LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

TITLE: Is It Worth It? Let Me Work It, Put That Thing Down, Flip It and Reverse It

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Whereas: Student Senate is elected by the student body to represent and voice the opinions of students; and

Whereas: Student Senate is a means by which students’ concerns are addressed; and

Whereas: The current Student Senate Bylaws require that all senate meetings be recorded and published to the Student Government website; and

Whereas: Student government does not currently possess the technology to abide by this rule adequately; and

Whereas: Student government values transparency for the student body in all of its proceedings; and

Whereas: Publishing the Senate minutes instead of publishing a full video recording of senate is a more practical way to achieve this transparency; and
Whereas: Senate meetings are still open for all students, except in the case of Executive Session, if students want to listen to Senate meetings in their entirety; and

Whereas: In order to further the goal of transparency in a more attainable way, the following amendment should be made:

§4.7. Publishing of the Senate minutes. The minutes shall be posted from the time that the meeting was called to order to the time the meeting is adjourned, unless the Senate moves into executive session or these rules are suspended. The Office of The Legislative Secretary shall ensure that the minutes are posted to the Student Government Website within five class days. The minutes shall be made public for one year and remain a part of the Student Senate OrgSync, or any such platform that might replace it in the future, indefinitely.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the 67th Legislative Session of the Baylor University Student Senate assembled that these proposed changes be made to the Student Senate Bylaws.

Furthermore: A copy of this resolution will be sent to Dr. Matt Burchett, Director of Student Activities; and Dr. Kevin P. Jackson, Vice President for Student Life.