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**University of Central Florida
Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 56-34**

[Updates to Title XIV: The Student Government Caucuses]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, The ex-officio seat election process is convoluted and needs simplification;
WHEREAS, The three-seat limit is arbitrary and constrains the caucus's ability to listen to all student voices;
WHEREAS, This bill streamlines the process and eliminates the limit on ex-officio seats; and
WHEREAS, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title XIV be amended as follows:

Chapter 1400 Caucuses

- 1401.3 A. Any Student Government Agent who identifies with the mission of a Caucus.
1. No Student Government Agent shall be barred from membership.
 2. Branch heads shall announce Caucus appointments for their respective branch members at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting during their Senate report.
- B. Any Caucus member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Caucus Chair and their branch head.
- C. No Student Government Agent shall be required to be a member of a Caucus
- D. No Student Government Agent shall serve as Chair of more than (1) Caucus.
- E. **Any RSO or University Department that represents the student population or identity group that correlates with the caucus may be elected by the members of the caucus into an ex-officio seat.**
~~Three (3) ex-officio members' seats.~~
- ~~1.~~ **The number of ex-officio seats shall not exceed the total number of Student Government agents within the caucus unless otherwise stipulated by a Caucus. One (1) permanent ex-officio member seat is to be filled by a Registered Student Organization that serves as an overarching group of RSOs representing student populations of an identity that correlates with the Caucus.**
 - ~~a.~~ **A Caucus may increase the number of ex-officio seats through a majority vote. The Caucus may appoint a new permanent member if that RSO disbands, or another overarching RSO emerges, with a 2/3 vote.**
 - ~~2.~~ **Two (2) non permanent ex-officio shall be filled by RSOs for terms coinciding with the Senate Session. In relation to a Caucus's List of Applicable Registered Student Organizations:**
 - ~~a.~~ **If there are three (3) or fewer RSOs that represent students of a specific identity, those RSOs can serve one (1) year long consecutive terms.**
 - ~~b.~~ **If there are four (4) RSOs that represent students of a specific identity, nonpermanent ex-officio members will serve staggered two (2) year non-consecutive terms.**
 - ~~c.~~ **If there are five (5) or more RSOs that represent a specific identity, non permanent ex-officio members shall not serve consecutive terms.**
 3. Caucus ex-officio membership shall not count against quorum; however, it shall count for it.
 4. All ex-officio caucus members shall have full debating and voting privileges.
 - ~~5.~~ **Ex-officio members shall serve one (1) year-long terms. be permitted to fulfill their entire term in accordance with guidelines in effect at the time of their most recent election.**
 6. **If an RSO with an ex-officio seat disbands during its term, the seat shall be vacated.**

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