Constitutional Change to raise the GPA and credit requirements for the USUSA Officers

WHEREAS the current GPA requirement within the Constitution of the Utah State University Student Association for persons running for office and maintaining their respected office is a 2.5 GPA;

WHEREAS other Student Involvement and Leadership Center Scholarships require a GPA of a 2.75;

WHEREAS Article 3, section 3.A.2-3 states: 2. Maintaining a USU cumulative GPA at or above 2.5 if the student has completed two or more semesters at USU. If the student has not completed two semesters at USU, then the student’s overall college cumulative GPA must be at or above 2.5. 3. Maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or higher, for all semesters while in office, including the spring semester of election or appointment. The summer semester shall only count for or against an officer’s good standing if nine or more credits are taken. However, all summer classes will be calculated into the cumulative GPA;

WHEREAS the constitution currently states that Regional campus graduate students need to maintain 3 credits per semester to be considered in good standing, but good standing on the Logan campus for graduate students is considered full time by the School of Graduate Studies;

WHEREAS in Article 3 section 3.A.1, it states: Carrying a minimum of 12 credits per semester, or considered a full-time student by the School of Graduate Studies during their entire term of office, including the spring semester of election or appointment. Regional Campus students are in good standing if carrying a minimum of six credits per semester as an undergraduate, or a minimum of three credits per semester as a graduate student during the academic year;

WHEREAS the USUSA officers wish to keep consistency within all student officer positions within the Student Involvement and Leadership Center;

WHEREAS if a majority of students vote in support of the GPA and credit requirement change,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT Article 3, section 3.A.2-3 of the USUSA Constitution be amended to read: 2. Maintaining a USU cumulative GPA at or above 2.75 if the student has completed two or more semesters at USU. If the student has not completed two semesters at USU, then the student’s overall college cumulative GPA must be at or above 2.75. 3. Maintaining a GPA of 2.75 or higher, for all semesters while in office, including the spring semester of election or appointment. The summer semester shall only count for or against an officer’s good standing if nine or more credits are taken. However, all summer classes will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT Article 3 Section 3.A.1 of the USUSA Constitution be amended to read: Carrying a minimum of 12 credits per semester (Logan Campus), six credits per semester (Regional Campus’), or considered a full-time student by the School of Graduate Studies during their entire term of office, including the spring semester of election or appointment.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT if two-thirds of the Executive Council vote in support of the resolution, the GPA requirement change and the credit requirement change be taken to the student body as a constitutional amendment for a vote to be held during the 2018 election;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT the GPA requirement would apply beginning with Declaration of Candidacy Spring 2019 and the credit requirement will be enacted immediately upon approval of the student vote.

Tags: USUSA Constitution; GPA change; Regional campus, Graduate Student credits

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Committee: Executive Council
Absent: VP Chelsea Yoshikawa.

History:
Currently, other Student Involvement and Leadership Center scholarships have a minimum requirement of a 2.75 grade point average (GPA) requirement. The Utah State University Student Association (USUSA) officers currently have a 2.5 GPA requirement. In order to be consistent throughout the Student Involvement and Leadership Center, an increase of GPA requirements for USUSA officers is needed.

Currently, credit requirements are not consistent between Logan and Regional Campus USUSA Graduate Students.

Purpose:
The purpose of this resolution is to make changes to the USUSA constitution to change the GPA requirement from a 2.5 to a 2.75 and to make the credit requirements consistent for both Logan and Regional Campus graduate students.

Pros:
More consistency within Student Involvement
Helps leaders be better examples to their fellow students

Cons:
Restricts some individuals from running