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Final Vote: Withdrawn Committee Recommendation: _____

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE POLICIES & PROCEDURES
REGARDING SENATORIAL FORUM TO ACCOMMODATE
THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

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WHEREAS the Student Organization Outreach Initiative is a piece of legislation created in order to facilitate interactions between the Student Senate and the numerous organizations on campus, and

EMPHASIZING that there is presently no other avenue by which student groups may interact with the Senate, given that Speaker’s Podium allows only for members of the Senate to question the guests, the Organizations Committee fails to address many student life-related concerns on the part of student groups, and Senatorial Forum, though designed to be a “think-tank” of sorts, allows only for dialogue among members of the Senate, and

REALIZING that in order to accommodate the procedure explicitly defined by the Student Organization Outreach Initiative, changes must be made to the Student Senate Policies & Procedures,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Policies & Procedures regarding Senatorial Forum be amended to read as follows:

XI. Senatorial Forum

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1. Senatorial Forum is a venue for Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers, Student Senators, Committee Chairs, and explicitly and formally invited guests of the Senate to discuss issues relevant to the community of Southern Methodist University.

6. Following the Opening Speech, Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker), Student Senators, or Committee Chairs will have 6 minutes to ask questions.

7. All subsequent speakers shall have 1.5 minutes to respond.

8. The Forum on the issue shall end when one of the following conditions is met: whether a motion is made to conclude Senatorial Forum (passing by majority vote), when no additional speakers remain on the list, or when thirty five

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minutes have elapsed from the beginning of the opening speech.

10. Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker), Student Senators, Committee Chairs, or explicitly and formally invited guests of the Senate may speak during Senatorial Forum. (This clause may not be suspended)

Respectfully Submitted,

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