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To improve the efficiency of California State University Channel Islands Student Government by formally replacing the existing Bylaws with the Bylaws proposed by IAC. 001, the #BylawOverhaulActOf2k17.

IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF CSUCI STUDENT GOVERNMENT

APRIL 12, 2017

Senator Altman (for himself, Senator Massie, and the Internal Affairs Committee) introduces the following legislation.

AN ACT

To improve the efficiency of California State University Channel Islands Student Government by formally replacing the existing Bylaws with the Bylaws proposed by IAC. 001, the #BylawOverhaulActOf2017.

Be it enacted by the Internal Affairs Committee of CSU Channel Islands Student Government,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “#BylawsActOf2017”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The findings of this Act are as follows:

- (1) The posted CI Student Government Bylaws could have been more clearly recorded.
- (2) The posted CI Student Government Bylaws are confusing and contradictory.

(3) The posted CI Student Government Bylaws contain unprofessional and egregious spelling, grammar, and formatting errors.

(4) The posted CI Student Government Bylaws unreasonably hinder CI Student Government from pursuing its mission statement.

(5) The Internal Affairs Committee has researched and recommended a set of Bylaws—through IAC. 001, the #BylawOverHaulActOf0k17, which was introduced by Chief Justice Brandon Burns (for himself, Associate Justice Jorge Robles Garibay, Associate Justice Jack Holden, Senator Reymundo Massie, Senator Nathan Altman, and Director of External Affairs Carla Mena)—to replace the existing Bylaws to solve such problems

SEC. 3. TEXT OF BYLAWS.

ARTICLE I — INTRODUCTION, GENERAL PROVISIONS

Part 1. Name of organization and purpose.

1.1.1 Name.

(a) The name of this organization is California State University Channel Islands Student Government.

(b) Throughout these Bylaws, this organization is referred to as Student Government.

1.1.2 Purpose.

(a) Student Government is—

i. An entity of Associated Students of California State University Channel Islands, Incorporated.

ii. Delegated by the ASI Board of Directors, the official representative organization for the students of California State University Channel Islands.

iii. Placing the students at the center of our educational experience, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government seeks to effectively communicate, create and maintain community, as well as provide and support co-curricular learning. As we represent the University and our student body, we will hold ourselves to

the highest standards by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and nationwide level.

Part 2. Authority of Bylaws and general provisions.

1.2.1 General provisions

(a) Throughout these Bylaws, the following abbreviations and terms are used unless otherwise indicated—

i. ASI. Associated Students of California State University Channel Islands, Incorporated.

ii. CSU. California State University. iv. CI. CSU Channel Islands.

iii. RONR. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most current edition.

iv. Student Body. All CI students who pay ASI fees.

v. University. CSU Channel Islands.'

vi. President. President of CSU Channel Islands Student Government.

vii. Vice President. Vice President of CSU Channel Islands Student Government.

viii. Officer. Any elected or appointed members of student government excluding interns of CSU Channel Islands Student Government.

1.2.2 Authority of Bylaws, supremacy and amendment.

(a) All persons in Student Government must adhere to these Bylaws, the decisions of the Judicial Branch regarding their interpretation and application, and any other applicable local, State or Federal law, or University policy.

(b) These Bylaws and all persons in Student Government must adhere to the ASI Bylaws, the ASI Election Code and the ASI Entity Constitution. ASI Bylaws and all ASI governing documents rule supreme to the Student Government Bylaws.

(c) In the event of a conflict between Senate legislation or Executive Order from the President of Student Government and these Bylaws, the Bylaws shall be supreme.

(d) These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the Senate in a duly noticed public meeting.

1.2.3 Nondiscrimination in membership and usage of facilities.

(a) All ASI fee-paying students entitled to use all Student Government programs and services and participate in Student Government.

(b) Student Government may not restrict access to services or programs, or prohibit the participation of a student on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.

1.2.4 Eligibility Requirements.

(a) All elected or appointed officers must have a minimum cumulative and semester grade point average of 2.5 at the time of selection and must maintain this minimum average throughout the term of services and be in good behavioral standing.

(b) Officers who fail to meet these minimum requirements may be granted probationary membership status with written appeal to the ASI Executive Director. In the absence of the ASI Executive Director the ASI Assistant Director will serve in their place. -

i. Not affect rights and privileges granted by the position the member holds,

ii. Probationary status may only be granted for one semester and once for the member's current term.

(c) If an officer is denied their appeal for probationary status by the ASI Executive Director, the officer may appeal to the ASI Board of Directors for a grant of probationary membership status.

i. The ASI Board may deny any appeal for any reason they deem necessary.

(d) All non-officers of Student Government provided by these Bylaws shall be exempt from the academic requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of this section.

ARTICLE II — THE LEGISLATURE

Part 1. Legislative authority, activities, and general provisions.

2.1.1 Legislative authority.

(a) The Senate must—

- 1 i. Vote on confirmation of appointments of the President to executive offices, the Judiciary, and to vacancies in
- 2 Senate,
- 3 ii. Disseminate information about its activities conducted and programs created by
- 4 Student Government,
- 5 iii. Comply with all Senate resolutions, legislation, and these Bylaws,
- 6 iv. Comply with the rules of order specified in RONR, and
- 7 (b) The Senate may—
- 8 i. Pass legislation governing the activities of Student Government, for purposes of carrying out the goals and
- 9 responsibilities of these Bylaws,
- 0 ii. Create and pass resolutions,
- 1 iii. Create and pass special rules of order and procedures for governing its membership, and for the governing of
- 2 members of Student Government,
- 3 iv. Override a veto of the President by three-fourths majority vote,
- 4 v. Pass amendments to these Bylaws by two-thirds majority vote
- 5 2.1.2 Ratification of legislation and presentation.
- 6 (a) Following the ratification of legislation, including appropriations legislation, by
- 7 Senate, the Vice President and Director of Operations must endorse the paper copy of that legislation and certify
- 8 that it is the true and accurate copy enacted by Senate.
- 9 (b) The Director of Operations must, within three business days of ratification, present the legislation to the
- 0 President for their signature or veto.
- 1 (c) The President may—
- 2 i. Sign the legislation, in which case it becomes effective upon the President's signature,
- 3 ii. Veto the legislation, in which case the legislation shall be referred back to
- 4 Senate, who may override that veto with a three-fourths majority vote,

iii. Take no action, in which case the legislation becomes effective six days after presentation.

