ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 49
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Author(s): Speaker Austin M. D. Quick
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WHEREAS, governing councils are currently not defined in the Bylaws or Constitution of the Student Association.

WHEREAS, the governing councils are currently in violation of Student Association Bylaws.

WHEREAS, there is a need for consistency with recognized organization and the Student Association.

Therefore the student of the Northern Illinois University represented in this senate

Article VIII shall read as follows:

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Governing Councils

A. A governing body shall be deemed as any organization where its principle membership is not made up of students but of other SA recognized organizations. These governing councils include Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council.

B. Governing Councils that are eligible for the rights and benefits listed below shall be limited to those Councils listed above. This list of councils can be added to through an application by the organization to the Senate and put to a vote via a Bylaw change.

C. Governing Councils will have the ability to restrict membership through an open democratic process.

D. The benefits these councils will receive are as follows:
   1. University discounts on room reservations, equipment, and services.
   2. Training and professional development assistance by the Student association and Student Involvement & Leadership Development.
   3. The ability to post flyers on campus. All flyers must be approved by Student Involvement and Leadership Development before posting on campus.
   4. The ability to make room reservations on campus.
5. The ability to have a mailbox in the Student Association Main Office. Mailboxes must be checked weekly. Failure to comply will result in the loss of mailbox privileges.
6. The ability to use Student Association server space for organizations to maintain websites.
7. The ability to require dues from member groups.
8. The ability to request funding from the Student Association. The Funding process shall be outlined in the SA Bylaws – Finance Policy.
   i. The ability to receive funding is contingent on an open democratic process for restrictive membership.
      a. Open democratic process shall be defined as:
         1. Clearly defined criterion for a petitioner to follow
         2. An open and recorded vote following an open discussion with all parties involved.
   ii. The ability to receive funding is also contingent on dues being no more than $20 per student in each of the member organizations going to the governing council.

E. The Vice President must notify respective governing councils within 48 hours of a member fraternity or sorority’s suspension or revocation of recognition

FURTHERMORE, Part IV, Article II, Section 2, Part A of the Bylaws shall hereby be amended:

A. General Eligibility for SA-Recognized Organizations

Any organization that has been officially recognized by the SA Senate for at least two (2) calendar years as of the date budget requests are due will be eligible for annual funding. Organizations with restrictive membership shall be ineligible for funding except for

Governing Council Organizations cannot be denied funding due to the nature or classification of their organization. Greek chapters recognized by the SA may request funding from their Governing Councils (Interfraternity Council, College Pan-Hellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council).

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Kyle Bak, Clerk of the Senate

Austin M. D. Quick, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

Elliot Echols, President