WHEREAS: on occasion, ASUSU Student Government recognizes the need to change the current structure of ASUSU or the responsibilities of an office within ASUSU.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: any change to the structure of ASUSU Student Government or duties of individual officers that directly affect the Academic Senate or any individual Senate position will need to be approved by ASUSU Student Government consisting of the Executive Council and the Academic Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: The ASUSU President, Senate Pro Tempore, and Director of Student Involvement and Leadership will decide if any proposed change affects the Academic Senate or any Senate position by consensus.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: If a consensus cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the Vice President of Student Services where a final decision will be made.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: a final decision must be made before any proposed change can be voted on.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: if the proposed change is decided to have a direct affect on the Academic Senate or any Senate position, a combine meeting of the Executive Council and the Academic Senate, chaired by the ASUSU President, will be held to discuss and vote on the proposed change.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: the Senate Pro Tempore will act as the Senator from the college from which he/she was elected and not as the voice of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: the proposed change will be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Council and Academic Senate.
ECB 06-18 Academic Senate involvement in ASUSU Restructuring

22 Sponsor:

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25 Cody Bingham, ASUSU Senate Pro Tempore/College of Agriculture Senator

26 Joseph Ure, ASUSU Administrative Assistant
History: When the 2004-2005 ASUSU Executive Council restructured ASUSU, they created the Academic Senate. This was done for a few reasons, including the desire to have a more efficient way of passing legislation, and limiting the power of Senators because of their individual constituency. ECB 06-XX requires any proposed changes to the structure of ASUSU, as well as changes to any individual officer’s duties on ASUSU, to be approved by the Executive Council and the Academic Senate. Without this bill, the ASUSU Executive Council could theoretically dissolve the Academic Senate or change a Senators responsibility without their input. That could possibly damage the relationship between these two bodies for years. This bill is vital to protect the responsibility of each senator as well as the Academic Senate as a whole.

One area that would unintentionally be affected by this bill would be the charter approval process done each year. To conform with this bill a meeting involving both bodies would be necessary.

Strengths: It will allow the Academic Senate to have a voice when dealing with items directly affecting them.

Weaknesses: The process of any type of restructure can be lengthy, and requiring the Academic Senate to also approve any proposed changes will only lengthen the process.