(d) The Director of Operations must inform the Senate via electronic mail no later than 5:00 p.m. the next business day of the President's action on legislation presented under paragraph (c) of this section.

(e) The President may not—

i. Amend or otherwise modify legislation enacted by Senate except through a full veto.

(f) All approved legislation must be saved by the Director of Operations on the Student Government website and made available to the public and Senate upon request.

Part 2. Senators.

2.2.1 Senate composition.

(a) Student Government Senate is composed of Senators that are popularly elected each academic year by the student body of CI, or appointed by the President to fill a vacancy if elections have already occurred.

i. The Senate can be composed of one Senator for about every 700 students who pay ASI fees, but shall not to exceed 15 Senators total.

2.2.2 Minimum qualifications.

(a) No person may hold the office of Senator or campaign for this office unless that person—

i. Has completed a minimum of twelve units of coursework at CSU Channel Islands

ii. Maintains both a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) no less than 2.5, and

iii. Is enrolled in a minimum of six units per semester at CSU Channel Islands.

(b) No Senator may receive bribes.

2.2.3 Vacancies and Right to Resign.

(a) Senators shall maintain their right to resign from office at any time. A Senator wishing to resign must tender a written letter to the Student Government Vice President. Resignations shall be considered effective immediately.

- 9 (b) If all senator positions are not filled at the conclusion of the elections, the President must recommend
0 senators for appointment to these vacancies at the first Senate meeting of the academic year.
- 1 i. If all senator vacancies are not filled by the first Senate meeting of the academic year, the President has 30
2 days to recommend senators for appointment to these vacancies.
- 3 ii. If senator vacancies remain after 30 days, the President may ask the Senate for an extension of a reasonable
4 amount of time.
- 5 2.2.4 Appointment and authority of a presiding officer pro tempore.
- 6 (a) Senate may elect a member by majority vote to the office of Senate pro tempore to serve as chair. Such an
7 election must take place in accordance with RONR and must be duly noticed to the public as required by
8 Section 2.3.1 of these Bylaws.
- 9 (b) If any presiding officer of the Senate wishes to participate substantively in debate or vote, that presiding
0 officer must recuse themselves from the duties and position of the chair for the consideration of that question,
1 and the duties of the presiding officer shall devolve upon any of the officers listed below.
- 2 (c) The election of a presiding officer pro tempore does not relieve the Vice President of their duty to attend all
3 Senate meetings, nor does it relieve the Vice President of their authority to preside over the Senate and cast the
4 dividing vote if they be equally divided.
- 5 (d) If the Student Government Vice President is not in attendance of a meeting of the
6 Senate, or does not wish to preside over a meeting of the Senate which they are attending, the duties of the
7 Senate's presiding officer shall devolve, in the order herein, upon—
- 8 i. The Senate pro tempore, if one has been elected,
- 9 ii. The chair of the Internal Affairs Committee,
- 0 iii. A Senator, in order of their Student Government seniority,
- 1 iv. If no senators are present, then quorum is not met and the
2 meeting is not official.

(e) The Senator acting as the presiding officer shall reassume the duties of presiding officer duties once voting on all action items is complete.

(f) The Senate and Vice President may allow the Vice President-Elect for the following year to serve as the presiding officer for a maximum of two (2) Senate meetings following the receipt of the ASI election results.

2.2.5 Recall of Senators.

(a) A Senator may be subject to a recall election if a petition bearing the signatures, names, and student identification numbers of fifteen percent of the ballots cast in the previous election is submitted to the ASI Board. This petition must—

- i. Clearly state the person or persons sponsoring the recall effort,
- ii. Clearly state the reasons for the recall effort
- iii. The names, signatures, and student identification numbers must be submitted to the ASI Student Programs Coordinator for purposes of verifying that those persons signing the petition are students eligible to vote.

(b) In the event of a recall petition being properly filed, Student Government must properly notify the public of a recall effort and permit any interested and qualified person to run for the seat that may be vacated.

(c) Not less than thirty days after the submission of a recall petition, the ASI Election Council must conduct a recall election in accordance with the ASI Elections Code.

(d) A majority of ballots cast is required to remove a Senator from office and elect a new Senator to office.

- i. The ASI Election Council will determine time and place for the recall election and selection of new Senator.

2.2.6 Senator Duties and Responsibilities

(a) All Senators must-

- i. Serve on a minimum of one University Committee.
- ii. Submit weekly reports to Vice President by 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

- 7 iii. Attend biweekly one on one meetings set by the Vice President.
- 8 1. One on ones will only be conducted while school is in session.
- 9 iv. Attend all Student Government meetings held on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the
- 0 Coville Conference Room.
- 1 1. Absences may be excused if the Vice President is notified 48 hours prior to the meetings.
- 2 v. Work a minimum of five hours per week throughout their term.
- 3 1. A minimum of two hours must be served in the office.
- 4 vi. Attend a minimum of five CI events per semester as a Student Government Representative.
- 5 (b) Housing and Residential Education Senator must-
- 6 i. Work with housing students and staff to identify the needs of students living on campus.
- 7 ii. Housing and Residential Education Senator may serve a minimum of one office hour in the Housing office.
- 8 (c) Graduate, Credential and Alumni Senator must-
- 9 i. Serve on the Alumni and Friends campus committee
- 0 ii. Work alongside Graduate Schools and School of Education to identify the needs of students within each
- 1 program.
- 2 (d) Student Engagement Senator must-
- 3 i. Connect with clubs and organizations to increase student involvement.
- 4 ii. Attend all freshman and transfer student orientation and/or events as the Student Government representative.
- 5 iii. Student Engagement Senator may serve a minimum of one office hour in the SEAL center or interacting
- 6 with clubs
- 7 (e) Academic Affairs Senator must-
- 8 i. Attend all Academic Senate meetings
- 9 ii. Serve as a liaison between students and faculty.
- 0 (f) Social Justice Senator must-

