

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA Bill No. SB-1-995

PASSED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Eric A. Spear
Speaker of the House

2-8-99
Date

PASSED SENATE:

Jennifer G. Dejean
Speaker of the Senate

1-14-99
Date

APPROVED:

VETOED:

Jason Simon
SGA President

2-9-99
Date

APPROVED:

VETOED:

Harold Smith
Vice President for Student
Affairs

3/3/99
Date

SB-1-99S

Sponsors: Senators Aaron Tallent, Brian Gillespe.

Representatives: Amanda ~~Griffin~~ *Key*

A Bill to make the Senate Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee a standing committee.

Whereas: The Senate Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee was formed as a select committee, and

Whereas: The Senate Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee has performed necessary services throughout the 1998-1999 school year, and

Whereas: These services will be needed by the SGA on a consistent basis.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE 61ST ASSEMBLY OF THE STUDENT SENATE THAT

Section 1: The Senate Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee will be changed from a select committee to a standing committee.

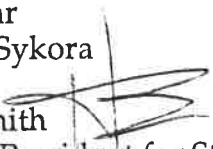
Section 2: The Speaker of the Senate will serve as ex-officio member and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve as chairman.

Section 3: The Committee shall consist of three members. These members will be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

Section 4: This act shall take effect immediately, the student welfare requiring it.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Jason Lawson
Mr. Eric Spear
Ms. Jennifer Sykora

From: Harold C. Smith 
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Re: SGA Bill 2-99-S

Date: March 2, 1999

I have reviewed the referenced legislation and concluded that an amendment to the SGA Constitution would be necessary to accomplish the expressed intent. Article V, Section 5 of the SGA Constitution currently states:

Section 5: Qualifications. Members of both houses of Congress shall have a 2.00 cumulative grade point average at the time of their election of selection, and shall maintain said average to continue in office. **The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of first semester new students.** Congress shall be the final judge of the qualifications of its members, both as to their cumulative grade point average and as to all other qualifications that either house may establish in its by-laws or that Congress may establish by statute.

Clearly, by making an exception to the grade point average requirement, the Constitution contemplates the participation of students who have been enrolled for less than one semester. Thus, I have no alternative but to veto this legislation.

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cc: Dr. Tom Burke
Mr. Jerome Hruska ✓
Mr. Tyson McClannahan