

Student Government Association

Tennessee Technological University

SGA Bill F23-002

**An Act to Provide for the Inception and Governance of an Executive Program
known as the Student Organization Advisory Council**

Whereas, there is a need for the establishment of a Student Organization Advisory Council (SOAC) within the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association (SGA) to provide advice and support to the SGA President on matters impacting student organizations; and,

Whereas, the SOAC shall address the student organization needs through activities and providing a regular means of discourse between them and the SGA.

Whereas, the SOAC will act as a representative body for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and Fraternity and Sorority Life, offering training and resources to facilitate the continuous development and operation of member organizations; and,

Whereas, addressing the topic of creating the SOAC is crucial to ensure effective communication between the SGA and student organizations, promoting understanding of policies and initiatives, and facilitating conflict resolution among member organizations; and,

Whereas, the establishment of the SOAC will benefit the student body by fostering collaboration and networking among diverse student organizations, providing valuable guidance to enhance organizational leadership and financial management; and,

Whereas, the monthly meetings and reporting requirements of the SOAC to the SGA Senate will ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful contributions to the welfare of the students.

NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

Section 1: This Bill shall be known as the “Student Organization Advisory Council Act of 2023”.

Section 2: The Student Organization Advisory Council (SOAC) is hereby established as

a body within the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association (SGA) to inform the Student Government Association on matters that impact student organizations.

- (a) The SOAC shall act as a representative body for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL). The SOAC shall further advise the President on issues within RSOs and FSL.
- (b) The SOAC shall offer member organizations, upon request, with training and resources to support their continuous development and operation.
- (c) The SOAC shall ensure that member organizations are aware of and understand SGA policies, initiatives, and opportunities; and conversely, that the SGA understands the needs, activities, and achievements of student organizations.
- (d) The SOAC shall promote collaboration and networking among different member organizations.

Section 3: The SGA President, or their designee, shall create the application form for joining the Student Organization Advisory Council. This application form should seek to capture the organization's basic information, motivation for joining, and commitment to the SGA.

- (a) The application form for the Student Organization Advisory Council shall be published on Eagle Engage.
- (b) Organizations interested in joining the Student Organization Advisory Council shall submit applications through Eagle Engage.
- (c) Each organization will select a single representative from its membership to send to the SOAC to represent their organization's interests.
- (d) Applications are utilized to inform the SGA President of participation within the SOAC. Each application is automatically accepted upon being received.
- (e) If an organization wishes to discontinue its membership in the SOAC, it shall notify the SGA President before stopping participation.
- (f) If a vacancy occurs, a student organization may submit a new application including their new representative to inform the SGA President.

Section 4: The SGA President shall set the rules of the SOAC.

Section 5: The SOAC shall use *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* 12th edition (et seq.) as its parliamentary authority.

(a) The SGA President shall act as the Chair of the SOAC.

(b) The SGA President shall select the Vice Chair

(c) The SGA President shall select the Secretary of the SOAC from the SGA Senators.

Section 6: The SOAC shall convene monthly during the Fall and Spring semesters, as set by the SGA President. The SGA President may call emergency meetings as needed, with a forty-eight (48) hours notice given to the membership.

Section 7: The SOAC Secretary shall provide a report of SOAC activities to the SGA Senate at the next Senate session following the most recent SOAC meeting.

Section 8: The SGA President shall, before the final Senate meeting of the Fall and Spring semesters, deliver a comprehensive report of their activities to the SGA Senate.

Section 9: This Bill shall take effect immediately following passage by the SGA Senate, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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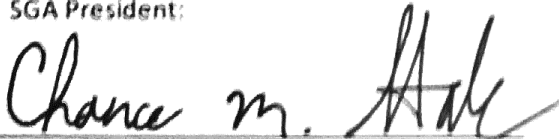
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