- 1 i. Work with Intercultural services to identify needs of underrepresented students.
- 2 ii. Social Justice Senator may serve at least one office hour at Intercultural services.
- 3 (g) Wellness and Recreation Senator must-
 - 4 i. Work with Campus Recreation, Boating Center, Student Health Services and Counseling And Psychological
 - 5 Services (CAPS) to better identify the needs of students
 - 6 ii. Wellness and Recreation Senator may serve at least one office hour at Campus Recreation
- 7 (h) Commuters and Transportation Senator must-
 - 8 i. Work with the Commuter Program Assistant to identify the needs of commuter students.
 - 9 ii. Work with Transportation and Parking services to help promote alternative transportation options
- 0 (i) Veterans and Non-Traditional Students Senator must-
 - 1 i. Work with Veterans Affairs to identify needs of students.
 - 2 ii. Identify needs for non-traditional students.
 - 3 iii. Veterans and Non-Traditional Students Senator may serve at least one office hour in the Veterans Affairs
 - 4 Center
- 5 (j) Sustainability and Technology Senator must-
 - 6 i. Educate students on campus sustainability efforts and advancements in technology.
- 7 Part 3. Conduct and Information on Meetings.
- 8 2.3.1 Regular meetings — Notice and agenda.
- 9 (a) The Senate must hold weekly meetings each semester unless quorum is not met, as
- 0 described in section 2.3.2, paragraph (b).
- 1 (b) Meetings of the Senate shall be held on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. during the academic calendar.
- 2 (c) Meetings of the Senate and its committees are open to the public unless otherwise specified.
- 3 (d) At least seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled start of the Senate's regular meeting, the Director of
- 4 Operations must deliver written notice, consisting of the meeting's agenda packet, to any person registered with

the Student Government office. The Director of Operations must also deliver electronic notice to all Senators and ex-officio members of Senate, as well as the President, Vice President, Executive Directors of Student Government, ASI Student Programs Coordinator, ASI Assistant Director and ASI Executive Director.

(e) For purposes of this Part, ‘agenda packet’ means—

- i. A document that shows all items to be discussed or acted upon by Senate.
- ii. A complete copy of any legislation or resolution to be discussed or acted upon.
- iii. The minutes for the previous Senate meeting.
- iv. The time and place of the Senate meeting.

(f) At least seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled start of Senate’s regular meeting, the agenda packet shall be posted conspicuously in the Student Government Offices and in other locations freely accessible to members of the public. The agenda packet shall also be made available in Portable Document Format (.pdf) format on the Student Government website.

(g) The Director of Operations shall provide, upon request, copies of the agenda packet to any interested person.

2.3.2 Quorum.

(a) A quorum consists of fifty percent, plus one, of the Senate seats currently occupied at the time the meeting starts.

(b) A quorum requirement may be met by teleconferencing in a manner that the Senate may prescribe.

(c) If Senate business, including the handling of resolutions, appropriations, or legislation, or any other function of Senate is conducted without a quorum present, those acts are null and void.

(d) All meetings of the Senate must be conducted in accordance with any applicable local, state or Federal law, University policy or Senate legislation.

2.3.3 Regular meetings — Requirement to follow agenda.

(a) The presiding officer may not re-order or amend the agenda except through motions of voting members of the Senate.

(b) Unless a separate motion is made to amend the agenda, no action or discussion may take place on an item not in the Senate's agenda packet.

(c) Pertaining to separate motions made to amend the agenda,

i. This motion is debatable with respect to the nature of the item being added to the agenda requiring immediate action.

ii. The adoption of this motion requires a two-thirds vote, or the unanimous consent of all members of Senate present if less than two-thirds of Senate is present.

2.3.4 Regular meetings — Public comments and reports.

(a) All public meetings must provide an opportunity for members of the public to address Senate or its committees on any item affecting higher education or other matters under Senate's jurisdiction, subject to reasonable limitations on time, meeting security, and good order.

i. Unless specifically extended by Senate through a motion to limit or extend limits of debate, the total time allotted for public comments is fifteen minutes.

ii. At their discretion, the presiding officer of the Senate meeting may take a speakers' list in order to ensure a balance of time for all Senators.

iii. A member of Senate may briefly respond to public comments, but no action or further discussion may occur on items raised in public comments unless those items are on the agenda.

(b) All public meetings must provide an opportunity for members of Senate and executive officers to briefly report on their activities.

i. Except for brief requests for clarification of details within reports, no discussion of report items may take place.

ii. Senate members need not yield time to Executive officers in order for them to present their reports.

(c) A standing item shall exist on the Senate meeting agenda that provides Student Government Standing Committee chairpersons the ability to present their committee reports as required by Article VI of these Bylaws.

2.3.5 Special meetings — Notice and agenda.

(a) The Senate may convene in a special meeting with twenty-four hour notice by delivering to each member of Senate, either personally or by electronic mail, an agenda packet for that meeting.

(b) Senate may not consider items not on the agenda during a special meeting.

2.3.6 Emergency meetings.

(a) In an emergency situation requiring immediate action due to disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, Senate may hold an emergency meeting without compliance with the requirements of Section 2.3.4 of this Part.

(b) Members of Senate and members of the public, including the news media, must be notified at least one hour prior to the scheduled start of the emergency meeting if telephone services are operable.

2.3.7 Closed meetings — Conduct of meeting and minutes.

(a) The Senate and its committees may hold a closed meeting, from which the public is excluded, if the notice requirements in Section 2.3.1 are met.

(b) In this Section, ‘employee’ refers to any student compensated by ASI.

(c) During a closed meeting, the Senate may only consider—

i. Certain litigation pursuant to the advice of legal counsel,

ii. Certain employment matters

iii. Certain matters relating to a particular employee, unless that employee requests a public hearing,

iv. Matters relating to law enforcement.

(d) The Senate may close a Senate meeting temporarily in order to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of an executive director, judicial officer, or Senator in the case of an open seat.

(e) Prior to the start of a closed meeting, the Senate or its committee shall disclose, in a regular, open meeting the item or items to be discussed in the closed meeting. No other item shall be considered or discussed in the closed meeting.

(f) Immediately after the termination of the closed meeting, the Senate or its committee must reconvene prior to adjournment in public session and disclose what actions, if any, were taken during the closed meeting. These actions must be recorded in Senate's minutes.

2.3.8 Place of meeting.

(a) Senate may not conduct any meeting in any facility that prohibits the admittance of any person or persons, on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex, or which is inaccessible to disabled persons, or where members of the public may not be present without making a payment or purchase.

