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SPONSORED BY: Senator McCracken CO-SPONSORED BY: Senator Conway	COMMITTEE: Rules and Administration
SUBJECT: The Cleaning the Ethics Subcommittee Act [CESA]	COMMITTEE VOTE: 3-0-2
SENATE VOTE: 14-6-1	LEGISLATIVE RESULT: Passed

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That this bill be cited as “The Cleaning the Ethics Subcommittee Act” or “[CESA]”

- II. That Section 207.6 of the Student Association ByLaws be amended to read:

207.6 – SUBCOMMITTEE ON ETHICS

207.6.1 – Purpose and Responsibilities

207.6.1.1 – The Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Ethics, hereafter referred to as the Ethics Subcommittee, shall protect the ethical integrity of the Student Association and review all breaches of Student Association Ethics Policy and any breaches of contractual conduct obligations of Student Association officers, officials, and employees.

207.6.1.2 – Shall agree on a set of rules that regulate what behavior is considered ethical for members, including, but not limited to, rules relating to campaign activities, treatment of colleagues, and conflicts of interest.

207.6.1.3 – Shall conduct investigations into whether members have violated the aforementioned standards.

207.6.1.4 – Shall make recommendations to the Oversight and Reform Committee on what action, if any, should be taken because of the investigations, including, but not limited to, censure, expulsion or impeachment, or nothing if the accused is found not to be violating a rule.

207.6.1.5 – Provides advice to Oversight and Reform members before they (the members) take action, to avoid uncertainty over ethical culpability

207.6.2 – Membership

207.6.2.1 – All members appointed by the Chair of the Oversight and Reform Committee, through formal consultation, which shall include but not be limited to written notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to appointment, with the Senior Ranking Member of the Government Operations Committee, and confirmed by a majority of the Senate shall be voting members.

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207.6.2.2 – One (1) non-student advisor selected by the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and/or their designee.

~~207.6.2.3 – The Chair of the Senate, the Vice Chair of the Senate, the Student Association President, and the Student Association Vice President shall be ex officio members of the Ethics Subcommittee.~~

207.6.3 – Chair and their responsibilities

207.6.3.1 – The Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee shall be the Senior Ranking Member of the Senate Oversight and Reform Committee.

207.6.3.2 – The Ethics Chair shall preside over Subcommittee meetings.

207.6.3.3 – The Ethics Chair shall attend all Subcommittee meetings.

207.6.3.4 – The Ethics Chair shall report all decisions to the Chair of the Oversight and Reform Committee after the Subcommittee meetings.

207.6.3.5 – The Ethics Chair shall be responsible for making a monthly report at the Student Association Senate meetings.

207.6.3.5.1 – If an Ethics Policy violation complaint is filed with the committee, the Chair shall make a regular weekly report, starting at the immediate next Senate meeting, until the resolution of said complaint.

207.6.3.6 – Shall be responsible for adhering to all guidelines outlined in the Training Manual & Handbook, the contents of which are to be determined by the Chair of the Senate, through formal consultation, which shall include but not be limited to written notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to appointment, with the Vice Chair of the Senate.

207.6.4 – Guidelines

207.6.4.1 – All meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

207.6.4.2 – Attendance - Voting privileges will be rescinded upon the third consecutive unexcused absence of member. Any Senator appointed to the committee who loses voting privileges shall be referred to the Chair of the Student Association Senate.

207.6.4.3 – The attendance roll call shall be taken at the beginning of each meeting. Attendance policy for committee shall be the same as in regular session.

207.6.4.4 – The Ethics Subcommittee shall meet monthly. The committee may meet more often at the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair, through formal consultation, which shall include but not be limited to written notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to appointment, with the Chair of the Senate and the Chair of the Oversight and Reform.

207.6.4.5 – All amendments and/or changes to the Ethics Policy must be reviewed, voted on, and passed by the Ethics Subcommittee prior to going to the Senate floor.

207.6.5 – Ethics Violation Investigations

207.6.5.1 – Should any officer, official, or employee of the Student Association be suspected of being in violation of the Ethics Policy, a Breach of Conduct Form shall be submitted to the Ethics Subcommittee for review.

207.6.5.1.1 – All Breach of Conduct Forms must be reviewed within five (5) business days of submittal.

207.6.5.2 – To fulfill its responsibilities and purpose, the Ethics Subcommittee shall be empowered to investigate all individuals that are suspected of violating the Ethics Policy of the Student Association or that have breached their conduct contract.

207.6.5.3 – The Ethics Subcommittee shall report all its findings to the Senate and shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate, recommend action to the Senate and the Executive Board; or refer the matter to the Supreme Court.

III. That this bill go into effect once all current Subcommittee on Ethics investigations, at the time of this bills passage, have completed in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Ariel Nuñez, President

Passed by the Senate

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Sen. Nicholas C. Chin, Chair