

Bill Number: F-06-09-06 Referred to Executive Committee

Final Vote: Passes 16-5-1 Committee Recommendation: Positive

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE
STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS**

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WHEREAS last year, the Student Senate passed Resolution S-06-03-21, entitled “A Resolution to Amend the Student Senate By-Laws,” which changed the process whereby funds are allocated from the Senate Fund,

NOTING that this revamped process permits the recommendations of the Finance Committee to be binding unless a Senator takes action against that recommendation through the authorship of a complaint,

AWARE that implicit in this process is a greater degree of trust in the Finance Committee, but

COGNIZANT that according to Article VI, Section 10 of the Student Senate By-Laws, only ten senators are permitted to be members of the Finance Committee, while up to fifteen members out of the twenty five member maximum may be general members, and

AWARE that no serious accountability exists for general members, such as the procedures for impeachment or recall which sit over senators, and

STRESSING that this Finance Committee, that when full is not even half comprised of senators, is the sole agency which may amend the Finance Committee Standards, which now govern Senate’s ability to allocate money from both funds,

BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 4, Subsection of the Student Senate By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

4. The Finance Committee will have ~~a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10 Senators on its membership.~~ **15 members: 9 Senators and 6 General Members who shall be interviewed and selected by the panel that determines membership for the Finance Committee.** If possible, there will be one Senator representing each of the following constituencies:

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- b. Cox School of Business
- c. School of Engineering
- d. Meadows School
- e. Dedman School of Law
- f. Perkins School of Theology
- g. First Year Students
- h. Special Interest Students

If a constituency is unable to be filled, the Chief of Staff may fill it from another constituency.

5. Voting members shall be required to apply to sit on the Finance Committee. They shall be interviewed by a panel who shall consist of only the following members: The Finance Chair, the Associate Chair of the Senate Fund, the Associate Chair of the Chartered Organizations Funds, the Student Body Vice-President (or his/her designee), the Membership Chair, and the Advisor, who shall serve as an ex-officio member. **This panel should weigh the prospective members' time commitments and membership in other student organizations, as well as their previous experience with the Student Senate and the Student Senate Finance Committee.**

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BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED

that these changes will go into effect on August 1, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Cox Undergrad Senator

Jonathan Lane
Dedman I Senator

Charles Chesnutt
Law Senator