2.3.9 On-record Senate discussion (Discussion Items).

(a) During the consideration of items placed on the agenda as Discussion Items, Senate must consider the items informally as described in RONR – Committee of the Whole, unless the item pertains to legislative action of Senate.

(b) Consideration of items as described under paragraph (a) of this Section does not require the making of a motion to consider informally unless a member of Senate objects.

2.3.10 Yielding time to members of the public during times other than public comment.

(a) A member of the Senate may yield a portion or all of their time to a member of the public during a part of the meeting other than public comment for purposes of contributing productively to Senate's deliberations.

(b) During yielded time, the member of the public must conduct themselves in accordance with standards of legislative comity and the rules and procedures outlined in these Bylaws and Senate's parliamentary authority.

2.3.11 Authority of Senate to enforce order.

(a) If, during a public meeting, a person or group of persons willfully disrupts Senate's conduct of a meeting, Senate may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session.

9 (b) During the remainder of such a disrupted meeting as described in paragraph (a), Senate may not consider
0 items not on the agenda.

1 2.3.12 Content of minutes.

2 (a) The Director of Operations, or designee, is required to take minutes in all Student
3 Government Senate meetings, open or closed, regular or special.

4 (b) These minutes must at minimum contain—

5 i. The time at which the meeting was called to order,

6 ii. The names of the members of Student Government present at the meeting and the fact that a quorum was
7 present,

8 iii. Whether or not the minutes from any previous minutes were approved,

9 iv. Who presides over the meeting,

0 v. Whether or not the regular presiding officer is present and presiding, or the name of a presiding officer pro
1 tempore if one presides at any time during the meeting,

2 vi. All of the following motions or parliamentary items—

3 1. All main motions and amendments to main motions, and the disposition of those motions,

4 2. Secondary motions that were not lost or withdrawn when necessary for clarity,

5 3. All motions that bring a question before Senate again,

6 4. The text of enacted resolutions and legislation, and appropriations,

7 5. Notices of motions to rescind or amend,

8 6. All points of order and appeals, and the decisions of the presiding officer regarding those points and appeals,

9 7. If a recess is taken, the time at which the meeting stood in recess and the time at which the meeting was
0 called back to order, and

1 8. Incidental motions pertaining to the discussion or ratification of legislation.

vii. A summary of what each recognized member of Student Government said during debate on motions or during the discussions, and a summary of what is said during public comment periods including the names of persons addressing Senate,

viii. If a closed session is conducted, the results of any actions taken during the closed session, and

ix. The time at which the meeting is adjourned.

(c) The portion of the minutes taken by direction of paragraph (a) of this Section need not be published if they pertain to the proceedings of a closed session.

Part 4. Standing committees and special rules of order.

2.4.1 Standing Senate Committees

(a) Student Government Senate has one standing committee provided for by these Bylaws.

(b) Senate may create a new standing committee by a two-thirds vote.

i. Additional committees created via vote of the Senate shall only be in effect during the academic year in which it was created unless these Bylaws are amended accordingly.

(c) A chairperson for the Bylaw-provided standing committee must be appointed no later than the end of the fifth week of the Fall Semester.

(d) All appointments to each committee shall be performed by the Vice President of Student Government.

i. Each appointment shall be in effect until the last day of the Spring Semester of the respective school year.

2.4.2 Internal Affairs Committee.

(a) The Internal Affairs Committee is responsible for —

i. The content and form of legislation and general oversight of all functions of Student Government,

ii. Conduct auditing, investigation, compliance, and enforcement of Student

6 Government's bylaws, parliamentary authority, legislation and resolutions,

7 iii. All proposed revisions to these Bylaws, and

8 iv. Any other matter pertaining to the Senate's legislative activities.

9 (b) The Internal Affairs Committee consists of the Associate Justices, two Senators, and one executive member.

0 The Chief Justice will serve as the non-voting chairperson.

1 i. If there are no Associate Justices, one Executive member and one senator will serve in their place.

2 ii. If there is only one Associate Justice, the other position will be filled by an executive member

3 (c) The Internal Affairs Committee may also consist of ex officio members, but they do not possess voting
4 rights. The President and Vice President may not be considered members of the Internal Affairs Committee.

5 (d) Following the appointments of its membership, the Internal Affairs Committee must meet every other week
6 or as needed.

7 (e) The Internal Affairs Committee chairperson must submit a committee report to the Senate at the Senate
8 meeting immediately following each committee meeting.

9 (f) The Internal Affairs Committee shall have the authority to conduct official investigations into violations of
0 these Bylaws. Such investigations will be conducted as prescribed in these Bylaws. In the case of investigation

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2 i. The Internal Affairs Committee shall conduct the investigation.

3 1. Following the investigation, the Internal Affairs Committee Chair must

4 provide a written investigation report to the Senate, President, Vice

5 President, and parties involved.

6 ii. All complaints shall be given to the Chief Justice to open up an investigation.

7 1. If the Chief Justice is the perpetrator, The investigation will be chaired by an associate justice. In the case of a
8 tie in regards to this special investigation, the chair (associate justice) will be the tiebreaker.

2. If the investigation is about a member of the internal affairs committee, that member must recuse themselves from the entire investigation.

iii. Any Internal Affairs Committee meeting dealing with personnel shall be considered closed meetings.

iv. All decisions of the internal affairs committee may be appealed. In this situation, the investigation would go to the entire senate to vote on. A two-thirds vote must be reached in order to uphold the decision of the internal affairs committee.

2.4.3 Special Senate Rules.

(a) The Senate shall maintain its authority to set additional special rules in place for self-governance.

(b) Special rules set in place must be introduced via Senate Bill and passed by a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate.

(c) Special rules must be in compliance with these Bylaws.

(d) If at any time special rules conflict with the provisions set forth by these bylaws, these bylaws shall be supreme.

ARTICLE III — THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Part 1. The Executive Branch.

3.1.1 Description.

(a) The Executive Branch consists of the President, Vice President, the Executive Directors, and President's Cabinet.

3.1.2 Executive officers — Removal from office by recall.

(a) The President and Vice President may be subject to a recall election if a petition bearing the signatures, names, and student identification numbers of fifteen percent of the student body is submitted to the Student Government Office. This petition must—

i. Clearly state the person or persons sponsoring the recall effort,

ii. Clearly state the reasons for the recall effort, and

iii. Clearly state the proposed replacement or replacements for the executive officer subject to the recall effort, to be placed on the ballot, excluding executive directors, who may not be subject to named replacement.

