Bill to Add Student Program Representation to Congress
“Increase Student Representation Bill”

WHEREAS All Senators and Representatives of the ASOSU are elected at-large from the student population

WHEREAS This can, at times, leave significant gaps in representation of certain constituencies based on which students decide to pursue congressional seats in a given academic year

WHEREAS Oregon State University has a strong and diverse community of student leaders serving in a multiplicity of student programs and student organizations

WHEREAS These student programs and student organizations are some of the best sources of representation for student constituencies at OSU

WHEREAS ASOSU has a history of including these student programs and student organizations in its representative process which is not present at the current time

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE 71st ASOSU CONGRESS THAT:

Title II, Section 3, Subsection A of the ASOSU Statutes shall be changed to include:

5. The Senate shall include Voting Delegates from well-established student led university programs and sponsored student organizations that have been formally recognized by the ASOSU Congress as playing an ongoing vital role to the success of the student community. This list of organizations may be added to only by a bill passed by both houses of congress amending this section of the Statutes. The following entities may send one voting delegate chosen by their organization to serve in the senate:

   a. The Memorial Union
   b. Residence Hall Association
   c. Inter-Fraternity Council
   d. Pan-Hellenic
   e. Unified Greek Council
   f. The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center
   g. Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez
   h. The Asian – Pacific Cultural Center
   i. The Native American Longhouse
   j. The Pride Center
   k. The Women’s Center
   l. International Students of Oregon State University

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 3, Subsection B of the ASOSU Statutes shall be amended to include:

2. Senators shall be seated on up to two Committees in the Senate.
Conference Committees and Independent Committees shall not be count towards a Senator’s two committees. Voting Delegates shall be seated on at least one standing committee. Voting Delegates may also serve on ad-hoc committees and Joint Congressional Committees.

4. All senators shall be allowed one vote. Voting Delegates who are named to sit in the Senate shall also be allowed one vote. Both Senators and Voting Delegates may vote on all legislation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 2, Subsection A shall be changed to include:

5. The House of Representatives shall include Voting Delegates from recognized student organizations and voluntary student organizations that meet the following criteria:
   a. Registered with Student Leadership and Involvement (or other sponsoring department) for one year or greater
   b. Provide a one-page statement to the House membership detailing how and why their organization wishes to represent students. This statement will be kept on file by the House while it is in session and will be displayed on the House webpage.
   c. Is able to collect thirty signatures of students wishing to be represented by this organization on a petition to be presented to the House membership
   d. A majority of the current members of the House approve the petition for a Voting Delegate seat from the organization. Grounds for disapproval of a petition include the following:
      i. Organization does not have current registration as a student organization or has been a student organization for less than one year. The Speaker of the House is responsible for determining the registration status of any petitioning group
      ii. The organization’s statement of representation does not detail how and why they wish to represent students
      iii. The organization has not collected enough signatures on their petition. If signatures are determined to be duplicates, forgeries, or otherwise unverifiable, they will be declared invalid. If the number of signatures drops below 30 because of any of the above reasons, the petition will be considered incomplete.

6. All Voting Delegate Seats in the House of Representatives will be inactivated at the end of each academic year. If an organization wishes to re-activate their seat, they must meet the following criteria:
   a. Seats may only be re-activated by the same organization
   b. Organization must continue to be registered with Student Leadership and Involvement (or other sponsoring department)
   c. Provide a new statement detailing how and why this organization wishes to continue representing students to the Speaker of the House to be kept on file and posted on the House webpage

7. The Congressional Clerk will keep an updated list of voting delegates in the Congressional Office and at all Congressional Meetings.

8. Upon activation of a Voting Delegate seat, the Speaker of the House will assign the Voting Delegate to at least one standing committee. Voting Delegates may also serve on ad-hoc committees of the House of Representatives and on Joint Committees of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title II, Section 2, Subsection B, Part 3 shall be amended to read:

3. All Representatives shall be allowed one vote. Voting Delegates who are named to sit in the House of Representatives and hold an active seat as a Voting Delegate shall also be allowed one vote. Both Representatives and Voting Delegates may vote on all legislation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 12 shall be amended to read:

Section 12: Student Organization Emissaries

A. All student organizations, which are registered with Student Leadership and Involvement but do not have an active Voting Delegate seat in the House of Representatives, shall be allowed one emissary to represent that organization in Congress. The emissary of a student organization shall represent their constituent organization in both houses of Congress.

B. Emissaries shall not vote in either house of Congress but shall be allowed to report on activities and event of their constituent organization following reports from Standing, Joint, Conference and Special Committees.

C. Emissaries shall serve as non-voting members of Congressional Committees and shall be allowed to speak on all matters before the Houses of Congress.

Sponsored By:

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