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4 *ASG Senate Bill No. 10*

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10 **The Senate Legislative Reform Act of 2021**

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12 Whereas, The ASG Senate is elected by the student body to serve its
13 interests; and

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15 Whereas, Each Senator has a responsibility to participate in the
16 legislative process by debating, questioning, sponsoring, and,
17 most importantly, authoring; and

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19 Whereas, As of March 10th, 44% of the 2020-2021 Senate body has yet
20 to fulfill their legislative requirement, and though this is an
21 8% improvement from this time last year, we have an
22 obligation to do more; and

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24 Whereas, The 2019-2020 Senate body formed an Ad-Hoc committee to
25 evaluate avenues to improve the productivity of the Senate,
26 but the committee was cut short due to the emergence of
27 COVID-19; and

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29 Whereas, The three remaining members of this committee are authors
30 on this bill: Caleb Parker, Lily Jones, and Kathleen
31 Bridgforth; and

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33 Whereas, The legislative requirement is currently outlined in the
34 Senate Standing rules but not the Associated Student
35 Government Code of Laws, and neither document
36 sufficiently provides a process for individuals who do not
37 meet their requirements; and

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39 Whereas, The re-implementation of authorship-by-committee both
40 eases the burden on junior senators and increases
41 involvement within the committee and with the greater
42 Senate body; and

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44 Whereas, The ASG Senate’s effectiveness is measured by the quality of
45 legislation and the multitude of differing perspectives shown
46 by it; so

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48 Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate is
49 committed to fulfilling its duty to the students.

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51 Be it further resolved: The ASG Code should reflect the specificity of
52 the Senate Standing Rules legislative
53 requirement.

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55 Be it further resolved: Title II Section 3 Subsection A.b. of the ASG
56 Code be amended to read “Research student
57 concerns and author a minimum of one piece
58 of legislation in an academic year;”

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60 Be it further resolved: Title II Section 3 Subsection E be added to the
61 ASG Code to read “Any Senator who does not
62 complete their legislative requirement by the
63 end of their term will not be eligible to serve as
64 a Senator in the ensuing term. Any seats lost
65 due to ineligibility would thereby be allocated
66 to the Fall Vacancy Election.”

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68 Be it further resolved: Title II Section 3 Subsection E. a. be added to
69 the ASG Code to read “Any Senator who does
70 not complete their legislative requirement in
71 their final academic term before graduation
72 would not be eligible to receive an ASG cord.”

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74 Be it further resolved: Title II Section 3 Subsection E. b. be added to
75 the ASG Code to read “Any extenuating
76 circumstances that might justify exclusion from
77 the requirement are to be submitted in a
78 timely manner to the Senate Ethics Committee
79 and ASG Advisor for evaluation.”

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81 Be it finally resolved: This bill go into effect on June 1st, 2021 upon
82 passage by the ASG Senate and subsequent
83 signing by the ASG President.

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88 Amendments: _____

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90 Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

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92 Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

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95 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate _____ Date

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98 Julia Nall, ASG President _____ Date

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