The names, signatures, and student identification numbers must be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs for purposes of verifying that those persons signing the petition are students eligible to vote.

(b) In the event of a recall petition being properly filed, Student Government must properly notify the public of a recall effort and permit any interested and qualified person to run for the seat that may be vacated.

(c) Not less than thirty days after the submission of a recall petition, Student Government must conduct a recall election in accordance with the ASI Elections Code.

i. A majority of ballots cast is required to remove an executive officer from office.

ii. Except for executive directors, a plurality of ballots cast, if a majority favors recall, is required to select a replacement executive officer.

iii. For elections recalling executive directors, the President must provide a new appointee to Senate within thirty days.

3.1.3 Executive Officers – Right to Resign.

(a) All executive officers, both compensated and uncompensated, shall maintain their right to resign from office at any time. An executive officer wishing to resign must tender a written letter of resignation to each member of Student Government. Resignations shall be considered effective immediately. If the resigning executive officer is in a compensated position, a written letter of resignation must also be provided to each member of the ASI Board of Directors, as well as the ASI Executive Director.

Part 2. The President.

3.2.1 Description.

(a) The President is the Chief Executive Officer of Student Government, the student body president, and shall faithfully execute Student Government's bylaws and legislation.

(b) The President is an ex-officio member of any committee formed by Student Government, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

3.2.2 Duties and powers.

(a) The President must—

i. Represent and advocate on behalf of Student Government and the general student body to all persons and organizations within and outside the campus community,

ii. Attend all California State Student Association monthly plenary and regional meetings.

iii. Serve as the voting member for the California State Student Association

iv. Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, students to executive director positions provided by this Article, and the offices of Chief Justice and the Associate Justices,

v. Recommend, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a replacement for a vacancy in the Senate within thirty days of the position becoming vacant,

1. President must recommend someone within 30 days of vacancy.

2. If more time is needed, the President may ask the Senate for an extension

vi. Assist in recruiting and recommending students to serve on University committees.

vii. Take care that Senate legislation and these Bylaws are faithfully executed,

viii. Provide a report, in person or by designee, at all regular meetings of the Student Government Senate,

ix. Manage the functions of the Executive Branch, and

x. Approve or deny the Chief of Staff's selections for the Student Government Intern Program.

(b) The President may—

i. Veto legislation, as described in Section 2.1.2 of these Bylaws,

- 0 ii. Appoint an Executive Director to serve as an advisory council to the President as ex-officio members of
1 Student Government, and dismiss members of this Cabinet,
- 2 1. All appointees must comply with eligibility requirements set forth by
3 Section 1.2.4 of these Bylaws,
- 4 iii. Serve as the students' representative on all campus committees, and make recommendations for the
5 appointment of other students to campus committees,
- 6 iv. Call special meetings of the Senate by communicating with the Vice President, and
- 7 v. Issue executive orders for purposes of carrying out the Bylaws or legislation of
8 Student Government.
- 9 (c) The President must work twenty hours a week during the academic year.
- 0 3.2.3 Minimum qualifications.
- 1 (a) No person may hold or campaign for the office of President of Student Government
2 unless that person—
- 3 i. Has completed a minimum of thirty units of coursework;
- 4 ii. Has completed a minimum of twelve of such units at CSU Channel Islands,
- 5 iii. Maintains both a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) no less than 2.5, as required in Section
6 1.2.4 of these Bylaws,
- 7 iv. Is enrolled in a minimum of six units per semester at CSU Channel Islands, but no more than eighteen (18)
8 units per semester; and
- 9 v. Does not enroll in, or intend to enroll in, more than eighteen units of coursework per semester during their
0 tenure at any university, while serving their term in Student Government.
- 1 (b) No person may serve more than two terms of office as President.
- 2 3.2.4 Compensation.
- 3 (a) The President may receive a compensation for their services, which shall be appropriated

in accordance with Section 3.4.9 of this Article.

3.2.5 Presidential succession.

(a) In the event of the death, resignation, or conviction of impeachment of the President, the Vice President shall become President.

(b) In the event that the President is temporarily incapacitated or otherwise incapable of performing their duties, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

i. The President may transmit to the Vice President and the Senate a written declaration of temporary incapacity, which shall be effective based on the date and time in that declaration.

ii. Upon determination by the President that such incapacity no longer exists, the President shall transmit to the Vice President and the Senate a written declaration that such incapacity no longer exists, and resume their duties.

(c) If the Vice President's office is also vacant at the time of the President's removal from office or temporary incapacity, the Senate shall meet within forty-eight hours to appoint and confirm replacements for the President and Vice President.

Part 3. The Vice President.

3.3.1 Description.

(a) The Vice President is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Student Government and shall take care that the Bylaws and legislation are faithfully executed.

(b) The Vice President is the presiding officer of the Senate and is responsible for ensuring that Senators execute the responsibilities of their offices.

(c) The Vice President is an ex-officio member of any committee formed by Student Government.

3.3.2 Duties and powers.

(a) The Vice President must—

- 8 i. Take care that the Bylaws and Senate legislation are faithfully executed,
- 9 ii. Serve as the liaison between the President and Senate,
- 0 iii. Chair Senate meetings and cast the deciding vote, if the Senate is equally divided,
- 1 iv. Call special Senate meetings as required,
- 2 v. Appoint a chair to each Senate committee,
- 3 vi. Take responsibility for the training of the Legislative Branch, and
- 4 vii. Hold Senators accountable to carrying out their duties.
- 5 (b) The Vice President may—
- 6 i. Remove a chair from an ineffective Senate committee, and
- 7 ii. Assume the duties of the President in the event of the President's temporary incapacity as provided in Section
- 8 3.2.5 of these Bylaws.
- 9 (c) The Vice President must work not less than twenty hours per week while school is in session.
- 0 3.3.3 Minimum qualifications.
- 1 (a) No person may hold or campaign for the office of Vice President of Student Government
- 2 unless that person meets the eligibility requirements prescribed in 3.2.3 for President.
- 3 3.3.4 Vice Presidential Succession.
- 4 (a) In the event of a vacancy in the Vice President position (due to death, resignation, conviction of
- 5 impeachment, etc.), the President of Student Government shall appoint a new Vice President within three
- 6 business days of vacancy.
- 7 Part 4. Executive Directors.
- 8 3.4.1 Description.
- 9 (a) Executive directors are Student Government officers appointed by the Student
- 0 Government President and confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Student Government
- 1 Senate.

