West Virginia University

The Student Assembly - Student Government Association

Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-03

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

| **Short Title:**  | **Transition Documents Requirement** |
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| **Committee Endorsement:** | **Governing Documents Review Committee** |
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| **Date of Approval:** | **12/6/2023** |
| **Presidential Signature:** |  |

**Whereas,** according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

**Whereas,** upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

**Whereas,** the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of transitioning between Student Government Association administrations,

***Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** The following addition concerning transitioning documents set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall be voted on by the student body in the spring election:

Article XII. Transitioning Documents shall be added as:

**ARTICLE XII. Transitioning Documents**

**12.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE** This article aims to mandate the timely production of essential transitioning documents by the outgoing administration, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of critical information for the incoming administration.

**12.2 Requirement for Transitioning Documents** The outgoing administration shall prepare and submit detailed transitioning documents on the following key areas:

1. Elections: Provide recommendations for improving the SGA election process and highlight any complications or challenges.
2. Legislation with Continued Implications: Summaries of enacted legislation with ongoing ramifications and assessing its effectiveness and challenges.
3. Unfinished Legislation: Documentation of pending legislative initiatives, their objectives, and the current stage in the legislative process.
4. Connections: Compile a comprehensive contact sheet including names, titles, and contact information for critical stakeholders for matters pertinent to the SGA.

**12.3 Submission Timeline and Format** The transitioning documents must be submitted no later than the last SGA meeting of the spring semester in a format accessible and understandable to the incoming administration.

**Section 2:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates below:

**Mandates:**

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

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Madison Santmyer, Student Body President

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