A BILL

To increase the frequency of required meetings of the East Carolina University Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Senate and to edit the attendance policy in order to adjust to weekly meetings.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Moore
Cosponsor(s): Senator Beeson
First Reading: 8/24/2014
Referred to: N/A
Second Reading: 8/24/2014

Be it enacted by the Undergraduate Senate of the East Carolina University Student Government Association,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

The Senate Meetings and Attendance Act.

SECTION 2. Changes to the By-Laws.

WHEREAS, weekly meetings could improve the ability for the SGA Undergraduate Student Senate to efficiently advocate and represent the Student Body; and,

WHEREAS, the attendance policy would need to be adjusted to compensate for weekly meetings; now, therefore, be it

ENACTED, that Section 3.4 (b) of the By-Laws be amended to read: “The SGA Undergraduate Senate shall meet weekly at minimum with all regularly scheduled meetings being held on Mondays after 5:00pm.”; and be it further

ENACTED, that sections 3.5 (c), 3.5 (d), and 3.5 (e) of the By-Laws be stricken from the By-Laws; and be it further

ENACTED, that Section 3.5 of the By-Laws have added to them the following:
(c) Two (2) unexcused absences shall be allowed before senators shall be considered to have resigned their position within the Undergraduate Senate.

(d) An excused absence shall be defined as any absence, in which the senator provides the Speaker of the Senate with a doctor’s note or university excused absence (such as a death in the family, personal emergency etc.) within forty-eight (48) hours after the meeting. An excused absence is also defined as any absence where a senator provides the Speaker of the Senate with written notification and explanation of their absence at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting and the Speaker of the Senate approves the written notification. The approval of all written notification is at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate.

i. Exception: For absences from a special meeting called by the Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate, senators shall be allowed to provide the Speaker of the Senate with written notification up to twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. The approval of this written notification shall be at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate.

(e) An unexcused absence from a senate meeting shall be defined as one (1) unexcused absence and an unexcused absence from standing committee meetings shall be defined as one-half (.5) an absence.

SECTION 3. DATE EFFECTIVE.

This Act shall be effective upon its signing by the Student Body President.