(b) Student Government has the following executive directors and officers:

- i. Director of Operations,
- ii. Director of External Affairs,
- iii. Director of Events, and
- iv. Chief of Staff.

(c) Throughout this Part, the terms 'director' and 'executive director' are used interchangeably.

(d) All non-compensated executive directors shall be considered members of the President's Cabinet.

3.4.2 Confirmation and security.

(a) Executive directors must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of Senate.

(b) Executive directors may only be dismissed from their position through impeachment as laid out in Section 3.1.2.

3.4.3 Minimum qualifications.

(a) No person may hold any executive director position governed by this Part unless that person—

- i. Has completed a minimum of twenty-four units of coursework;
- ii. Has completed a minimum of twelve units at CSU Channel Islands; Maintains both a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) no less than 2.5, as required in Section 1.2.4 of these Bylaws, and
- iii. Is enrolled in a minimum of six units per semester at CSU Channel Islands.

(b) No person may serve more than two terms of office in the same executive director position.

3.4.4 Vacancies.

(a) In the event of an executive director vacancy, the President and Vice President shall take care that the duties of the vacant office are still carried out.

5 (b) Within fourteen days of the vacancy, the President must recommend a replacement executive director to
6 Senate.

7 i. In the event that a vacancy of a compensated position occurs, the President must recommend a replacement of
8 that position to the Senate within seven days.

9 3.4.5 Director of Operations — Duties and responsibilities.

0 (a) The Director of Operations records all Student Government official communications. The Director of
1 Operations must –

2 i. Attend all Senate meetings, and attest that all legislation enacted is true and accurate.

3 ii. Present, within three business days hours of its ratification, all Senate legislation and appropriations to the
4 President as required by Section 2.1.2 of these Bylaws,

5 iii. Maintain a permanent and current record of all members of Student
6 Government including their contact information,

7 iv. Maintain regular office hours,

8 v. Maintain the Student Government office, including organization and inventory of office supplies, and

9 vi. Update and maintain the Student Government website—permitting they have access to edit the website.

0 vii. Maintain the Student Government office, including the procurement and organization of office supplies.

1 (b) The Director of Operations must work not less than ten hours per week when school is in session.

2 (c) The Director of Operations is a compensated position, as outlined in section 3.4.9 of these Bylaws.

3 3.4.6 Director of External Affairs — Duties and responsibilities.

4 (a) The Director of External Affairs is Student Government's representative to the
5 California State Students Association (CSSA) and must—

6 i. Attend all CSSA monthly plenary and regional meetings,

7 ii. Attend all scheduled Senate meetings,

8 iii. Coordinate all Student Government legislative visits and advocacy,

iv. Disseminate information to students pertaining to Student Government's lobbying and legislative activities

v. Oversee the recruitment and training of the Lobby Corps

vi. Collaborate with the CSU Channel Islands Director of Community and Government Relations,

vii. Coordinate all voter registration and education campaigns on campus.

(b) The Director of External Affairs must work not less than ten hours per week when school is in session.

(c) The Director of External Affairs is a compensated position.

3.4.7 Director of Events — Duties and responsibilities.

(a) The Director of Events is responsible for coordinating and chairing events. Duties

include, but are not limited to –

i. Organizing Student Governments attendance and presence at CSU Channel Islands events as determined by Student Government President or Senate.

ii. Encouraging Senators to coordinate events for their assigned constituents and/or project assignments and assist with the coordination of such events,

iii. Requesting help from and delegate responsibility to Senators and other Student Government Representatives for events as necessary,

iv. Performing thorough assessments of Student Government events, and v. Serving as the Chair of the Events Committee and, Maximus Awards Selection Committee.

(b) The Director of Events must work no less than five hours per week when school is in session.

3.4.8 Chief of Staff – Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) The Chief of staff serves in a supportive capacity for the Executive Branch and

Student Government as a whole. Such responsibilities include, but are not limited to –

i. Serving as the coordinator of the Student Government Intern program, and ii. Meeting on a bi-monthly basis with the President and Vice President.

(b) The Chief of Staff must work no less than five hours per week when school is in session.

(c) The Chief of Staff must hold biweekly one-on-one meetings and monthly group meetings with interns.

i. Scheduling is at the discretion of the Chief of Staff.

3.4.9 Compensation.

(a) Executive Directors and other officers appointed or elected under this Part may receive a compensation for their services, which may be appropriated by Senate.

(b) The Student Government annual budget submitted to the ASI Budget Allocation and Spending Committee (ASI BASC) must include appropriate hourly compensation for specified Executive Directors, the President and Vice President, and other Bylaw- required members of the Executive Branch.

Part 5. Other Executive Officers; President's Cabinet.

3.5.1 General.

(a) The President may, at their discretion, appoint other officers or directors to the President's Cabinet for purposes of ensuring the efficient execution of the Bylaws and Senate legislation, as well as for purposes of representing and advocating for students. They should also be based on the needs of the organization, the campus, the Senate, the Vice President, and the President.

(b) No officer appointed under this Part may receive financial compensation, except in consequence of appropriations from Senate.

(c) The function(s) of these positions must be documented in writing and agreed upon by the candidate for the position and the assigning officer(s). Any major changes in function, such as omission or addition of specific duties, must also be agreed upon by the officer and assigning party and include a revision of the original documentation.

Part 6. Students recommended to University committees.

3.6.1 General.

(a) The President must assist in recruiting and recommending students to serve on University committees.

ARTICLE IV — THE JUDICIARY

Part 1. General provisions; authority of Judicial Branch.

4.1.1 Authority of Judicial Branch.

(a) The judicial power of Student Government is vested in the Judicial Branch, which consists of one Chief Justice and the Associate Justices.

(b) The Judicial Branch is responsible for interpretation of all legislation passed by the Senate including policy, procedure, and these Bylaws, as well as for the interpretation of orders issued by the Executive, and for conducting audits and investigations in cooperation with the Senate Internal Affairs Committee.

