**Sponsor(s): VPOA Beddow**

**Cosponsor(s): SOA Blum, Senator Blair, Senator Bounds**

*Amendment to the Legislative Bylaws to Update the Constituent Contact Absence Policy*

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is the official student governing body for Illinois State University;

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association has a duty to the students of Illinois State University to serve their constituents;

WHEREAS, Senators must complete Constituent Contact hours every month, which are monitored by the Vice President of the Assembly;

WHEREAS, When a Senator does not fulfill their Constituent Contact obligations, this is a negligence of duty to the students of Illinois State University, therefore should result in a penalty;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, For every hour of Constituent Contact missed per month, the Senator will receive a .5 unexcused absence;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Legislative Bylaws, Article V: Procedures, Section 8, shall be amended as follows:

Article V: Procedures, Section 8. **~~Senator Constituency Relations~~**

Article V: Procedures, Section 8. **Constituent Contact**

A. The Vice President of the Assembly shall take reasonable measures to provide Senators with additional means to access their constituents.

B. Constituent contact may occur either in-person or online. Constituent contact shall be monitored by the Vice President of the Assembly.

C. Each Senator shall be required to keep track of constituent feedback. All contact received from constituents must be kept in electronic or hard copy for review and

evaluation by the Vice President of the Assembly.

**D. For every hour missed per month, the Senator will receive a .5 unexcused absence.**

**E. If the Senator needs to be excused from submitting Constituent Contact for a particular month, they can fill out a form provided by the Vice President of the Assembly. Once this form is filled out, they can get this excused by the Executive Committee and opt out of Constituent Contact for that month.**

**F. If a Senator’s Constituent Contact is denied by the Vice President of the Assembly, they can either resubmit another hour of Constituent Contact that applies to the guidelines or appeal to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.**

Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the **DATE** day of **MONTH**, **YEAR**.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this amendment by the Assembly of the Student Government Association:

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Eduardo Monk Jr., Student Body President Megan Fulton, President of the Assembly

I hereunto set my hand in witness and certification of the adoption of this amendment by the Assembly of the Student Government Association:

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Mikayla Blum, Secretary of the Assembly

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