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Statement by the Press Secretary on the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on Representation

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, Student Body President Amye Dickerson announced the composition of an ad-hoc committee to address the structure of Student Government in order to ensure the organization is representative of our diverse interests. The selected group of students will meet throughout the semester to examine how the Baylor student body is represented in Student Government. The purposes of the group are to accomplish the following:

- Examine how students are represented by looking at ways to change the composition of the Student Senate
- Investigate best structure for Student Body Officer elections
- Study fall elections to understand how freshmen participate in Student Government and use this in any changes made to the electoral process
- Learn the history of elections for Baylor Student Government to provide historical backing and data for any proposed changes
- Prepare comprehensive legislation if necessary to implement proposed recommendations

The committee is to be comprised of three Student Senators, two members from the Cabinet of the External Vice President, and two members from the Cabinet of the Student Body President.

The committee will be chaired by Mr. Marcus Maurer, Chief of Staff to the External Vice President. The additional members of the committee are:

Ms. Emma Beaird, President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate

Mr. Alan Bond, Office of Student Organization Engagement

Ms. Maggi McClanahan, Student Government Secretary

Mr. Louis Rodriguez, Student Senator

Mr. Grant Wilkie, Director of Student Government Policy

Mr. Tanner Wright, Academic Affairs Committee Chair

The committee will meet frequently and give a report on its progress biweekly to the Student Body President and the Student Senate. Upon completion of its proposal, it will solicit input from the Student Body President's Board of Advisors and include their input in their final recommendation. This recommendation shall be made to the Student Body President and subsequently presented by the committee to the Student Senate in the form of legislation to be debated by the Student Senate prior to the 2018 Spring elections.