



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**BILL 19-02**

**A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF ELECTIONS**

**AUTHORED BY: President Pro-Tempore Cassie Katen and Parliamentarian  
Brandon Quispe**

**WHEREAS**, it has been a consistent recommendation of previous election committees to update the Bylaws concerning Article VIII, the Election Code and Regulations, and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon passage of this bill, Article I Section 1 of the Code of Elections shall be to reflect the following changes:


**CODE OF ELECTIONS**

*This code shall be the governing document in regard to all aspects of the elections process for the Student Government Association of Valdosta State University.*

**Section 1: Elections**

- A. First Year Senator Program
  - a. The SGA Executive Board will establish an application, selection and training process for First Year Students to join the Student Government Association.
  - b. First Year Senators will have the same rights and privileges as all other members of the Student Government Association
- B. Graduate Student Senators
  - a. VSU Graduate Students shall be able to apply to run in regular Senate and Executive Elections.
  - b. VSU Graduate Students may apply for any vacant Senate Seats.
  - c. In order to ensure Graduate Student Representation in the SGA Senate, if there are less than five, the SGA President may appoint up to five Graduate Students to become Senators. These Senators must be confirmed by a majority vote.
- C. Senate Vacancies
  - a. The SGA Executive Board must provide an application, selection, and training process to fill vacancies when determined necessary by the SGA Vice-President. The process must be approved by the Executive Council and selected individuals must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, upon passage of this bill above revisions will be immediately put into effect, and a copy of the revised SGA Bylaws and Statutes will be uploaded to the SGA website.

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| For: <u>18</u>   | Against: <u>0</u>                    | Abstain: <u>0</u>      |
| Primary Mover: <u>J. Miles</u>   | Secondary Mover: <u>Jakarla Hill</u> |                        |
| <b><u>APPROVED</u> DENIED VETOED</b>   |                                      | Date: <u>8/23/2019</u> |
| <br>_____, Student Government President |                                      |                        |