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Date: October 14, 2008

Restructuring the Legislative Branch

Short Title: A resolution that will amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Arkansas State University that eliminates “The Chief of Staff shall” and re-insert “The President Pro-Tem shall” in the absence of the Vice-President

Whereas, the Constitution currently states that the Chief of Staff shall serve as Vice-President in the event of the Vice-President’s absence, resignation, or removal from office , and

Whereas, the Chief of Staff is an appointed official of the executive branch whose purpose is to serve an administrative role and is not required to have previous Student Government experience, and

Whereas, the President Pro-Tem is first elected by his/her constituents which shows an interest to devote him/herself to their concerns, and

Whereas, the President Pro-Tem is then elected among senate peers by meeting the qualifications set by the Student Government Association’s Constitution which requires previous Student Government experience, and

Whereas, the position of President Pro-Tem creates an environment of insight and privilege due to the oversight of various committees, and

Whereas, the President Pro-Tem, along with the executive staff and fellow senate peers, is also trained in the business of Student Government Association, which entails parliamentary procedure, conducting meetings, and the duty

to uphold the integrity of his/her position for the betterment of Arkansas State University.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Effective immediately, the position of President Pro-Tem shall be placed into Article V, Section 3 of the Student Government Association's Constitution of Arkansas State University.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

Upon approval by the Senate, this resolution shall be submitted for a student body vote within one week, and with acceptance by the constituents shall expediently be placed into the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Arkansas State University.

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Quan Poole, Vice-President

Ryan Beard, President

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