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WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Senate Pro Temp to represent the voice of the Senate before Executive Council.

WHEREAS there is no legislation regarding how the Senate Pro Temp is to represent the voice of the Senate.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED that should a majority vote of 2/3 or greater be reached by the Academic Senate on any legislation that is to be voted on by the Executive Council, the Senate Pro Temp cannot vote contrary to the voice of the Senate when said legislation is brought before Executive Council.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that should less than a majority vote of 2/3 be reached by the Academic Senate on any legislation that is to be voted on by Executive Council, the Senate Pro Temp may vote as he/she feels best reflects the interests of the Academic Senate when said legislation is brought before Executive Council.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this general law be referenced in the charter of the Senate Pro Temp.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that once this general law has been passed by the Academic Senate that it require a majority vote of 2/3 or greater to amend, append or annul said general law.

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**History:** This is the first Academic Session since the reorganization of ASUSUSG. It is also the first year that a Pro Temp position has ever existed. The Pro Temp was elected by the Senators to voice the opinion of the Senate to the EC. Similar to the Senate in the US government if 2/3 of them vote to override a presidential veto they can we decided that if 2/3 of the Senate votes one way the Senate Pro Temp should vote that same way irregardless of personal feelings agendas etc. Likewise, if the Senate does not have the 2/3 majority feeling one way the Pro Temp is allowed to vote at his/her discretion.

**Positive:** Clearly defines how the voice of the Senate should be represented before EC.

**Negative:** It may make the Pro Temp more of a puppet than a representative. It all comes down to the question is the duty of the Pro Temp to represent the Senate as a Senator represents his constituency or is it the duty of the Pro Temp to voice the will of the Senate to the Executive Council.