

## **BP006-SP19**

### **Resolution Reallocating Seats in the Student Senate General Assembly**

Sponsor: Sen. Behnke

WHEREAS this body has a duty to represent the Student Body of Valparaiso University with fairness, honesty, and equity, and

WHEREAS the ideal of equal representation is a cornerstone of governance at all levels within the United States of America, the State of Indiana, and within Valparaiso University, and

WHEREAS components of our previous system have been rendered null and void by the office of the Valparaiso University General Counsel, and

WHEREAS it is our duty to put in place a new variant of our system of representation that will still represent all students equally and without advantage to any group, and

WHEREAS the different Colleges of this University have each developed unique needs, wants, experiences and cultures, and

WHEREAS some of these Colleges are at times without representation within this body, therefore

LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Valparaiso University Student Senate here assembled that the following legislative actions be taken in regards to the same's Bylaws, to take effect during the Fall 2019 semester and with regard to all processes related to the proper operation of this body during that time:

1. Amend Bylaw I, Section A to read as the following:

Each year, a total of twenty-five (25) students shall be elected as voting members of the Student Senate, according to the following districts:

Freshman 4 Sophomore 4 Junior 4 Senior 4 At-Large 4 College of Arts & Sciences 1 College of Business 1 Christ College 1 College of Engineering 1 College of Nursing and Health Professions

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2. As Bylaw 1, Section C, Clause 2, Subclause A, insert:

For Senators representing a College, their constituencies shall be defined as all students enrolled in any undergraduate major program under the aegis of that college.

3. Eliminate Bylaw 1, Section C, Clause 3

4. Amend Bylaw 24, Section H, Clause 1 to read as the following:

Elections for Student Body Executives shall be held before the last five weeks of classes in the spring. Elections for At-Large, Class, and College Senators shall be held before the last four weeks of classes in the spring. Elections shall be held on a date to be chosen by the Elections Committee.