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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 750223
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SENATE BILL NO. GS06-11
February 26, 2006

- Title:** AN ACT OF LEGISLATION AMENDING UOSACA TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2 TO PLACE TIMING OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEWS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL.
- Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Legislation Amending UOSACA Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 2 to Place Timing of Constitutional Reviews within the Discretion of the General Counsel.”
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to amend the rule regarding the submission of student organization constitutions, by affording the General Counsel discretion in deciding the specific timing of constitutional submission.
- Section 3:** The current system of only submitting constitutions for review every odd-number year places a strain on the UOSA General Counsel Office’s resources, as there are currently more than 360 student organizations, with the number growing every year.
- Section 4:** Although this Act will give discretion to the UOSA General Counsel in deciding the appropriate timing for submissions, each year approximately one-third (1/3) of OU’s registered student organizations will be chosen by the General Counsel for constitution review. No organization’s constitution shall go more than three (3) years without being reviewed, and no organization will be chosen more than once within a three-year period. Newly registered organizations’ constitutions will be reviewed the year of their first registration, and every three years thereafter.
- Section 5:** Reviewing some each year, instead of all every two years, will enable continuity in the standard of review given to constitutions, and alleviate the fall semester burdens caused by reviewing close to 400 constitutions to ensure University compliance.
- Section 6:** Amend Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 2 (deletions are in ~~strike-through~~, additions in *italics*)

~~During the student organization registration process (as outlined by the Student Code) occurring in the Fall of each odd-numbered year each organization shall submit three copies of the organization's constitution.~~

The UOSA General Counsel, in consultation with the Office of Student Life, shall establish a schedule for the review of the constitutions of all Registered Student Organizations. The schedule shall be such that an individual Registered Student Organization's constitution will be reviewed generally every third year, and approximately one third of all Registered Student Organizations' constitutions shall be reviewed in the fall of any particular year. Registered Student Organizations shall be notified of the date of their next required constitutional review in the spring of each year.

As provided in the Student Code, the UOSA General Counsel shall review each organization's constitution for compliance with the OU Student Code and other University and UOSA policies.

As provided in the Student Code, organizations whose constitutions do not achieve compliance status or organizations that fail to submit a constitution ~~each odd year as required by the schedule established by the General Counsel~~ *are shall not be* considered registered student organizations.

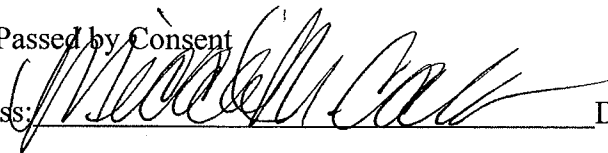
As provided in the Student Code, registered student organizations may be entitled to funds appropriated by the UOSA. Upon a showing by the UOSA General Counsel that an organization is not a registered student organization because the organization has not submitted a constitution ~~in the Fall of an odd-numbered year as required by the schedule established by the General Counsel~~ or the organization's constitution is not in compliance, the UOSA Budgetary Committee may take the violation into consideration during the budgetary allocation process.

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Action taken by Congress: Passed by Consent

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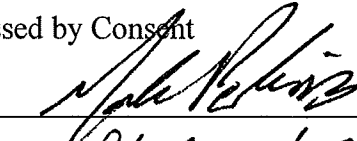


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