WHEREAS many Senators and other members of Student Senate choose to use their laptops for business not relating to Student Senate during Chamber, and

CONSIDERING that these members of Student Senate have an obligation to their constituents to be fully present and active to the best of their ability, and

CONSIDERING that distraction caused by a laptop leads to lower Senate productivity and participation, and

RECOGNIZING the questionable benefit of using a laptop for Senate Business during Chamber hours,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SMU Student Senate Policies and Procedures shall be amended at Article III, inserting an additional section to reflect the provision stated in this document as such:

“5. The use of laptop computers by active Senators is prohibited during the duration of weekly chamber meetings. The Executive Committee has the discretionary authority to grant necessary and appropriate exceptions.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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