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

RECOGNIZING the desire in recent academic years by the MILVET (SMU Military Veterans) student population to receive a Special Interest Seat, and

RECOGNIZING that the military veteran population at SMU is approximately 165 persons as verified by the Registrar, and

ACKNOWLEDGING that the military veteran population on campus could be even larger due to the optional disclosure of past service, and

HOLDING that the Student Senate would benefit from the voice, presence, and perspective of a MILVET Senator.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED 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 MILVET 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.”; and

BE IT FURTHER that the Registrar is thus, in the support of the Student
Senate, respectfully charged with allowing the MILVET
organization to verify the eligibility of the candidate and to
appoint him or her based on the needs of the MILVET
organization.

BE IT FURTHER that if the above amendments to the SMU Student Body
Constitution are passed and enacted: 1). The position of
MILVET 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
MILVET Special Interest Senator shall be administered by
the Membership Chair and Student Senate Advisor in
consultation with the Executive Committee, 3). That the
MILVET 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).
MILVET Senator”.

BE IT FURTHER that if this bill as well as senate bills S-103-07 and
103-08 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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