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Final Vote: _____ Committee Recommendation: _____

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND
ESTABLISH THE SMU STUDENT SENATE
STUDENT ORGANIZATION OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

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5 WHEREAS the explicit purpose of the Southern Methodist University Student Senate
6 is to represent the best interests of the Student Body in every way possible,
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9 OPTIMISTIC that legislation passed by the 92nd SMU Student Senate regarding the
10 method by which student organizations are funded will allow the 93rd
11 SMU Student Senate and those that follow to focus more on non-financial
12 issues and concerns of the students, which should be our inherent principal
13 aim as the sole student-run legislative body of Southern Methodist
14 University, and

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16 REALIZING that Senatorial Forum presents a unique opportunity for the Student Senate
17 to address all issues relevant to that body or the constituencies that it
18 represents, although it presently does not allow for anyone other than
19 Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker),
20 Student Senators, and Committee Chairs to speak, and

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22 AWARE that Southern Methodist University currently offers a great multitude of
23 student groups with which students may become involved, and that these
24 student groups are not only the principal beneficiaries of the Student
25 Senate's funds but as well visibly demonstrate the many diverse interests
26 of the Student Body, and

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28 REMEMBERING that the Diversity Committee of the 92nd Student Senate created an event
29 known as "Having a Piece of the Pie," wherein students affiliated with
30 organizations in the Department of Multicultural Student Affairs
31 addressed members of the Senate directly regarding their organizations'
32 needs (within the purview of the Student Senate's capacities), and

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34 NOTING that DMSA organizations are a few of many organizations whose non-
35 financial needs should be addressed regularly, be it therefore

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37 RESOLVED that the SMU Student Senate commence the Student Organization
38 Outreach Initiative, created to fulfill the needs of student groups on
39 campus by allowing them the opportunity to discuss all relevant issues
40 with members of the Senate, and
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42 BE IT FURTHER
43 RESOLVED

that Article IX of the Student Senate Policies & Procedures read:

44 **IX. Student Organization Outreach Initiative**

- 45 1. **In order for issues to be heard, student organizations**
46 **(probationary, temporary, or fully chartered organizations)**
47 **will contact either the Organizations Committee Chair or**
48 **their affiliate Senator, who will then refer the organization**
49 **to the Organizations Committee Chair.**
- 50 2. **The Organizations Committee Chair will then respond to**
51 **the organization's request to discuss issues with the entire**
52 **Senate by inviting them to a meeting of the Organizations**
53 **Committee.**
- 54 a. **Upon the organization presenting itself to the**
55 **Organizations Committee, the committee will**
56 **immediately attempt to resolve the issues of the**
57 **organization, if it is explicitly within the purview of**
58 **the Organizations Committee.**
- 59 b. **If the Organizations Committee (with special**
60 **emphasis on the Chair's knowledge of the Senate's**
61 **capabilities) feels that the issue is significant enough**
62 **to be discussed by the full Senate, the Organizations**
63 **Committee Chair will inform the student**
64 **organization as such and shall contact the Executive**
65 **Committee and inform them that the student**
66 **organization will be attending the next meeting of**
67 **the Senate to discuss the issue.**
- 68 c. **Should the Organizations Committee see multiple**
69 **organizations at the same meeting and determine**
70 **that they have issues significant enough to be**
71 **brought to the full Senate, a maximum of one**
72 **organization may be heard at the full Senate**
73 **meeting, subject to the Chair's discretion.**
- 74 i. **The Organizations Committee Chair shall**
75 **notify the Executive Committee in advance of**
76 **the full Senate meeting as to which**
77 **organization has been chosen to be seen for**
78 **each meeting.**
- 79 3. **At the first meeting of the full Student Senate after the**
80 **student organization met with the Organizations**
81 **Committee, the Organizations Committee Chair will first**
82 **discuss all other business not related to the issue presented**
83 **by the organization.**
- 84 4. **Upon conclusion of discussion of all other business, the**
85 **Organizations Committee Chair will announce to the**
86 **Senate that the organization is present and will announce**
87 **the issue that the organization wishes to discuss, after**
88 **which the Organizations Committee Chair will make a**
89 **recommendation that the Senate move into Committee of**
90 **the Whole.**
- 91 5. **Upon a majority vote, the Senate will then move into**
92 **Committee of the Whole.**

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6. At the commencement of the Committee of the Whole, a maximum of three (3) executive members of the organization will have 4 minutes to present the issue of concern.
7. Following the initial presentation by the organization, Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker), Student Senators, and Committee Chairs will have a total of 4 minutes to ask questions.
8. All subsequent speakers shall have 1 minute each to respond.
9. Only Student Body Officers, Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker), Student Senators, Committee Chairs, and formally invited guests of the Senate (including the organization) may speak during the Committee of the Whole.
10. The Committee of the Whole shall end when one of the following conditions is met: when a motion is made to conclude the Committee of the Whole (passing by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of the Senate), when no additional speakers remain on the list, or when twenty-five (25) minutes have elapsed.
11. The length of the Committee of the Whole may be extended by a 3/4 majority of the Senate.
12. Other than those rules specifically delineated within this Article, all other parliamentary procedure regarding Committee of the Whole shall be observed, excluding the Senate's inability to extend the discussion.

and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED

that Article III.1.o read:

“Presentation of topic by a student organization during Student Organization Outreach Initiative: 4 minutes”,

that Article III.1.p read:

“Response to topic during Student Organization Outreach Initiative: 1 minute per response”

that Article III.1.q read:

“Questions following initial topic presentation during Student Organization Outreach Initiative: 4 minutes”

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BE IT FURTHER
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that all articles subsequent to Article IX be renumbered accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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