



RICE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Class B Amendment #1
of the 2016-2017 Session

Creation of the Rice Senior Standing Committee

Introduced by

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Passed on

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Whereas, Historically the Future Alumni committee provided funding and advising for the Senior Committee;

Whereas, The Future Alumni committee no longer provides funding nor advising for the Senior committee;

Whereas, The mission, goals and responsibilities of the Senior Committee are such that make it appropriate as a standing committee according to The SA Constitution VII.A.3.a.;

Whereas, The language used in VII.B.10.f. Senior Committee already follows the language necessary to be a standing committee under VII.A.3.b.;

Whereas, The Senior Committee is the only constitutional “subcommittee” despite having its own chairpersons, purpose, responsibilities and powers;

Whereas, The Senior Committee’s permanence does not make it a valid candidate for a special committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Rice Student Association pass Amendment X to make the Senior Committee a standing committee;

Resolved, The Student Association appoints a staff or faculty advisor to the Senior Committee; and

Resolved, That section VII.B.10.f. be changed to the following:

VII.B.12. *Senior Committee.*

VII.B.12.a. Purpose. The purpose of the Senior Committee shall be to foster relationships among the senior class, to increase Rice spirit, and to strengthen our collective Rice identity by unifying students from different colleges during their senior year.

VII.B.12.b. Responsibilities and Powers. The Senior Committee shall:

VII.B.12.b.i. Pursue projects and activities to further its purpose.

VII.B.12.b.ii. Plan and host the Senior Gala.

VII.B.12.b.iii. Host and fundraise for any committee events in conjunction with the Association of Rice Alumni, the Office of the President, and the Student Association.

VII.B.12.b.iv. Communicate with the University administration, faculty, staff, and other individuals or groups as appropriate in order to further its purpose.

VII.B.12.b.v. Gather feedback from the members of the Student Association regarding topics relevant to the committee's purpose.

VII.B.12.b.vi. Meet regularly to discuss projects and topics related to its purpose.

VII.B.12.c. Chairperson. The Senior Committee shall have either one Chair or two CoChairs, at the discretion of the Internal Vice President.

VII.B.12.c.i. Selection. The Senior Committee Chair shall be selected by the Internal Vice-President through an application and interview process, subject to the approval of the President and a majority vote of the Senate.

VII.B.12.c.ii. Responsibilities. The Chair shall:

VII.B.12.c.ii.1 Facilitate projects and activities of the Senior Committee.

VII.B.12.c.ii.2. Preside over all meetings of the Senior Committee.

VII.B.12.d. Members. The Senior Committee shall be composed of the following members:

VII.B.12.d.1. The Senior Committee Chair or Co-Chairs;

VII.B.12.d.2. A representative from the senior class at each college recruited by the Senior Committee Chair, the College Presidents, the Student Association Internal Vice-President, and the Student Association President.

VII.B.12.d.3. A representative from the Association of Rice Alumni, who shall serve as a nonvoting advisor to the committee

VII.B.12.e. Meetings. All meetings of the Senior Committee shall be open in accordance with Article III (Definitions).

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