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A BILL TO REVISE THE SPEAKERSHIP OF FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:
1. Currently, the leadership structure of the Senate consists of one permanent Speaker who serves for the duration of their term
2. Oftentimes, membership in the First Year Council serves as a feeder for future leadership within the SGA, most often the Senate
3. In an effort to more closely mirror the leadership structure of the Senate and to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the First Year Council, we propose the elimination of the rotating speakership in favor of a permanent speakership.

Section 2. Legislation:

- Chapter 904.3 The Term I Speaker of First Year Council shall preside over First Year Council immediately upon his or her election during the second session of First Year Council.

- Chapter 904.3.1 The Term I Speaker of First Year Council shall be elected by a majority, fifty percent plus one vote, of First Year Councilors.

- Chapter 904.3.2 The aforementioned voting process shall repeat itself to elect a Term II Speaker of First Year Council and Term III Speaker of First Year Council.

- Chapter 904.3.3A “Term” in First Year Council shall be equal to the length of time of one-third of First Year Council’s meetings throughout the school year.
Chapter 904.3.4 A Councilor who has previously served as a Speaker of First Year Council, regardless of Term, shall not be allowed to be elected to the position for an additional term.

Section 3. Copies:
Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Nick Tolbert, First Year Council Director; The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.