A Resolution to Ensure Greater Accountability in Executive Committees

Nick Benson (for himself, Ciara Ahern, AJ Babcock, Stacie Baker, Alok Bhatt, Igor Brin, Jim Cropcho, Laura Denning, Liz Evangelista, Andria Fuquen, Steve Miller, Brennan Howell, Meghan Innes, Larry King, Dan Klempay, Tim Krock, Ben Leland, Matt Luby, Nick Marconi, Nicole McCrone, Michelle Pineiro, Brad Reed, Stephanie Seger, Pat Sprinkle, Pete Steele, Charlene Chi, Matt Dodovich, and Elaine Yeh) introduced the following resolution; which was passed by the Committee on Policy & Governance.

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students, and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government Senate is charged with approving an executive cabinet structure and confirm executive appointees, and

Whereas, previous Undergraduate Student Government Senate’s have approved cabinet structures that have allowed for multiple directors for various cabinet committees, and

Whereas, this structure allowed for little accountability in that no single individual was held responsible for the actions of each cabinet committee, and

Whereas, this structure breeds conflict and a lack of clear direction as multiple directors have disagreed and conflicted over the direction and actions of a given committee, and

Whereas, in no other real governing body is the executive branch able to nominate and have serve, multiple heads of various departments and committees because of these and other concerns,

Therefore Let it Be Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government Senate shall require that each cabinet committee in the forthcoming executive cabinet shall only have one director who is in charge of all operations, finances, programs, personnel management, and other activities once confirmed by the Senate, and

Let it Further Be Resolved, that each cabinet director may appoint a deputy(ies) to assist with responsibilities and serve in the case of an absence once confirmed by the Senate.

Floor Vote:     Yea:  24     Nay:  8     Present:  3

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Suzanne Scharer     Nick Benson
President      Speaker of the Senate