

**An Act to Increase Student Representation on Academic Misconduct Committees**

- Whereas,** Currently, there are eight Academic Misconduct Committees for each College/School and one University Academic Misconduct Committee, **and,**
- Whereas,** The membership of these committees are comprised of between three and eight faculty members, with only one student member for each as stated in TTU Policy 217 Section VII.A.2, **and,**
- Whereas,** The ratio of faculty to students on these committees could potentially bias the decision making process for each misconduct hearing by having a stronger faculty interpretation on the situation, **and,**
- Whereas,** Academic Misconduct hearings are extremely significant to a student's academic career and future, **and,**
- Whereas,** It is imperative that the university continues to strive to provide them with the most impartial and unprejudiced of hearings,

**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 Representation Act of 2018"
- Section 2:** TTU Policy 217 Sections VII.A.2.a.ii., VII.A.2.b.ii, VII.A.2.c.ii, and VII.B.1.b shall read as "Two (2) Student Members and at least one (1) Student Alternate..." rather than "One (1) Student Member and at least one (1) Student Alternate..."
- Section 3:** Only one of the student members will be required to attend the hearings to achieve a quorum, though both students will be encouraged to attend as many hearings as he/she can.
- Section 4:** Student Members will still be nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and appointed by the President of the University for a one (1) year term with the addition of only one of the nominated students having to be available during the Summer and/or between terms as specified in TTU Policy 217 Section VII.2.a.ii.
- Section 5:** This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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