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USUSA Office Hours

Description: This bill amends the current office hour system stated in our charters to better meet the USUSA student officers’ academic responsibilities and to allow USUSA officers to be more available to their constituents.

WHEREAS the current charters of all USUSA officers states that each officer is required to have 10 office hours, with at least two being held each weekday, and

WHEREAS the original intent of the office hours was to make USUSA officers available to students as their representatives throughout the week, and

WHEREAS USUSA officers’ responsibilities as students make it difficult to schedule these two office hours during normal business hours, as well as high-traffic hours, every day of the week, and

WHEREAS the Student Involvement and Leadership Center (SILC) Advisors that work intimately with each of the officers, and understand their schedules, could help USUSA officers schedule office hours that effectively make them available to their constituents,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT all charters of USUSA officers that are required to have 10 office hours a week, with two of those hours being done on each business day be amended to state, “Officers will complete at least 2 hours daily in assigned office, for 10 hours a week unless approved by two SILC advisors and the USUSA Student Body President by 2/3 majority”

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT when scheduling office hours each semester, if a USUSA officer cannot schedule two office hours per day, this change must be approved by a committee consisting of two SILC advisors and the USUSA Student Body President by a 2/3 majority.

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Policy Paper OFFICE HOURS

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Absent:
Result: Passed

History: The current charters requirement of office hours establishes a system that requires USUSA officers to have two office hours a day, no matter the timing of these hours. The original intent of this rule was to provide student constituents with access to their student representative.

Purpose: To amend the current rule to provide USUSA officers with flexibility in their schedule to succeed as students as well as being the most effective and available representative for their constituents.

Pros: Allows USUSA officers to work in conjunction with their advisor to schedule their office hours to be most efficacious by allowing their schedules to adapt for their student responsibilities and be available during peak student visiting hours.

Cons: Provides the possibility that a USUSA officer will not be available in their office during each of the five business days during the week.