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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance to increase the quorum requirements for Full Body meetings.

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Whereas: Article I.E.2 of the Bylaws reads "To be excused from a Senate meeting, a Senator must submit formal notification to the Chief of Staff explaining the absence twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. In extenuating circumstances, the Chief of Staff has the option to waive the 24-hour requirement;" **AND**

Whereas: Article I.E.7 of the Bylaws reads "Any Senator accumulating five (5) or more unexcused absences from the weekly Senate meetings during his or her term will be deemed by the Executive Board to have abandoned the seat;" **AND**

Whereas: Article I.F of the Bylaws reads "All Senators are required to attend Full Body meetings. A Senator may be excused from a Full Body meeting for one of the following, provided a 24-hour notice is given to the Chief of Staff:

1. An academic commitment;
2. Personal illness or injury;
3. Illness or death in the family;
4. Unavoidable co-op commitment;
5. Religious or cultural commitment;
6. Jury duty;
7. Military service; or
8. A reason approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

The Chief of Staff has the option to waive the 24-hour requirement in extenuating circumstances." **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article I.E.2 of the Bylaws be modified to read "A Senator may be excused from a Senate or Full Body meeting for one of the following, provided a 24-hour notice is given to the Chief of Staff:

1. An academic commitment;
2. Personal illness or injury;
3. Illness or death in the family;
4. Unavoidable co-op commitment;
5. Religious or cultural commitment;
6. Jury duty;
7. Military service; or
8. A reason approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

In extenuating circumstances, the Chief of Staff has the option to waive the 24-hour requirement;" **AND FURTHER THAT**

Article I.F be removed from the Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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Michael Splain
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Chief of Staff

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Ryan J. Fox
President

ATTEST:

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Sean P. Maloney
Executive Vice President

Date: _____
YAY: _____
NAY: _____
ABSTAIN: _____