SB-82.01

“Committee Reform Bill”
(Bill to Set Committee Caps, Change the outreach requirement to a tabling requirement, and allow members of congress to serve on other OSU committees in place of a standing committee)

SUMMARY
Congress chose not to pass the original “Death to Outreach Bill” primarily because they disagreed that abolishing the outreach committee was the proper move, but the bill nonetheless had several other beneficial changes that would improve the ability of members of Congress to serve the student body, which are listed below:

- Per term outreach requirement replaced with once per term tabling requirement
- Congress members may choose to sit on a university committee instead of an ASOSU committee.
- Committees can still function below minimum membership.
- Membership caps on Student Government and Budgets Committees have been added, and chamber ratios adjusted, to make the committees more operational and focus membership on projects and university committees.
- The Projects Committee will be renamed “Campus Improvement Committee” to more accurately reflect its purpose.

WHEREAS
The ASOSU Congress is intended to be a representative body for the students of Oregon State University;

WHEREAS
Other University committees, including Faculty Senate, have historically struggled to have the proper student representation;

WHEREAS
Inability of committees to reach quorum has at some points prevented beneficial work from being done;
BE IT HEREBY ENACTED/RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

*Title II §2.B.5 & §2.B.7* regarding the present outreach requirements for representatives shall be stricken and replaced in *Title II §2.B.5* by:

“Representatives shall complete one tabling event per term, excluding Summer term. These tabling events will be held in open and accessible campus spaces, and shall be to inform or receive feedback from students about current projects, initiatives, and/or important events.

i. These tabling events and supporting publicity materials shall be organized by the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House Pro Tempore, and/or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate unless otherwise delegated. Responsibility to organize shall default to the Speaker of the House should no initiative be taken by week three of each term.”

*Title II §3.B.5 & §3.B.7* regarding the present outreach requirements for senators shall be stricken and replaced in *Title II §3.B.5* by:

“Senators shall complete one tabling event per term, excluding Summer term. These tabling events will be held in open and accessible campus spaces, and shall be to inform or receive feedback from students about current projects, initiatives, and/or important events. This requirement can also be fulfilled by representing ASOSU at an executive branch function.

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*Title II §2.B.2.i, Title II §2.B.2.ii, & Title II §2.B.2.iii* shall be added as follows:

“i. Should a representative not want to serve on any existing ASOSU Committee, they may instead choose any existing university committee, including any Faculty Senate committee, with open student seats. The representative must, in good conscience, feel that serving on their chosen committee can bring some benefit to the student body. This may also include a Student Advisory Board, if that Advisory Board is not that of an incidental fee funded unit (CAPS, SHS advisory boards, etc..)”
ii. The representative must inform the Speaker of the House of their chosen university committee, and shall make committee reports during meetings at the designated time should there be one.

iii. When a chosen University Committee requires students to be appointed by the ASOSU President, congressional appointments to that University Committee shall be subject to approval of the ASOSU President.

iv. Should serving on a University Committee normally include compensation, the representative may choose between receiving the committee’s normal compensation or their congressional compensation.”

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Inserted following *Title II §5.A.3* shall be

“4. Should membership requirements for any committee fail to be met, then they may still perform regular business during the process of finding new members. The effort to increase committee membership shall not supersede the duties of the committee as the primary focus unless membership levels are substantially impeding regular work.”
All instances of “Projects Committee” shall be replaced with “Campus Improvements Committee”

*Title II §5.A.10.iv* regarding the membership of the Student Government Committee, shall be amended to include the following

“a) The Student Government Committee shall have a maximum of 5 members.

b) The Student Government Committee shall comprise at least three two senators, but not more than five four, who may be appointed by the President of the Senate.”

*Title II §5.A.11.iii* regarding the membership of the Budgets Committee, shall be amended to include the following

“a) The Budgets Committee shall have a maximum of 8 members.

b) The Budgets Committee shall comprise at least four three representatives, but not more than five six, who may be appointed by the Speaker of the House.”

*Title II §14 shall be stricken in its entirety*

*Title II §5.A.8.i.b* shall be stricken

*Title II §5.A.8.ii* regarding the membership of the Student Outreach Committee, shall be added as follows

ii. Membership

a) The Student Outreach Committee shall have a maximum of 6 members.

b) The Student Outreach Committee shall comprise at least four two representatives, but not more than five 4, who may be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

c) The number of senators on the Student Outreach Committee may equal up to one fewer member than the current number of representatives sitting on the committee, and may be appointed by the President of the Senate.

d) In the event that a seat on the Committee belonging to one or more representatives is vacated so that membership on the Committee from both houses of Congress is equal, or contains majority membership from the House of Representatives, then reasonable efforts shall be made to fill
those vacancies as soon as possible. Should the vacated seats not be filled by the end of the current academic term, Committee membership shall be reevaluated at the beginning of the next term by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE ASOSU THAT UPON PASSAGE:

This bill be sent to:
Matteo Paola, ASOSU President
Sierra Young, ASOSU Vice President
Madelyn Neuschwander, ASOSU Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Signature: _______________ Date: 07/06/2022

Madelyn Neuschwander, ASOSU Speaker of the House of Representatives
Signature: _______________ Date: 8/01/2022

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Matteo Paola, ASOSU President
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