



Senate Bill#2
of the 2017-2018 Session

To Charter the Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force

Introduced by
Taylor Morin, SA Senator, 2016-2017
Mahdi Fariss, SA Senator, 2016-2017
Justin Onwenu, SA President, 2017-2018
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Passed on
Monday, April 10, 2017
Justin Onwenu, Student Association President, 2017-2018
Presiding Officer

Whereas, The Student Association understands the importance of maintaining open communication lines between faculty and students,

Whereas, Undergraduate students have a variety of perspectives that would serve as excellent resources for undergraduate departments,

Whereas, The Student Association has a responsibility to give students more opportunities to have their voices heard,

Whereas, Rice Student Vision for the Second Century, led by the Student Association during the 2014-- 2015 academic school year, supports said collaborative ventures,

Whereas, A survey of 280 undergraduates found that over 80% of students feel Undergraduate Advisory Boards are an unmet need at Rice,

Whereas, Chairs of the Political Science, Bioscience, and Psychology departments have already demonstrated interest in creating advisory boards after efforts by Student Association Senators Justin Onwenu and Anjali Bhatla in the 2015-2016 term,

Resolved, The Undergraduate Advisory Board Task Force shall be created with the charter of creating long-term spaces of communication between students and faculty members within their respective departments;

Resolved, the Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force shall be composed of two undergraduates who will be appointed by and work closely with the Student Association President;

Resolved, the Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force shall work in collaboration with an initial selection of academic department chairs across a wide range and representative selection of schools to create Undergraduate Advisory Boards in those departments;

Resolved, The Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force shall determine the initial selection of academic departments with the help of College Presidents and Student Association Senators;

Resolved, The Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force shall present plans for long term sustainability to the Student Association by the end of the fall 2017 semester;

Resolved, the Undergraduate Department Advisory Board Task Force shall be dissolved by the end of the 2017-2018 SA term;