p>B. Class Presidents shall exercise general superintendence over all class affairs.</p> <p>C. Presidents shall serve on the Executive Board’s Class Council Task Force that seeks to enhance cross-council collaboration in bringing matters of class-related significance to the attention of the Senate.</p> <p>1. Class Council Task Force meetings shall be called by the Executive President once a month and throughout each one-year term.</p> <p>D. Class Presidents shall ensure proper and regular communication between their respective councils and classes.</p> <p>E. Class Presidents shall set every Class Council meeting agenda and lead all Class Council meetings.</p> <p>F. Class Presidents shall also be considered as</p>	<p>3. Class Presidents</p> <p>A. Per the Constitution, four (4) Class Presidents shall be elected for every one-year term to serve as primary class representatives on the Senate.</p> <p>B. Class Presidents shall exercise general superintendence over all class affairs.</p> <p>C. Class Presidents shall ensure proper and regular communication between their respective councils and classes.</p> <p>D. Class Presidents shall set every Class Council meeting agenda and lead all Class Council meetings.</p> <p>E. Class Presidents shall also be considered as Senators and perform all regular Senatorial duties.</p>

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(b) Article 1, Section 2

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<p>4. Senators</p> <p>A. Per the Constitution, twenty-eight (28) Senators shall be elected for every one-year term.</p> <p>B. Senators participate within SGA as members of the Senate, Standing Legislative Committees, and Class Councils.</p> <p>C. Senators shall be proactive in pursuing student interests and concerns, in addition to actively lobbying relevant administrators.</p> <p>D. Senators shall prioritize their commitments to SGA and strive to attend all SGA-related meetings.</p> <p>E. Senators may be considered in bad standing if they do not fulfill the aforementioned guidelines and subsequently may be subject to an impeachment hearing under Article IX of the Constitution.</p> <p>F. A representative from the SGA will be selected by the Senate to attend the GRO meetings and thereby act as a point of contact between the GRO and the SGA. In turn, the GRO will provide an equivalent representative from their group to attend the SGA meetings.</p> <p>G. Post-Election Meet and Greet</p> <p>1. As part of the official inauguration process of SGA, newly-elected SGA representatives must attend a mandatory meet and greet session designed to interface with the undergraduate student body within 7 days after election decisions are released.</p> <p>2. The meet and greet session must be at least one hour long.</p> <p>3. The meet and greet session must have all newly elected representatives present.</p> <p>4. The meet and greet session must be open to all JHU undergraduates and be held in a space that is easily accessible to all JHU undergraduate students.</p> <p>5. Executive Vice President will be tasked with</p>	<p>4. Senators</p> <p>A. Per the Constitution, twenty-eight (28) Senators shall be elected for every one-year term.</p> <p>B. Senators participate within SGA as members of the Senate, Standing Legislative Committees, and Class Councils.</p> <p>C. Senators shall be proactive in pursuing student interests and concerns, in addition to actively lobbying relevant administrators.</p> <p>D. Senators shall prioritize their commitments to SGA and strive to attend all SGA-related meetings.</p> <p>E. Senators may be considered in bad standing if they do not fulfill the aforementioned guidelines and subsequently may be subject to an impeachment hearing under Article IX of the Constitution.</p> <p>F. A representative from the SGA will be selected by the Senate to attend the GRO meetings and thereby act as a point of contact between the GRO and the SGA. In turn, the GRO will provide an equivalent representative from their group to attend the SGA meetings.</p> <p>G. Post-Election Meet and Greet</p> <p>1. As part of the official inauguration process of SGA, newly-elected SGA representatives must attend a mandatory meet and greet session designed to interface with the undergraduate student body within 7 days after election decisions are released.</p> <p>2. The meet and greet session must be at least one hour long.</p> <p>3. The meet and greet session must have all newly elected representatives present.</p> <p>4. The meet and greet session must be open to all JHU undergraduates and be held in a space that is easily accessible to all JHU undergraduate students.</p> <p>5. Executive President will be tasked with</p>