(c) The Judicial Branch is responsible for general oversight of both general and special elections in conjunction with the ASI Election Council, and may serve as members of the ASI Election Council.

i. At the request of the ASI Election Council chair, the Judiciary shall investigate any ASI Election Code violations pertaining directly to Student Government resources and operations.

4.1.2 Quorum required.

(a) All justices must be present and their votes tallied when making a ruling under the authority of this Article.

4.1.3 Conduct of hearings — Right of public access.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, all hearings of cases by the Judiciary must take place publicly, and the right of the public to access these hearings must not be infringed.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not limit the Judiciary's authority to ensure the security of its meetings, nor its authority to conduct investigations privately.

4.1.4 Judicial Officers - Right to Resign.

(a) Officers of the Judiciary shall maintain their right to resign from office at any time. A

Judicial officer wishing to resign must tender a written letter of resignation to each member of Student Government. Resignations shall be considered effective immediately.

Part 2. Chief Justice.

1 4.2.1 Description.

2 (a) The Chief Justice is the head of the Judicial Branch and is responsible for the
3 administration of investigations and hearings of the Judiciary.

4 (b) The Chief Justice shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

5 4.2.2 Minimum qualifications.

6 (a) No person may hold the office of Chief Justice of Student Government unless that
7 person—

8 i. Has completed a minimum of thirty units of coursework,

9 ii. Has completed a minimum of twelve of such units at CSU Channel Islands,

0 iii. Maintains both a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) no less than 2.5, as required in Section
1 1.2.4 of these Bylaws,

2 iv. Is enrolled in, and intends to enroll in, a minimum of six units per semester at
3 CSU Channel Islands throughout their tenure, and

4 v. Is able to complete a minimum of a two-semester term.

5 (b) No person may serve more than two terms as Chief Justice.

6 4.2.3 Prohibitions on conflicts of interest.

7 (a) No member of the judiciary may preside over their own case.

8 (b) Judicial cases must be free from biased opinion which would lead to a conflict of interest.

9 4.2.4 Powers and Duties.

0 (a) The Chief Justice must—

1 i. Preside over all meetings of the Judicial Branch,

2 ii. Take care that the Judiciary's procedures are properly executed,

3 iii. Deliver, in writing, the rulings of the Judicial Branch to the parties involved as well as to Senate,

4 iv. Serve as the Parliamentarian of the Senate, and attend all Senate meetings

v. Notwithstanding any other duty or privilege of this Article, ensure the proper functioning of the Judicial Branch.

vi. Serve as the chair of the Internal Affairs Committee

vii. Must overlook and approve any resolution and legislation before it is passed. This is considered judicial review.

(b) The Chief Justice may—

i. Call meetings of the Judicial Branch with adequate notice at their discretion, and

ii. Delegate judicial functions to the Associate Justices.

(c) The Chief Justice must work not less than two hours per week while school is in session.

Part 3. Associate Justices.

4.3.1 Description.

(a) An Associate Justice is a member of the Judicial Branch that shares responsibility with the Chief Justice and other Associate Justices for the functions of the Judiciary.

(b) There shall at minimum two associate justices. For every 2800 CI students, there shall be an additional two Associate Justices. No more than nine Associate Justices may exist.

4.3.2 Composition

(a) There shall at minimum two Associate Justices.

(b) For every 2800 CI students, there shall be an additional two Associate Justices.

(c) No more than nine Associate Justices may exist.

4.3.3 Appointment

(a). Chief Justice or President shall nominate Associate Justice candidates to the Senate for appointment.

i. Must be approved by two-thirds vote.

4.3.4 Minimum Requirements.

(a) No person may be an Associate Justice of the Judicial Branch of Student Government unless that person—

- i. Has completed a minimum of thirty units of coursework,
- ii. Has completed a minimum of twelve of such units at CSU Channel Islands,
- iii. Maintains both a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) no less than 2.5, as required in Section 1.2.4 of these Bylaws,
- iv. Is enrolled in, and intends to enroll in, a minimum of six units per semester at CSU Channel Islands throughout their tenure, and
- v. Is able to complete a minimum of a two-semester term.

4.3.5 Powers and Duties.

(a) An Associate Justice must—

- i. Perform duties delegated by the Chief Justice,
- ii. Sit on the Internal Affairs Committee, and
- iii. Recuse themselves from a case in the event of a conflict of interest.

(b) An Associate Justice must work not less than two hours per week while school is in session.

Part 4. Offenses.

4.4.1 General provisions; applicability.

(a) These rules apply to all members of Student Government, including the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches, whether elected, appointed, or ex-officio, as well as students appointed to campus committees by the President.

(b) It is the responsibility of the Judiciary and Senate Internal Affairs Committee to jointly handle offenses against these Bylaws.

(c) Definitions. For purposes of this Article, the following terms and definitions apply.

- i. Complainant. The party making an accusation of wrongdoing in a complaint submitted to the Judiciary, or the party requesting an interpretation of these Bylaws from the Judiciary.
- ii. Respondent. The party accused of wrongdoing in a complaint submitted to the Judiciary.

(b) These offenses are punishable by censure or impeachment.

4.4.3 Perjury.

(a) No person may provide false testimony, in verbal or written form, to the Judiciary or to the Internal Affairs Committee, or any other Senate committee.

(b) Violations of paragraph (a) of this section are punishable by censure or impeachment.

Part 5. Rules of procedure.

4.5.1 Form and content of complaints to Judiciary.

(a) Any student may submit a complaint to the Judiciary, which must contain the following information:

- i. The name or names of the students bringing the complaint,
- ii. The name or names of the parties accused of wrongdoing, if any,
- iii. The specific section or sections of the Bylaws that the parties accused of wrongdoing are alleged to have violated, or the section or sections that are requested for interpretation, and
- iv. The signature of the complainants certifying that the information provided in the complaint is true and correct.

(b) Upon receipt of a complaint, the Chief Justice or designee must—

- i. Note the date and time of receipt,
- ii. Enter the complaint into the records of the Judiciary,
- iii. Notify any parties accused of wrongdoing by email, unless otherwise required by law, and
- iv. Notify the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee as well as the Associate Justices.

