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ECB or ECR 07-03 Transitional Goals

1. WHEREAS many outgoing ASUSU members feel the transition period is underestimated.

2. WHEREAS this period of time is for the outgoing officer to help train the incoming officer.

3. WHEREAS many of the current officers, through the experience and knowledge gained under term, prepare initiatives during their term that coincide with the University goals. These initiatives of outgoing officers, if not completed before his/her term ends, may become second-rate as the new officers are inaugurated and begin their term.

4. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED goal sheets, entitled University Goals, Office Goals, and Platform Goals, are to be completed during this transition period to assist the incoming officer in their training.

5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED the University Goals sheet be signed by three people: the outgoing officer, the incoming officer, and the administrator in which that particular office works with the most. Such as each Senator's goals will be signed by the Dean of that college, the outgoing Senator, and the incoming Senator. The Student Body President's sheet is signed by the President of the University, the outgoing Student Body President, and the incoming Student Body President. The Athletics VP's sheet is signed by the Athletics Director, the outgoing Athletics VP, and the incoming Athletics VP, and so forth. The Office Goals and Platform Goals sheet need only to be signed by the outgoing officer and the incoming officer.
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22 BE IT FURTHER ENACTED the outgoing officer is required to coordinate a
23 meeting time in which these sheets will be completed.
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History:

The history of this bill stems from circulating comments about the frustrations of officers in which they feel the transition period is underestimated.

As incoming officers are inaugurated, they feel as though they do not need training by a fellow student as they are the ones elected from a strong election campaign and platform. An overconfident incoming officer tends to decrease the opportunity for training from the outgoing officer, who has spent the academic year learning and gaining knowledge that could be extremely helpful to the incoming officers. Furthermore, it has been mentioned by many officers that a two year term would be necessary for officers to fully complete the tasks they advertise through election campaigns.

Also, many officers wish they would have understood the processes taken to increase productivity as soon as the fall semester begins. Since only a few officers are required to give time during the summer months, the majority of ASUSU officers feel they spend September and parts of October training themselves to be more effective. This bill is designed to construct a strong transitional period as the outgoing officers will be required to spend time training new officers.

With the current system in place, only a few hours are encouraged to spend with the incoming officers, often making the effective training opportunity overlooked. This bill will make it mandatory to work together to increase the continuity of office, transition ease, establish a working relationship with administration, and give the incoming officer an educated list of achievements to complete during his/her term. This bill’s goal is to work together with administration as the University has its own agenda that many of the new officers are unaware of. This bill will bridge this gap and establish a working relationship early during the incoming officer’s term and allow each officer to work with the University’s goals in mind as they are members of the ASUSU Student Government.

Procedure:

This bill has been supplemented with three separate goal sheets. The Transitional Goals template will be housed in the Student Involvement and Leadership Office and distributed immediately after final elections have completed. The Course of Action will be published by the SILC Office and distributed to the incoming officer.

One sheet will be titled “University Goals.” This is designed to establish a working relationship with the incoming officer and the administrator this office will work with the most. For example, each senator will create university goals with their respective Dean, ASUSU Student Body President will work with the President of USU, Athletics VP will work with the Athletics Director, and so forth. A meeting must be set up by the outgoing officer and allow ample time to establish these goals as a working team. The Goals sheet will be filled out, signed, and dated by all three members. The Course of Action sheet should follow the same routine. The publishing may be done in the SILC Office.
A copy is to be given to the incoming officer and the administrator. The outgoing officer may get a copy at his/her wish.

The second sheet will be titled "ASUSU (respective position) Office Goals." This sheet is designed to accomplish the same idea as the University Goals sheet, but does not require the signature of the Administrator. This goal sheet and Course of Action is created to give the outgoing officer a chance to educate the incoming officers of current goals within that office. The Course of Action paper will be filled out to give the incoming officer direction as to how these goals will be accomplished. These goals are encourage being separate from the platform goals established by the incoming officer. Again, these papers will be signed, dated, and published in the SILC Office. A copy will be given to the incoming officer and at the wish of the outgoing officer.

The third sheet will be titled "ASUSU (respective position) Platform Goals." This sheet is designed to mimic the Office Goals, but is encouraged to educate the incoming officer of the Course of Action needed to be taken in order for each goal to be accomplished. This sheet will entail the knowledge of University functions of outgoing officers and direct the new officers into an educated plan to accomplish their goals. This will be signed, dated and published in the SILC Office and a copy is to be given to the incoming officer and the administrator. The outgoing officer may get a copy at his/her wish.

**Pros:**

- This bill will encourage the experienced knowledge of outgoing officers shared to incoming officers.
- Designed to increase the mandatory hours spent between outgoing officers and incoming officers during the transition period.
- Will establish an early working relationship with the administrator they will be working with throughout their term.
- Increase the continuity of effective working time between officer transitions.
- Allow incoming officers the chance to gain educated opinions for their term during the transition period.
- Establishes guidelines for incoming officers and allows them to make educated decision to accomplish their goals.

**Cons:**

- More labor and paper will be required from the SILC staff.
ASUSU Office Goals

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5. ____________________________  Date Completed ____________________________
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Outgoing Officer: ____________________________  Date ______________
Incoming Officer: ____________________________  Date ______________
ASUSU Platform Goals

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Outgoing Officer: ___________________________ Date ____________________________

Incoming Officer: ___________________________ Date ____________________________
University Goals
for the ASUSU Office of the ________________

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Administrator: ________________________________     Date __________________________
Outgoing Officer: ________________________________     Date __________________________
Incoming Officer: ________________________________     Date __________________________