A BILL
To amend the SGA By-Laws in order to institute improved legislative procedures for the SGA Undergraduate Senate.

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 Legislative Procedures Act.

SECTION 2. Changes to SGA Legislative Procedures.

WHEREAS, the current legislative procedures do not allow for a thorough and in depth review of proposed legislative; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Senate deserve more time to evaluate proposed legislation; and,

WHEREAS, a more transparent and thorough process is necessary; now, therefore, be it

ENACTED, the By-Laws shall be amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 3.7 of the bylaws shall be stricken and replaced with the following:

“Section 3.7: Legislative Procedures:

(a) All legislation to be considered by the SGA Undergraduate Student Senate shall be submitted to the Chief Clerk at a meeting of the SGA Undergraduate Senate by the Primary Sponsor of the legislation.

(b) The Chief Clerk shall assign legislative numbering as follows:

i. Senate Bill: SB-XX

ii. Senate Resolution: SR-XX
(c) The Chief Clerk shall then report the legislation to the Senate by reading the text of the legislation aloud on the floor of the Senate; First Reading.

(d) All legislation shall be referred to a committee of the SGA Undergraduate Senate.

i. The Senate shall have the authority to suspend the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in order to entertain a motion to adopt the legislation without being referred to a committee.

ii. If the Senate chooses to refer legislation to a committee, it will also be reviewed by the Rules and Judiciary Committee for constitutional review. The Senate is not required to make any changes to legislation based on finding of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.

(e) The Speaker of the SGA Undergraduate Senate shall distribute a copy of legislation to all members of the SGA Undergraduate Senate, all members of the Executive Council, the Attorney General, and all Judicial Justices within forty-eight (48) hours of submission of the legislation. This copy may be distributed via email or hard copy.

(f) The committee to which the legislation was referred to shall review legislation and report their evaluation to the SGA Undergraduate Senate following the Second Reading of the legislation.

(g) The Second Reading of the legislation shall occur no later than two (2) regularly scheduled meetings following the First Reading.

(h) The Third Reading will take place after all debate has concluded on legislation and directly before a vote on final passage; the legislation shall be read as amended.

(i) If the legislation is adopted by the Senate, the original copy of the legislation shall be sent to the Office of the Student Body President for signature or veto.

(j) If the legislation fails, the original copy is returned to the Primary Sponsor of the legislation.

(k) If legislation is signed by the Student Body President the original copy of the legislation shall be given to the Chief Clerk pro tem. Copies of the signed legislation shall be distributed to the Senate Rules and Judiciary Committee, Attorney General, Speaker of the SGA Undergraduate Senate, Student Body President, and the Primary Sponsor of the legislation for their records.

(l) If the legislation is vetoed, the Student Body President shall return the legislation to the Senate with a written explanation of the reasoning for the veto.

(m) If the Student Body President fails to act on legislation within ten (10) university calendar days (excluding holidays, reading days, or official university closings), it shall be returned to the Chief Clerk and considered law.
(n) After legislation fails or is tabled. The contents of that legislation or the principle provisions of its subject matter shall not be embodied into any other legislation during the current half of the legislative session where, “half,” is defined as a semester.

SECTION 3. DATE EFFECTIVE.

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