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SENATE BILL
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A bill to amend the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government Downtown to codify USGD's commitment to referring student constituents to university resources via Student Care Forms provided by the Dean of Students Office.

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government Downtown, hereby USGD, recognizes it as a necessary responsibility that every USGD representative is made aware of, and empowered to refer any student constituent to Student Advocacy and Assistance should they need supportive resources,

NOTING, Student Advocacy and Assistance, under the Dean of Students Office, is a central resource for student assistance at ASU, linking students with broader campus and community resources,

FURTHER NOTING, Student Advocacy and Assistance encourages students to refer their peers for support regarding concerns, including, but not limited to, basic needs, potential self-harm, sexual misconduct, or any other concern for a student's academic success, safety, or well-being,

WHEREAS, Student Care Forms allow student representatives, or any member of the constituency, to be the intermediary between a student in need and the Dean of Students Office so that they may receive support in navigating the challenges they may be facing,

BE IT ENACTED, effective immediately, the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government Downtown are adopted:

TITLE I

General Provisions

Article 1: Statement on Discrimination and Harassment

Section 1: Discrimination and Harassment

1-1.1 USGD will not tolerate discrimination and harassment based upon age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic background, Veteran Administration status or political affiliation.

1-1.2 Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students, whether on-campus or online, without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 106.14, makes an exception for social fraternities and sororities, in regard to gender, for membership criteria. Religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs. These groups, however, may not discriminate in membership or leadership on any other prohibited basis (i.e., age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or veteran status).

Article 2: Inaugural Ceremony

Section 1: Inaugural Ceremony

2-1.1 An inaugural ceremony for the USGD Executive Officers and USGD Senators shall be held annually. The ceremony shall be held between the final posting of the election results and May 10.

A. In the event of a contested election, the Election Commission may postpone the inauguration of the contested officers for up to 30 days.

B. A Zoom link shall be provided to all elected officers, including online-only representatives, to ensure all may fully participate in the inaugural ceremony, regardless of physical location.

2-1.2 Responsibility:

A. The retiring President shall be responsible for seeing that an inaugural ceremony is held in accordance with this article.

B. The retiring President shall select and duly advertise the time, location, and date of the ceremony.

2-1.3 Minimum Ceremonial Procedure:

A. The retiring President shall preside.

B. The retiring President shall administer the CoP oath of office to the incoming President. The incoming President. The oath will read:

“I _____ (Name) pledge myself to uphold the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government, my respective government bylaws, the CoP Code of Operations, and to serve the student body to the best of my ability by applying my skills, my time, and my initiative, so help me.”

1. In the case that the President has been reelected, the retiring Senate President shall administer the oath of office to the President.

2. Oaths of office of the elected USGD officers shall be administered whenever vacancies occur.

C. The incoming President may deliver the major address of the ceremony (the inaugural address) after receiving the oath of office.

2-1.4 The incoming President shall then administer the ASASU oath of office to the incoming Executive Officers and Senators. The oath shall read:

“I _____ (Name) pledge myself to uphold the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Undergraduate Student Government Downtown Bylaws, and to serve the student body to the best of my ability by applying my skills, my time, and my initiative, so help me.”

Article 3: Eligibility Guidelines

Section 1: GPA and Credit Hours

3-1.1 Students must have a declared major based on the Downtown Campus OR at the discretion of USGD for nontraditional circumstances and maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA to be eligible to join Undergraduate Student Government Downtown.

- A. Incoming freshmen that are joining USGD are exempt from this GPA requirement.
- B. Nontraditional circumstances included, but not limited to; major change, living arrangements, or interest in serving the downtown community.
- C. For specific qualifications of candidates running for any position in USGD, refer to the ASASU Elections Code.

- 1. The Undergraduate Student Body President must have held a position in ASASU for 16 consecutive weeks at any time prior to the start of the nomination period.

3-1.2 Once a USGD member fails to maintain these requirements, they will be placed on a probationary period as determined by USGD advisors and their direct supervisors.

3-1.3 Membership in Undergraduate Student Government Downtown is open to all students enrolled in at least one (1) semester hour of University credit at ASU.

Article 4: Student Advocacy and Assistance

Section 1: Student Care Form

4-1.1 All members of the Undergraduate Student Government Downtown (USGD) who are approached by student constituents regarding concerns for a student's academic success, safety, or well-being shall submit a Student Care Form immediately, when, in their reasonable judgment, it is appropriate to do so.

4-1.2 Concerns may include, but shall not be limited to:

- A. Basic Needs
- B. Domestic Violence
- C. Self-Harm
- D. Sexual Misconduct
- E. Being a Victim of Crime
- F. Any other concern for a student's academic success, safety, or well-being

4-1.3 Student Care Forms may be submitted by any student of Arizona State University. Students can complete a Student Care Form through Student Advocacy and Assistance under the Dean of Students Office ¹.

4-1.4 Representatives may remain anonymous while filling out a Student Care Form if they choose to do so. If students wish to report their identity, personal information shall not extend beyond the Dean of Students Office.

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¹ [Dean of Students Office: Student Advocacy and Assistance](#)

