BILL #: SEN-05-17

TITLE: Act to Reform Senatorial Ethics and Conduct

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Whereas, recent Senate Sessions have been wrought with contentious, disrespectful, and unhelpful dialogue, and

Whereas, the recent behavior within Senate is not representative of the values of the University of Tennessee, and

Whereas, there has been vast miscommunication between Senators and their constituents, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association is losing credibility across campus through the lack of dignity in the ways that elected representatives have addressed other elected representatives, and

Be it hereby resolved, to amend the Undergraduate Student Senate Bylaws by inserting a new "Section 2" to Article I, which shall read: "The Undergraduate Student Senate and its Senators shall adopt and adhere to a code of ethics that is established as follows: "

Senators should always act in the best interest of the student body. They shall make every reasonable attempt to fulfill their duties in good faith and with full regard for the welfare of others, and

Senators are to be forthright, honest, and fully transparent in their communications with their constituents. They shall never knowingly misrepresent the truth in their capacity as a representative of the Association, and

Senators must actively seek to be informed of as well as attempt to remedy campus problems and controversies, and

Senators are to conduct themselves in a professional manner when interacting as a representative of the Student Government Association or the University of Tennessee, and

Senators are to maintain respect for the University, its employees, their fellow public servants, and themselves, and

Senators are prohibited from misusing, mismanaging, or misappropriating their position and/or equipment, facilities, or funds of the Association."

Sources:

http://www.uh.edu/sga/about_us/pdf/bylaws.pdf

https://www2.stetson.edu/sga/repository/code-of-ethics/

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

Seconded by

VOTE for _____ against _____ abstentions _____

ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Signature _____

Date _____

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature _____

Date _____