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The Student Senate
87th Student Government Association
Bethel College

A Bill to Implement the Electronic Signature System for Legislation

Introduced By: Naomi Epp, Secretary of Public Relations

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Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate

Vote: _____ For _____ Against _____ Abstentions

Kalynn Wiles, Speaker of the Senate

Madison Hofer-Holdeman, Secretary of the Senate

Action Taken by the Student Body President

____ Enacted ____ Vetoed

Alayna Wallace, Student Body President

Ana Parra, Coordinator of Student Activities, SGA Advisor

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Abstract:

This bill changes the process of how governing documents will be signed and handed off to the Secretary of Public Relations. As it is now, the Secretary of the Senate prints off the bills that have been acted upon, then obtains the signatures and other notations of necessary parties. The new bill process will include an immediately applied electronic signature and a later wet signature.

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Whereas, the Student Government Association is responsible for ensuring that legislation which has been acted upon is made quickly and publically available to the wider student body,

Recognizing it is often difficult to have all responsible parties sign legislation in a timely manner and recognizing that all publicly presented legislation should contain clear and accurate record of action taken by the Student Government Association,

Further recognizing that physical copies of legislation containing wet signatures may be desired by parties within and outside of the Student Government Association,

Let it be enacted that the Secretary of the Senate oversee the collection of electronic signatures from the necessary individuals and that the Secretary of Public Relations distributes electronic legislation appropriately and prints all legislation and acquires wet signatures according to the following protocol:

1. When a piece of legislation is voted on, the Secretary of the Senate will make a copy of the document in the SGA Shared Google Drive and title it "SIGNED Copy of 8X-XXX: A Bill to..." and transfer it into the designated folder in the Drive.
2. Once a new copy of the legislation is made, those who need to attach their signature can attach an electronic signature from their own devices. At this point, the Secretary of the Senate can indicate action taken by the senate, and the President can indicate whether the bill will be enacted or vetoed.
 - a. Should the president wish to consider the enactment further, this process may take several days.
3. The Secretary of Public Relations will send the electronically signed copies of legislation, along with the meeting minutes to the student body via email the following day. The electronically signed legislation will be uploaded to the public archive on the SGA website.
4. Within two weeks, the Secretary of Public Relations will print unsigned copies of all legislation so that they can be signed non-electronically and kept in the physical legislative archive maintained by the Advisor of the SGA.