<p>organizing the meet and greets.</p> <p>6. Meet and greet session will be widely publicized by SGA.</p> <p>H. SGA Tabling Events</p> <p>1. SGA will host one tabling event every month of the school year, with provisional exceptions to December, January, and May, as these months tend to have less school days compared to others. Explicitly, months that must have a tabling event include September, October, November, February, March, and April.</p> <p>2. Tabling events must be at least one hour long.</p> <p>3. Tabling events must be staffed by a minimum of six SGA representatives, each from the four class councils, as well as two other SGA members. A member of the Executive Board may be allowed to substitute one of the six SGA representatives.</p> <p>4. SGA representatives must take turns tabling to ensure that as many different SGA representatives as possible are participating in these events.</p> <p>5. All senators and the Executive Board must attend at least one tabling event throughout the year.</p> <p>6. Tabling events must open to all JHU undergraduate students and be held in a space that is easily accessible to all JHU undergraduate students and preferably, in a highly frequented area. Possible tabling areas include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Breezeway Brody Learning Commons and Terrace Milton S. Eisenhower Library Charles Commons In front of Fresh Food Café Levering Café and Courtyard Mattin Center <p>7. Tabling events must be well-publicized by all the class councils before, during, and after the events to draw in as much attendance, and future attendance, as possible.</p> <p>8. At the end of every tabling event, there must be a report submitted about the event's feedback.</p> <p>9. There must be a sign-up sheet assigning placements at the beginning of the year, and any rooms or spaces shall be reserved as necessary,</p>	<p>organizing the meet and greets.</p> <p>6. Meet and greet session will be widely publicized by SGA.</p> <p>H. SGA Tabling Events</p> <p>1. SGA will host one tabling event every month of the school year, with provisional exceptions to December, January, and May, as these months tend to have less school days compared to others. Explicitly, months that must have a tabling event include September, October, November, February, March, and April.</p> <p>2. Tabling events must be at least one hour long.</p> <p>3. Tabling events must be staffed by a minimum of six SGA representatives, each from the four class councils, as well as two other SGA members. A member of the Executive Board may be allowed to substitute one of the six SGA representatives.</p> <p>4. SGA representatives must take turns tabling to ensure that as many different SGA representatives as possible are participating in these events.</p> <p>5. All senators and the Executive Board must attend at least one tabling event throughout the year.</p> <p>6. Tabling events must open to all JHU undergraduate students and be held in a space that is easily accessible to all JHU undergraduate students and preferably, in a highly frequented area. Possible tabling areas include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Breezeway Brody Learning Commons and Terrace Milton S. Eisenhower Library Charles Commons In front of Fresh Food Café Levering Café and Courtyard <p>7. Tabling events must be well-publicized by all the class councils before, during, and after the events to draw in as much attendance, and future attendance, as possible.</p> <p>8. At the end of every tabling event, there must be a report submitted about the event's feedback by the Executive Vice President to the Senate.</p> <p>9. There must be a sign-up sheet assigning placements at the beginning of the year, and any rooms or spaces shall be reserved as necessary,</p>
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(c) Article 1, Section 2

<u>Current Wording of Bylaws:</u>	<u>Refined Wording of the Bylaws:</u>
<p>iii. Inclusivity and Resource Awareness Trainings and Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster a positive and health community within the SGA and across campus, the SGA shall participate in the following trainings during their term in office: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Diversity and inclusion training from the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Gender Equity b. SafeZone training from the Office of LGBTQ Life c. Bystander Intervention Training from the Title IX Office d. Mental health resource training from the Counseling Center e. Student organizations or financial processes training from the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) or the Student Activities Commission. 2. Special Conditions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If time or scheduling conflicts do not permit these trainings to be completed during the Fall Retreat, an SGA member can spread them out over the course of their first semester in session. b. If an SGA member received a version of one of these trainings within the last three years, and the training is scheduled for the Fall Retreat, they will be permitted to exempt out of the already completed training and perform an alternative activity for others who have exempted out. i. To opt out, an SGA member must provide an email, certificate, or other formal documentation that they completed a training. 	<p>Deleted (moved to Rules Bill)</p>

