SENATE BILL F08-04
September 29, 2008

TITLE: Amending the Bylaws

ENACTED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Bylaws be amended as follows:

Article I, Section 2, Subsection ii shall be stricken and replaced with: “In the event of the Vice-President’s absence, the presiding officer for the Senate session will be appointed by the President (or officer with the highest seniority) and subject to a majority vote of the Senate.”, and

Article I, Section 2, Subsection iii shall be stricken and replaced with: “A quorum shall consist of a majority of elected and verified Senators unless otherwise stipulated in the Constitution or Bylaws. A quorum during summer sessions shall consist of 35% of elected and verified Senators.”, and

Article I, Section 2, Subsection iv shall be stricken and replaced with: “No motion may be made nor a vote be binding unless a quorum is present with the exceptions of the motions to adjourn, fix a time to which to adjourn, recess, or modify the agenda.”, and

Article I, Section 2, Subsection vi, item p shall be stricken, and

In Article I, Section 3, Subsection ii, after the word “resignation” insert “or removal”, and

Article I, Section 3, Subsection iii shall be stricken and replaced with: “Removal of a Senator from the Senate for misconduct or nonfeasance shall be carried out by a roll call vote requiring a two-thirds vote for approval. A resolution for removal may be brought to the floor only if it is in written form.”, and

Insert the following as Article I, Section 4, Subsection iii:

iii. Budget maintenance. Once a budget is approved for a given fiscal year, the Executive Council may approve any expenditures that are in accordance with that budget unless otherwise mandated.

In Article II, Section 2, the final sentence shall be stricken, and

Article III, Section 1: “Standing Committees” shall be stricken and Subsections i, ii, and iii shall become Sections 1, 2, and 3 respectively, and
In the new Article III, Section 1, the word "Standing" shall be replaced with "Ad-hoc", and

In the new Article III, Section 2, the work "Standing" shall be stricken, and

In the new Article III, Section 3, the word "Standing" shall be stricken, and

The following shall be inserted as the new Article IV:

ARTICLE IV: ACCESS TO INFORMATION

1. The Senate and all of its organized bodies, through its officers, shall follow the rules and regulations outlined in the Iowa Open Meetings Open Records Act.

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ENACTED: That all appropriate sections be renumbered accordingly.

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John Schmitz, President

Greg Peiffer, Chair of the Senate

PASSED