A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT ROLE OF THE STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Student Center Governing Board was incorporated into the Southern Methodist University Student Senate in recent years, and renamed the Student Center Governing Committee, and

WHEREAS the role of the Student Center Governing Committee has evolved since its conception as the Student Center Governing Board, and

NOTING the recent ratified amendments within the Student Center Governing Committee Bylaws, and the conflict between said Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Southern Methodist University Student Senate, and

MENTIONING the desire for a viable legal structure upon which to base the Student Center Governing Committee, in order to strengthen and clarify the role of said committee, and to provide for future vitality of the Student Center Governing Committee,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article V. Section 4, Subsection 6 of the Southern Methodist University Student Senate By-laws be amended to read as follows:

a. The Student Center Governing Committee (SCGC) shall be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Student Center, and make recommendations to the Student Senate and Vice President for Student Affairs, for its final approval, rejection, or modification, as to a wide variety of decision-making activities and events within the Student Center, which shall include, but shall not be limited to the following activities:

1) The authority to review and make recommendations to the Student Senate or the Office of Legal Affairs regarding all contracts involving (a) the use of the Student Center operating area, (b) operating agreements between the Student Center and campus auxiliary operations which are housed in the building, and (c) operating agreements between the Student Center and outside leasing agents.
2) The authority to be informed in regards to and give recommendations regarding any and all staff decisions and policies that affect the Student Center and to provide these recommendations to the Student Senate and the Vice President for Student Affairs.

3) The authority to make recommendations to the Student Senate as to any and all changes to existing space allocations or the establishment of new space allocations within the Student Center to University departments, student organizations, campus auxiliary operations, and outside leasing agencies.

4) The authority to make recommendations to the Student Senate as to the amount charged as rental fees and space lease rates for facilities in the Student Center.

5) The authority to assist in, and where appropriate make recommendations to the Student Senate regarding, personnel decisions for major Student Center positions within the framework established by the University for such matters.

6) The authority to make recommendations to the Student Senate regarding the approval of (1) any and all remodeling or renovation projects and (2) the spending of any funds from the Student Center Repair and Replacement Reserve Accounts.

7) The authority to govern, and to place student organizations within, designated student spaces of the Student Center.

b. The Student Center Governing Committee membership, membership terms, and committee operations shall be the purview of the Student Center Governing Committee Bylaws and the Student Center Chair, unless otherwise stated in the Southern Methodist University Student Senate Bylaws, or the Student Center Governing Committee Bylaws.

c. Any powers belonging to either the Student Center Governing Committee or the Student Senate under Article V Section 4(6) of the Southern Methodist University Student Senate By-Laws shall over the University Summer Break be held by the Summer Senate Committee, and any actions taken by the Summer Senate Committee shall be subject to review by the Student Senate at the beginning of the following Fall Semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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