

Codification of Laws Act

A Bill

To provide for a single, inclusive USG Code of Laws to prevent confusion and promote simplicity in knowing what is law and what is not.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This act may be cited as the "Codification of Laws Act"

SECTION 2. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CODE

(a) There shall be a single, uniform code of laws to be called the "Undergraduate Student Government Code," or "USGC", which shall collect and organize in an orderly fashion all statutes at large, bylaws and other relevant permanent laws into a single document.

SECTION 3. PROCESS OF CODIFICATION, COMMISSION OF LAW REVISION

(a) In General - to provide for the accurate and timely establishment and maintenance of the USGC, the Senate hereby established the "Commission of Law Revision" to be made up of Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore, hereinafter referred to in this act as the "Commission"

(1) The Commission shall have the responsibility of developing and keeping current an official and positive codification of the laws of the Undergraduate Student Government. The Commission shall maintain impartiality as to issues of legislative policy to be determined by the Senate.

(b) The Commission shall receive and consider all Acts of the Senate, and all other permanent laws of the USG, and create a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the Undergraduate Student Government, which conforms to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of the Senate in the original enactments, with such amendments and corrections as will remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections both of substance and of form, separately stated, with a view to the enactment of such as positive law.

(c) Upon the Commission's completion of codification, or any such revision or updates to the USGC which may be necessary, the Commission shall publish the USGC and the Senate shall consider, at its earliest convenience, whether to adopt it into positive law.

(d) The Commission shall not present the USGC to the Senate for adoption until all laws established under the authority of the Undergraduate Student Government and currently in force are included the Commission's compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the Undergraduate Student Government.

SECTION 4. JUDICIAL INTERPRETATION

The matter set forth in the edition of the USGC current at any time shall establish prima facie the laws of the Undergraduate Student Government, general and permanent in their nature, currently in force. That, whenever conflict shall arise over interpretation of the code, the Statues at Large shall be considered as legal evidence. Provided, however, That whenever titles of the USGC shall have been enacted into positive law the text thereof shall be legal evidence of the laws therein contained, in all the courts of the Undergraduate Student Government.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be law and binding, effective immediately following the enactment of this act, initiating the process for the eventual full and complete codification of the current and future laws of the Undergraduate Student Government.