SB-82.02
“Direct Democracy Initiative Bill”
(Bill to codify the procedures of tabling, establish guidelines for outreach, and implement a consideration clause)

WHEREAS ASOSU has a few instruments at its disposal to credibly engage the student body;

WHEREAS These instruments, including tabling and consideration of students’ requests lack crucial pieces;

WHEREAS With the implementation of the following policies, the gap that exists between the student body and their student government will be significantly narrowed;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II §2.B.5.ii & §3.B.5.ii shall be added as follows:

i. …

ii. “Tabling encounters will have a framework that each participating member of Congress must make a best effort to follow, and which event organizers must take into consideration when making tabling materials.

a) Phase 1 shall include:

(1) introductions as the student government;

(2) inquiries into issues the student(s) are facing, concerns they have with the school, and/or changes to campus they wish to see;

(3) if they submitted a concern, request their school email to update them of any progress made on the matter;

(4) and inquire if they wish to be added to the ASOSU Newsletter.

b) Should the student(s) remain engaged, Phase 2 shall include:
(1) sharing the meeting times for sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate in writing; and a survey of one to two times for general meetings that would be more accessible for them to attend

c) During each tabling event, a record shall be kept of all responses to the aforementioned subjects, including:

   (1) a list of concerns collected;
   (2) emails of those who wish to be updated on their projects;
   (3) emails of those who wish to be added to the newsletter;
   (4) and a list of more accessible meeting times.

d) The aforementioned lists shall be submitted to the chair of the Outreach Committee, the Vice President, and the Speaker of the House at the conclusion of each tabling day as a part of event tear down. The newsletter subscription list shall be sent to the officer responsible for the newsletter, and the distribution list shall be updated within 24 hours of receipt.

e) Every two weeks, beginning week two of Fall Term, any lists of concerns collected in that period shall be compiled by the Outreach Committee, and presented to each body of congress. The adoption of each concern as a project must be considered by the bodies. If it is found that the implementation of a concern is impossible or ineffective by both bodies of congress, it will not be adopted as a project. If at least one house of congress supports a project, it will be referred to a committee in the respective area of interest, defaulting to the Campus Improvements Committee, to adopt and/or modify the proposal so that it may be implemented at a minimum of a baseline level. An individual, or group of individuals, may also adopt a submitted concern in place of a committee.

   (1) A note must be made on any project resulting from a submitted concern regarding whether the student who submitted it wished to be updated of its progress. If the student wishes to receive updates, notice of whether the project has been adopted or not, and notice of any additional milestones made in the project as determined by the group working on it shall be delivered to the student.

   (2) Should the project be accepted, an appropriate contact shall be given to the student who will distribute all further notices.
(3) Should the project not be accepted, a reason why shall be supplied by the speaker of the house, in addition to an invitation to voice other concerns they might have.

f) During week seven of each term, each body shall review the compiled lists of more accessible meeting times, and discuss if changing the current meeting time the following term would be prudent.

*Title II §5.a.9.i.h* shall be added as follows

“h. When adopting new outreach initiatives, the Outreach Committee must act with the intent to achieve some discernible or measurable engagement outcome. These intended outcomes must be included in the weekly updates to congress regarding the progress, nature, or adoption of these initiatives.”

**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
Xander Robertson, ASOSU President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Sahana Shah, ASOSU Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives
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Madelyn Neuschwander, ASOSU Speaker of the House of Representatives
Signature: ______________________________  Date: 8/08/22

Sierra Young, ASOSU Vice President
Signature: ______________________________  Date: 7/19/22

Matteo Paola, ASOSU President
Signature: ______________________________  Date: 8/10/22

- Approved
- Vetoed