

Student Government Association
Tennessee Technological University

SGA Bill F23-004

An Act to Add a Nontraditional Student Representative to the Student Government Association Senate

Whereas, nontraditional students make up 8% - 12% of the Tennessee Tech undergraduate student population each semester; and,

Whereas, there are approximately 800-900 active students classified as Nontraditional; and,

Whereas, nontraditional students are defined as being independent for financial aid purposes, having one or more dependents, being a single caregiver, not having a traditional high school diploma, delaying post-secondary enrollment, attending school part-time, and/or being employed full-time, and currently, there is no guaranteed representation in the Student Government Association Senate for this population; and,

Whereas, the academic, extracurricular, and social needs of nontraditional students are unique and deserve representation; and,

Whereas, the purpose of the Student Government Association is to provide a voice for all students on campus; and,

Whereas, it is evident that establishing dedicated representation for nontraditional students within the Student Government Association Senate aligns with the organization's fundamental mission of ensuring that every student's voice is heard and valued, thus fostering a more inclusive and supportive campus community.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: This Bill shall be known as the "Nontraditional Student Representation Act of 2023."

Section 2: Article V, Section 3, Subsection C, Clause 3, Part ii, add 6, "Nontraditional Students - 1 Senator.

Section 3: The Senator representing the nontraditional students shall be elected by the students identified as nontraditional by the registrar during the second half of the spring semester to serve for the upcoming year.

Section 4: This Bill shall take effect immediately following passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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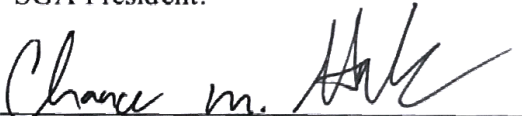
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Senate Record

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Jeb MacLennan	28	0	0	Passed

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