Senate Resolution 2223-086



Resolution to Amend the General Bylaws Concerning the Recording of Public Meetings WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2023

Whereas the Student Government Association believes in transparency in its actions across campus, and

Whereas there are many meetings of the Student Government Association which are open to the public and welcome any member of the Student Body to attend, and Whereas these meetings include the Student Senate and hearings hosted by the Supreme Court or Executive Cabinet, and

Whereas these meetings can have impact throughout the campus community, and Whereas being able to review and keep record of these meetings is essential, and Whereas it is already a long-standing general practice to record meetings that are open to the public, and

Whereas there is not currently any requirement to record meetings that are open to the public besides meetings of the Student Senate, and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the Student Government Association, the Student Body, and the broader campus community to have a requirement to record meetings that are open to the public, let it be

Resolved that the Student Senate approves the attached amendment to the Student Government Association General Bylaws (Appendix A).

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Primary Sponsor:

Justin Deem-Loureiro, Class of 2026

Secondary Sponsor:

Maddie Siems, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Vote:

In Favor: 19 Opposed: 0

Abstained: o

Resolution PASSES

Signatures:

Rugan Markland

Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Senate Note: The signature of the Speaker serves only as verification of vote count and does not indicate support of a resolution

Cade Chezem, Student Body President



APPENDIX A

Proposed amendments to the Student Government Association General Bylaws

Document to be Amended:

Student Government Association General Bylaws

Article/Section (if available):

Article XIV Sections 1

Current Text:

Section 1: Meetings

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