(d) Article 2, Section 3

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<p>3. Attendance</p> <p>i. Required</p> <p>1. Attendance at Senate general body meetings, committee meetings, and Class Council meetings is mandatory for all Senators. The Executive Vice President shall be permitted to grant a total of 12 excused absences per senator per year, with an additional 4 excused absences for every additional committee beyond 2 committees that the senator serves on. Senators who have 2 unexcused absences shall be subject to an impeachment vote per the Constitution. Senators who have 4 unexcused absences shall be thanked for their service and summarily dismissed from the SGA per the Constitution.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>v. One-Time Medical Leave and One-Time Family Emergency Leave</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once a school year, if an SGA member is temporarily unable to attend meetings for any reason verified by an accredited medical provider, they shall be permitted to take a medical leave of no more than two academic weeks. 2. Once a school year, if an SGA member is temporarily unable to attend meetings for any reason related to family emergency, they shall be permitted to take a family emergency leave of no more than two academic weeks. 3. These absences will come from the 12 excused absences. However, if there are more than 12 absences in that time, we will grant up to two weeks. 	<p>3. Attendance</p> <p>i. Required</p> <p>1. Attendance at Senate general body meetings, committee meetings, and Class Council meetings is mandatory for all Senators. The Executive Vice President shall be permitted to grant a total of 12 excused absences per senator per year, with an additional 4 excused absences for every additional committee beyond 2 committees that the senator serves on. Senators who have 2 unexcused absences shall be subject to a required meeting with the Executive Board and the Advisor followed by the impeachment vote per the Constitution. Senators who have 4 unexcused absences shall be thanked for their service and summarily dismissed from the SGA per the Constitution.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>v. One-Time Medical Leave and One-Time Family Emergency Leave</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once a school year, if an SGA member is temporarily unable to attend meetings for any reason verified by an accredited medical provider, they shall be permitted to take a medical leave of no more than two academic weeks. 2. Once a school year, if an SGA member is temporarily unable to attend meetings for any reason related to family emergency, they shall be permitted to take a family emergency leave of no more than two academic weeks. 3. Senators must do their best to communicate as soon as possible with the executive board, so that they can be applied retroactively.
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(e) Article 6, Section 2

<u>Current Wording of Bylaws:</u>	<u>Refined Wording of the Bylaws:</u>
<p>3. Senatorial Vacancy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of a Senatorial vacancy, the remaining members of the Class Council 	<p>3. Senatorial Vacancy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of a Senatorial vacancy, the remaining members of the Class Council

<p>shall choose a new Senator, following the process herein prescribed subject to any constitutional restrictions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Class President shall immediately assemble the Class Council and inform them of the vacancy. 2. The Class Council shall then collectively draft an application to fill the vacant seat. 3. This application shall then be disseminated to every member of the class within seven (7) business days of the vacancy being created. Business days shall refer to all days when University classes are held on the Homewood campus. 4. The Class Council shall then conduct interviews of any candidates it deems qualified for the position. These interviews must conclude within seven (7) business days of the dissemination of the applications. 5. Within two (2) business days of these interviews, the Class Council must vote on candidates. Voting to confirm a new senator shall follow the plurality scheme; the candidate receiving the most votes shall be nominated by the Class Council to fill the seat. 	<p>shall choose a new Senator, following the process herein prescribed subject to any constitutional restrictions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Class President shall immediately assemble the Class Council and inform them of the vacancy within 24 hours of the vacancies. 2. The Class Council shall then collectively draft an application to fill the vacant seat within 72 hours of the vacancies. 3. This application shall then be disseminated to every member of the class within 72 hours of the vacancy being created. Business days shall refer to all days when University classes are held on the Homewood campus. 4. The Class Council shall then conduct interviews of any candidates it deems qualified for the position with quorum. These initial rounds of interviews must conclude within ten (10) business days of the dissemination of the applications. 5. If the Class President believes an additional round of interviews is needed, these final rounds of interviews must conclude within twelve (12) business days of the dissemination of the applications. These final rounds of interviews must occur with quorum. 6. Within two (2) business days of the last rounds of interviews (initial, or final if occurred), the Class Council must vote on candidates. Voting to confirm a new senator shall follow the plurality scheme; the candidate receiving the most votes shall be nominated by the Class Council to fill the seat.
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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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EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS SGA

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KOBI KHONG

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