Bill to Amend the ASOSU Constitution

WHEREAS Oregon State University’s fall term total enrollment increased 5.7% (24,977 students to 26,393 students) between 2011 and 2012;

WHEREAS Oregon State University’s fall term total enrollment increased 5.8% (26,393 students to 27,925 students) between 2012 and 2013;

WHEREAS Oregon State University’s total enrollment is expected to continue to increase in future years;

WHEREAS As Oregon State University continues to grow, more members of the House of Representatives should be added to adequately reflect that growth;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Constitution currently limits the number of members in the House of Representatives to 20 undergraduate members and 5 graduate members;

WHEREAS The ASOSU House of Representatives should be representative of the students and student-fee funded constituent groups on campus;

WHEREAS The ASOSU has expressed concern with the structure of the ASOSU Congress for several years;

WHEREAS Designating constituencies within the House of Representatives will add more structure to each Representative’s term in the ASOSU Congress;

WHEREAS Student organizations will benefit from being directly involved with the political process;

WHEREAS Constituency groups may be added to the House of Representatives to reflect growth of the University;

WHEREAS The elections for all seats within the House of Representatives shall remain open to all students of the ASOSU;
BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS THAT:

The Constitution of the Associated Students of Oregon State University be amended to include;

Amendment I: “House of Representatives Membership”

A. The number of seats in the House of Representatives shall be no less than twenty-five.

B. Constituencies for each seat in the House of Representatives shall be outlined in the Statutes of the Associated Students of Oregon State University.

C. Additional constituencies may be added by petition of no less than five percent of the members of the ASOSU. The signatures shall be presented to the Speaker of the House for verification.

D. The number of seats shall be determined annually by the fifth week of winter term by a bill passed by a two-thirds majority of both houses of the ASOSU Congress.

E. If no bill altering the number of seats and constituencies in the House of Representatives is passed, the number of seats in the House of Representatives shall remain the same as the previous year.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS THAT:

Upon passage, the aforementioned Bill shall be referred to the members of the ASOSU for passage.

Sponsored By:

Victoria Redman, President of the Senate
Thomas Bancroft, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved by:

Victoria Redman, ASOSU Vice-President

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________

Thomas Bancroft, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________

T. Brett Deedon, ASOSU President

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________