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2021-0024: Executive Board Bill Sponsorship Amendment Sponsored by: Ruffino Co-Sponsored by: Murtha

Recognizing that Executive Board members can currently co-sponsor a bill and contribute to bills. However, they may not sponsor bills and typically are not allowed to present or represent the bills that they work on.

Understanding that Executive Board members have ideas that should take the form of a bill. In current practice, these ideas have sometimes been “assigned” to a Senator whose names are essentially placeholders where the Executive Board member does the majority of the work. In the event that these ideas are not passed on, they are often lost as there are limited other routes for an Executive Board member to pursue regarding initiatives.

Drawing attention to the fact that the Senate still has the autonomy to deny bills sponsored by Executive Board members, as they do with a bill sponsored by a senate member. In addition, Executive Board members are not allowed to vote on any Senate action, except for the President in the event of a tie.

It is resolved that Article IV Section 13 Subsection 4 Sub-Subsection a Sub-Sub-Subsection i and ii of the Student Governance Council Constitution will be replaced with the following:

- i. “Any such initiatives shall be introduced during Senate meetings by the sponsorship of at least one Student Governance Council member. Any member of the Ithaca College community may propose a bill. All bills shall require the sponsorship or co-sponsorship of a Senator.”
- ii. “Bills may be sponsored or co-sponsored by anyone, including outside organizations.”

It is resolved that the following will be added as Article IV Section 10 Subsection 2 of the SGC Constitution:

2. “All bills must have sponsor(s) who are responsible for writing the bills presenting them, and ensuring that the purpose of their bill is carried out and followed through. Bills can also have

co-sponsors who contribute to the content of the bill, but are not responsible for follow-up or presentation.

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