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SENATE BILL 2024-12

Sponsored by Senator Noah Shackelford

On behalf of the Constitutional Review Committee

- I. The purpose of this bill is to amend and update The Senate Bylaws of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney.
- II. The Constitutional Review Committee recommends that the following changes are made to the Senate Bylaws
 - a. In order to support student organizations, both established and applying, as well as the efficient conduct of business on the part of the Constitutional Review Committee and UNK Student Senate as a whole, the recognition process of constitution applicants is to be changed. If adopted, prospective or current members of student organizations shall be required to present constitutions for the approval of the full Senate following independent review and majority passage by the Constitutional Review Committee.
 - b. Article VII, Section III B will read as follows: *To be considered a recognized student organization, the organization must be able to prove they have a minimum of five (5) part-time or full-time student members. Any student organization wishing to be recognized by the Student Government must submit a constitution for their organization to the Senate, which will be automatically referred to this committee. The existing organizations will be required to submit their constitutions in like fashion at least every four (4) years in order to retain Student Government recognition. Approval of such constitutions and Student Government recognition shall require a hearing by this committee on the constitution submitted, a simple majority passage of the constitution by the committee, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the full Senate following the presentation of the constitution by a prospective or current member of the organization, and signing or veto by the President of the Student Body. With the presentation of a constitution to the full Senate, the representative of an organization is expected to describe the purpose of an organization, current or projected membership, funding, and planned events.*
 - c. The following be inserted under Article VII, Section III as Article VII, Section III D: *If an organization considers a decision made in the recognition of a student organization or in the review of a submitted constitution to disagree with the guidelines described in this section or with University of Nebraska – Kearney policy, this organization or a designated representative may file an appeal. The organization has five (5) days to file an appeal following receipt of the Constitutional Review Committee’s post-meeting decision, the full Senate*

decision, or the decision of the President of the Student Body. The appeal must be in writing and provide reasoning as to why an application was wrongfully denied by these entities. Written appeals will be presented to the Student Court in the presence of the Student Government advisor. Should an appeal be accepted by the Student Court, the signature of the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs will be required for a final decision. The Constitutional Review Committee shall abide by the Associate Vice Chancellor's final decision. Appeal deliberations will be kept on record for five (5) years following initiation of the appeal process.