4.5.2 Conduct of investigations and report of findings.

(a) The Chief Justice and Associate Justices must decide within three instructional days if sufficient cause exists to conduct an investigation into matters alleged in a complaint.

(b) The Judiciary shall conduct the investigation in a manner outlined by these Bylaws, and report their findings in writing within a reasonable amount of time to the relevant parties.

(c) Any decision of the Judiciary will advance to the Senate for confirmation of the conviction (whether it be impeachment or other disciplinary action), based off the investigation findings.

(d) If any member of the Judicial Branch is under investigation, they must recuse themselves.

ARTICLE V — GENERAL STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Part 1. General provisions.

5.1.1 Members described in this article.

(a) The members described in this Article shall not be considered to be officers of Student Government.

(b) Members of Student Government that are not officers must comply with eligibility requirements set forth in Section 1.2.4 of these Bylaws.

5.1.2 Impeachment.

(a) Impeachable offenses:

i. Threatening or verbally abusing any person, or otherwise conducting oneself in an inappropriate manner while exercising the duties or privileges of their office.

ii. Misusing or misappropriating Student Government property or funds.

iii. Misusing or abusing any powers or privileges related to their Student Government office.

iv. Intentionally violating any provision of these Bylaws, the legislation of Senate or applicable University policies.

v. Perjury (i.e., providing false testimony, in verbal or written form, to the Judiciary, any Branch Head, Internal Affairs Committee, or any other committee).

(b) Impeachment process:

i. The impeachment process is handled by the Judicial Branch and is outlined in 4.5.

Part 2. Interns.

5.2.1 Intern Program Description.

(a) Student Government shall maintain an Intern program composed primarily of students without an established CI GPA and/or those that are of first-year student status.

(b) The Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch may have Interns assigned to their respective branches.

(c) The Student Government Chief of Staff shall serve as the coordinator for the Intern Program.

5.2.2 Interns - Duties and responsibilities.

(a) Duties and responsibilities are not necessarily limited by this section.

(b) Interns shall –

i. Assist in the planning, coordination, and execution of Student Government events,

ii. Attend and report at all meetings of their assigned branch,

iii. Work alongside all members of Student Government to better represent the students of CI, and

iv. Work no less than three (3) hours per week during the academic year.

(c) Interns may-

i. Participate in official discussion items for meetings of their assigned branch,

ii. Work alongside members of the other branches of Student Government to assist in the effective operation of the organization, and

iii. Attend meetings of Student Government branches they were not assigned to.

(d) Interns shall not –

i. Hold voting rights on any legislative, executive, or judicial action items.

ii. Participate in official investigations, except in the case of providing testimony to the party performing investigation.

5.2.3 Appointment and Dismissal.

(a) Interns shall be selected after completing the online application found on CI Sync and an interview with the Student Government Chief of Staff. All recommendations for intern must be approved by the Student Government President.

(b) Interns shall maintain their right to resign from their respective position at any time. An intern wishing to resign must tender a written resignation letter to each member of Student Government. Resignations shall be considered effective immediately.

(c) The President, Vice President, or Chief Justice may dismiss any intern from their respective branch at any time, provided that legitimate grievances exist and are documented in writing.

(d) The Senate may override any Intern dismissal by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE VI — STUDENT GOVERNMENT STANDING COMMITTEES

Part 1. General provisions.

6.1.1 Committees described in this article.

(a) The committees described in this article shall be –

i. Considered standing committees of Student Government, and

ii. Chaired by respective Executive Officers per Article III of these Bylaws.

Part 2. Standing committees rules.

6.2.1 Committee Membership.

(a) Membership for each standing committee shall not exceed 6 people.

(b) Members of each standing committee must be appointed by each committee chairperson and confirmed by the Senate with a two-thirds majority vote and, each committee must not consist of more than 6 members.

(c) Each standing committee shall consist of no more than six committee members.

(d) Each standing committee must have at least one, but no more than three Senators serving within their respective memberships.

6.2.2 Meetings.

(a) All committee meetings must comply with the rules of order specified in RONR, the provisions addressing order in these Bylaws, and any additional special rules of order that the respective committee may agree upon.

(b) Quorum consists of fifty percent plus one of a respective committee's membership.

(c) Committees must have quorum in order for a committee chairperson to call meetings to order.

(d) Committee members shall vote in order to make recommendations to the Senate.

(e) No standing committee may be delegated full powers from the Senate.

(f) A committee chairperson shall cast the deciding vote only if their respective committee's membership is equally divided.

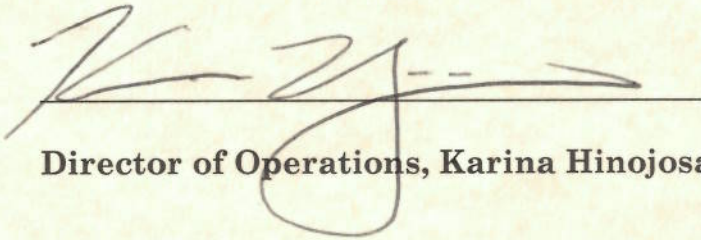
(g) Each committee chairperson shall submit a report of their respective committee's activities to the Senate for presentation at the Senate meeting immediately following the last committee's meeting.

(h) At their discretion, the Vice President may waive a committee chairpersons' requirement to report at a Senate meeting.

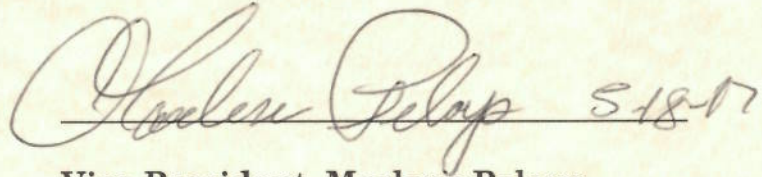
SEC. 4. FORMAT OF BYLAWS.

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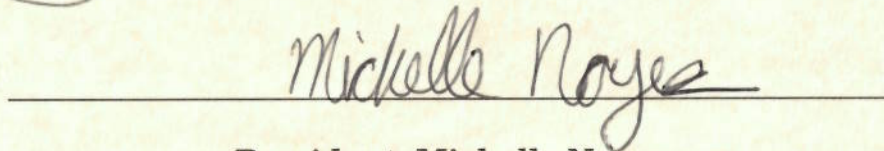
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