A BILL

To amend the By-Laws to create a more clear and cohesive set of guidelines for the Rules and Judiciary Committee in the Undergraduate Senate.

Primary Sponsor:  Senator Beeson
Cosponsor(s):  

First Reading:  09/08/2014
Referred to:  N/A
Second Reading:  N/A

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This bill may be cited as “The Rules and Judiciary Reform Act”.

SECTION 2. CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS.

WHEREAS, the legislative branch of any government should be separate and independent of any other branches of that government; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation of a legislative body should be considered and debated upon by members of that body only; and,

WHEREAS, there is a system of checks and balances vital to a government following the three branch form; and,

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the East Carolina University Student Government Association currently allow for members of the Judicial Branch to stifle the legislative process and take to active a part in this process; now, therefore, be it,

ENACTED, Section 3.3, subsection (b) of the By-Laws shall be amended to read:

“The Rules & Judiciary: The Rules and Judiciary committee provides recommendations for all appointments that require a vote of the SGA Undergraduate Senate. Recommendations are based solely on due process,
which is defined by the designated branch requesting the appointment.

They interview potential candidates during the Senator Replacement
Process and recommend candidates to the Senate for a vote. They shall
consider any legislation dealing with amendments to the ECU SGA
Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Senate when proposed
in the Undergraduate Senate. The Attorney General or his/her designee
Justice shall serve as an ex-officio member but will have no vote, may
offer no amendments to legislation, and may not participate in the Senator
Replacement Process nor the Appointment Approval Recommendation
Process.”; and be it further

ENACTED, Section 4.2, subsection (b) of the By-Laws shall be stricken from the By-Laws;
and be it further

ENACTED, the By-Laws shall be amended to replace all instances of the words “Chief
Justice” with the words “Attorney General”.

SECTION 3. DATE EFFECTIVE.

This Act shall be effective upon its passage by two-thirds (2/3) of the ECU SGA
Undergraduate Senate.