

56-R-25

A Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws to Add a Non-Degree Seeking Seat

Alex Poling (for himself) introduced the following resolution to the Oversight Committee where it passed. Then, to the floor where it passed/failed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University; and

Whereas the Organization Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly; and

Whereas there are currently 42 academic area and living area seats and 3 emissary seats in the 56th General Assembly; and

Whereas the number of non-degree seeking undergraduate students is approximately 568 as of Autumn 2023, which is a larger population than several colleges; and

Whereas non-degree seeking students take classes at Ohio State but are not affiliated with a specific major, college, or the University Exploration program, though some are enrolled in certificate programs that can take up to two or four years to complete; and

Whereas the interests of non-degree seeking students cannot be adequately represented by students who are not in similar programs; and

Whereas non-degree seeking undergraduate students are still entitled to representation based on the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government and should not be excluded because they are not enrolled in a specific college or the University Exploration program; and

Whereas students within this constituency have specifically advocated for a non-degree seeking seat to represent them; and

Whereas adding this seat will help the Undergraduate Student Government effectively represent the undergraduate student body.

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved that the proposed amendments to the Organizational Bylaws are affixed as ‘Appendix A’ in this resolution; and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Organizational Bylaws are amended as in the affixed appendix.

Floor Vote: Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Abstain: ____ Present: ____

Bobby A. McAlpine
President

Alex Poling
Speaker of the 56th General Assembly

Date Adopted: _____

Date Terminated: _____