Bill to Expand Senator Outreach to Their Constituents

Whereas, The Associated Student Government Senate, as elected representatives for the student body, has a duty to enact positive change through their legislation; and

Whereas, Senators lack a proper medium to interact directly with their college constituents and receive input on legislative ideas and concerns from the student body as a whole; and

Whereas, Many students are often uninformed of their Senate representatives and the powers that their Senators have in creating and enacting legislation within the Associated Student Government; and

Whereas, The ASG Senate Standing Rules states that Senators are expected to “Research student concerns and author legislation (Section 1, Subsection A, Sub-subsection e, Line 35)” and “Consult constituents on student concerns and items of business before the body (Section 1, Subsection A, Sub-subsection i, Line 43);” and

Be it therefore resolved: Senators from each academic college, as a caucus, will be required to create a newsletter and survey to be sent out via e-mail to the students within their respective colleges through their Dean’s Office mass e-mail server.

Be it further resolved: The e-mail shall include details of the legislation previously passed during the previous semester, a short bio and photo of each Senator from the student’s college, and announcements regarding Senate involvement opportunities.

Be it further resolved: The e-mail shall also include a Google Form survey that includes questions asking for
feedback, concerns, or legislative suggestions the student may want to bring to their representatives’ attention.

Be it further resolved: That the Associated Student Government Senate Standing Rules Act of 2020-2021, Section 1, Subsection A, Sub-subsection e be amended to read: “Research student concerns, author a minimum of one piece of legislation in an academic year, and each senator with their respective college caucus will collectively create and email a newsletter/survey to their constituents through their Dean’s Office mass e-mail server at the beginning of each semester, and use that feedback to author legislation.”

Be it finally resolved: This bill will be sent to Chair of Senate Caleb Parker and go into effect in January of 2021 upon passage by the ASG Senate and subsequent signing by the ASG President.

Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count: Aye _______ Nay _______ Abstentions _______

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _______

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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate                          Date

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Julia Nall, ASG President                                       Date