A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SMU STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION
AND THE SMU STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS TO ADD A STUDENT
ATHLETE SEAT

WHEREAS

Article II Section 3(7)(a) of the SMU Student Body Constitution currently states: “a) For the purpose of this document, the International Senator shall be considered an Ethnic Minority Senator.”, and Article II Section 3(7)(b) of the SMU Student Body Constitution currently states: “b) The Ethnic Minority Senators must represent an ethnic group as recognized by the Office of the Registrar. There will only be one Special Interest Seat per ethnic group. Candidates must be a member of their representative constituency as verified by the Office of the Registrar. Each Ethnic Minority Senator shall have a vote.”, and

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the desire in recent academic years and Student Senates of the athlete student population to receive a Special Interest Seat, and

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through research conducted by current senators gathering input from Chair of the Faculty Senate Athletics Policy Committee as well as current student athletes including but not limited to football players, that athletes do not find their specific voice being represented in the Student Senate, and

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that there are 458 D1 student athletes enrolled at SMU, and

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that the Student Senate and student athletes would benefit from the voice, presence, and perspective of an Athletic Senator.

BE IT THEREFORE

that Article II Section 3(7)(a) of the SMU Student Body Constitution be amended to state: “a) For the purpose of this document, the International and Athletic Senators shall be considered Minority Senators.”, and Article II Section 3(7)(b) of the SMU Student Senate Body Constitution be amended to state: “b) The Minority Senators must represent their respective demographic groups as recognized by the demographic data compiled by the Office of the Registrar.
There will be only one Special Interest Senator Seat per minority group. Candidates and voters must be a member of their representative constituency as verified by the Office of the Registrar. Each Minority Senator shall have a vote.

BE IT FURTHER that if the above amendments to the SMU Student Body Constitution are passed and enacted: 1). The position of Athlete Special Interest Senator shall be held to have been created in the matter prescribed in Article II Section 3(7)(1) of the SMU Student Body Constitution, 2). The manner of declaring candidacy for and voting for the Athlete Special Interest Senator shall be administered by the Membership Chair and Student Senate Advisor in consultation with the Executive Committee, 3). That the Athlete Special Interest Seat will abide by the elimination clause in Article II Section 3(7)(2) of the SMU Student Body Constitution, and 4). That Article II Section 2(1) of the SMU Student Senate By-Laws be amended by inserting a semicolon after the word Senator in Article II Section 2(1)(d) and by the insertion of the following quotation mark bound text immediately before Article II Section 2(1)(d) of said By-Laws, “(subsequent alphabet letter). Athlete Senator”.

BE IT FURTHER that if this bill as well as senate bills S-103-08 and S-103-09 pass in the student referendum, the Student Body Constitution will reflect the changes of all three as follows: Article II Section 3(7)(a) be amended to say “a) For the purpose of this document, the International, MILVET, Queer, and Athletic Senators shall be considered Minority Senators.” And if any other combination of bills S-103-07, S-103-08, and S-103-09 pass or fail the referendum, the changes will be accurately portrayed in the above fashion.

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