**BILL TO:** Student Senate

**FROM:** Cara Herring, At-Large

**RE:** Changes to the Code of Laws on the Selection of Friends of Aubie

**DATE:** March 13, 2023

**PSSB:** 23-0227-01

I ask for approval of the following:

601.1 The Auburn University mascot program shall be organized by one (1) or more officials within the SGA Cabinet, hereafter to be referred to as the Director(s) of Aubie.

601.2 Mascots shall be selected in accordance with the following procedures:

601.2.1 Tryouts for mascot shall be arranged by the Director(s) of Aubie.

601.2.1.1 It shall be the duty of the Director(s) of Aubie to see that tryouts are given adequate advance publicity, which must include publication of dates and times of the clinic and tryouts through a variety of digital and print media ~~in at least two (2) editions of The Auburn Plainsman~~, and that a complete list of mascot requirements, outlined by the Director(s) of Aubie and approved by ~~the~~ an Aubie Advisor, is published, distributed, and enforced.

601.2.1.2 Tryouts shall be held at such a time and arranged in such a manner that the final selections will be made by the end of the spring semester.

601.2.1.3 All students that try out for mascot shall be given a copy of all mascot rules as laid out by the Aubie Committee.

601.2.2 There shall be a Mascot Selection Committee composed of:

601.2.2.1 The Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, or representative, who shall serve as the Chairperson;

601.2.2.2 The current Head Friend of Aubie;

601.2.2.3 In the event that the head Friend of Aubie is trying out, the Director(s) of Aubie and Aubie Advisor(s) shall choose one of the remaining outgoing Friends of Aubie or a former Head Friend of Aubie to replace the Head Friend of Aubie. If all ~~three~~ Friends of Aubie are ~~also~~ trying ~~out~~ out, the Director(s) of Aubie and Aubie Advisor(s) shall choose a former Friend of Aubie still enrolled at Auburn or a former Head Friend of Aubie to serve on this committee.;

601.2.2.4 ~~The Vice President for Alumni Affairs, or representative~~ A non-student representative from The Auburn University Alumni Association;

601.2.2.5 A non-student representative from the Athletics Department;

601.2.2.6 The outgoing Head Cheerleader or Co-Head Cheerleader ~~as approved by a majority vote of the cheerleaders for that purpose~~;

601.2.2.7 The outgoing SGA President, or representative;

601.2.2.8 A Former Friend of Aubie at least five (5) years removed and not currently enrolled at Auburn University;

601.2.2.9 ~~An Auburn University faculty member of administrator that shall serve as an at-large judge. This person will be chosen by the current Head Friend of Aubie and Director(s) of Aubie. In the event that the Head Friend of Aubie is trying out out again, the Director(s) of Aubie and one (1) of the remaining Friends of Aubie will make the decision. If all Friends of Aubie are tryout out again, the Director(s) of Aubie will have the final decision~~. A Former Director of Aubie at least five (5) years removed and not currently enrolled at Auburn University;

601.2.2.10 An Auburn University faculty/staff member or administrator that shall serve as an at-large judge.

601.2.2.11 An Aubie Advisor that shall serve as a non-voting member who will assist in the determination of the number of qualified candidates and provide additional context on why a candidate may or may not be a suitable option to serve as a Friend of Aubie.

601.2.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Mascot Selection Committee to select ~~the four(4)~~ no more than five (5) qualified students to fill the position of Friend of Aubie at Auburn University. The Committee shall also name the Head Friend of Aubie from among the Friends of Aubie ~~four (4)~~.

601.2.3.1 The chosen mascots shall work together to fulfill all the responsibilities required of the mascot.

601.2.3.2 If the committee feels that there are not ~~four (4)~~ five (5) participants capable of upholding the traditions of the character, they may instead select four (4) individuals to serve as mascot.

601.2.3.3 The Mascot Selection Committee shall use the following criteria when selecting mascots:

601.2.3.3.1 The students who served as mascots the previous year are eligible to serve as mascot the following year, with a maximum of two (2) years of service if selected as a sophomore or junior or three (3) years of service if selected as a freshman;

~~601.2.3.3.2~~ ~~Any student who has served as Director of Aubie at any time during the preceding years is ineligible to try out for mascot;~~

601.2.3.3.2~~3~~ The students chosen as mascots shall be required to be present on the Auburn University campus during the summer term immediately following selection unless they have received special approval; A first or eligible second year “Friend of Aubie”, who is planning to try out for a second or third year, and wishes to participate in an internship, study abroad, or other academic opportunity during the summer term must receive approval by the Aubie Program Advisor(s).

601.2.4 Upon selection as mascot, a student must maintain a minimum of 2.5 cumulative, unadjusted Auburn GPA in order to stay as mascot. All mascots must be full time students for fall and spring semesters of the mascot year.

601.2.5 In the event that one (1) of the Friends of Aubie cannot perform their duties, a replacement will be selected from the remaining finalists by a committee composed of the Director(s) of Aubie, and the Aubie Advisor(s) that served as a non-voting member during the selection process.~~, and an SGA Advisor~~.

601.2.5.1 This Committee may choose not to select a replacement if the remaining finalists are not of adequate quality.

601.2.5.2 It shall be up to a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the ~~four~~ friends of Aubie, the Aubie Advisor(s) that served as a non-voting member during the selection process, and the Director(s) of Aubie~~, and the SGA Advisor~~ to determine whether the Friend of Aubie in question can or cannot perform their duties.

601.2.6 There shall be no more than eight (8) candidates selected for the interview from which the selection committee will choose ~~only four (4)~~ no more than five (5) mascots.

601.3 The development and maintenance of all additional mascot policies shall be the responsibility of the Aubie Committee.

601.3.1 The Aubie Committee shall be composed of:

601.3.1.1 The Vice President for Student Affairs, or representative, shall serve as Chairperson;

601.3.1.2 The Current Friends of Aubie, who shall collectively have one vote;

601.3.1.3 The Advisor(s) of Aubie, who shall collectively have one vote ~~A~~  ~~Faculty or Staff Advisor~~;

601.3.1.4 A former Friend of Aubie;

601.3.1.5 The SGA President, or representative;

601.3.1.6 ~~A representative from the Auburn University Athletics Department~~; The Current Director(s) of Aubie, who shall be collectively have one vote;

601.3.1.7 A representative from the Auburn University Athletics Department;

601.3.1.~~7~~8 An alumni representative shall be a nonvoting member;

~~601.3.1.8~~ ~~The Director(s) of Aubie shall be a nonvoting member.~~

601.3.2 All policies established by the Aubie Committee must be approved by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ majority vote of the membership.