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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

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NUMBER: \_\_\_SE 69-20\_\_\_

DATE SUMBITTED: \_\_\_3/16/22\_\_\_

VOTE: PASSED

FOR: 41

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

NOT PRESENT: 6

Whereas: Student Senate is elected by the student body to represent and voice the opinions of students; and

Whereas: Student Senate is a means by which students’ concerns are addressed; and

Whereas: Class Officers have been a traditional set of positions in Student Government since at least the last two decades; and

Whereas: In the past, class officers have been responsible for programming, representation, and other initiatives varying from year to year; and

Whereas: For at least the last 17 years, Class Officers have not had consistent job descriptions, or intrinsic role identities; and

Whereas: Baylor culture centers on institutional affinity more than class affinity among students, and campus programming is not integral to Student Government’s mission; and

Whereas: In efforts to create a more purposeful and efficient Student Government, the following changes are highlighted below

Student Body Constitution

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ARTICLE II

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

# SECTION XI — STUDENT SENATE VACANCIES

Par. 1. Vacancy in The Office of a Student Senator

1. The Student Body President, External Vice President, and Chief Justice shall nominate by majority vote a member of the seat’s respective constituency to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of that seat.
2. A nominee shall be confirmed by two-thirds majority of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE III

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

# SECTION VI — CLASS OFFICERS

Par. 1. Class Officers

1. The ~~freshmen~~, sophomore, junior, and senior classes shall elect a class president, a class vice president, and a class secretary/treasurer during the 69th legislative session spring general election.
2. The junior, and senior classes shall elect a class president, a class vice president, and a class secretary/treasurer during the 70th legislative session spring general election.
3. The senior classes shall elect a class president, a class vice president, and a class secretary/treasurer during the 71st legislative session spring general election
4. Class Officers shall act as the representatives of their class and shall create initiatives and programs designed to promote spirit and unity within the members of the class.
5. Class Officers shall oversee special projects at the request of the Student Body President.
6. Class Officers shall serve in the cabinet of the President of the Student Body within the Office of Student Government Policy and other cabinet offices deemed necessary by the Student Body President.
7. ~~Class Officers shall be able to appoint members to Student Senate.~~

Par. 2. Permanent Class Officers

1. ~~The freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes shall elect a class president, a class vice president, and a class secretary/treasurer.~~
2. ~~Class Officers shall act as the representatives of their class and shall create initiatives and programs designed to promote spirit and unity within the members of the class.~~
3. Permanent Class Officers shall consist of a Permanent Class President and Secretary/ Treasurer
4. The Permanent Class Officers shall serve in the cabinet of the President of the Student Body within the Office of Student Government Policy and other cabinet offices deemed necessary by the Student Body President.
5. Effective Spring of 2025, the junior class shall elect a Permanent President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Permanent Class President and Permanent Class Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the duties outlined in the Executive Branch Bylaws, as well as facilitating communication between their class and the office of Alumni Engagement post-graduation. Prior to the general spring election of the 72nd legislative session, the Senior class shall elect permanent class officers.
6. The Permanent Class President and Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for fulfilling any project s assigned to them after graduation by the administration in regards to their graduating class.
7. ~~Class Officers shall oversee any special projects at the request of the Student Body President.~~

Par. 3. Class Officers

1. Class Officers shall begin their term of office at the first Student Senate meeting of the new legislative session.
2. Prior to the election of the 73rd legislative session the Class Officers shall serve until the first Student Senate meeting of the new legislative session.

# SECTION VIII — VACANCIES

Par. 3. Vacancies of Class Officers

A. Prior to the election of the 73rd Legislative Session, a vacancy in the office of a Class President shall be filled by the Class Vice President. A vacancy in the office of the Class Vice President shall be filled by the Class Secretary/Treasurer. A vacancy in the office of Class Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Class President, with two-thirds approval of the Student Senate.

Par. 4. Vacancies of Permanent Class Officers

1. A vacancy in the office of a Permanent Class President shall be filled by the Permanent Class Secretary/ Treasurer. A vacancy in the office of the Permanent Class Secretary/ Treasurer shall be appointed by the Student Body President, Student Body External Vice President, and the Chief Justice, with two-thirds approval of the Student Senate.

# ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

# SECTION IV — STUDENT BODY VOTING

Par. 2. Voting in the Election of ~~Class Officer~~ Positions

1. Other elected Baylor University Student Government positions shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast in each respective race.
2. The Baylor University Student Government candidate receiving the plurality of the votes cast in the general election cycle shall be declared the winner.
3. In the event of an exact tie, a runoff election shall be held within three class days of the final day of the general election cycle.
4. The winner of a runoff election shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the 69th Legislative Session of the Baylor University Student Senate assembled that these proposed changes be made to the Student Body Constitution. The Student Body shall vote on this amendment during the 2022 spring general election.

Furthermore: A copy of this resolution will be sent to Gracie Kelliher, Student Body President; Burke Craighead, Attorney General; and Tanner Vickers, Associate Director of Student Governance and Character Formation

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