

To the 76th Senate,

Hello, I am Baden Holliday Rosales, the Association's Chief Compliance Officer, appointed by the AS Internal Vice President. In this capacity, I serve as the controller for AS Legal Code, AS By-Laws, University Policies, AS Financial Policies, and all other documents pertaining to the Association's well-functioning.

I am writing to bring to your attention a structural concern regarding the AS Lobby Corps and the AS Food Bank's respective membership. Both Units have membership positions that allow for indefinite appointments. The cause is that the bylaws list these roles with the suffix "(s)," without specifying the number of individuals who may serve in each position. The AS Lobby Corps membership contains the following section:

- c) Communications Director(s)
- d) Local Policy Director(s)
- e) Logistics Director(s)
- f) State & National Policy Director(s)
- g) Training Director(s)

This language is from *A Bill to Amend AS Lobby Corps By-Laws*,¹ passed by the 75th Senate on 03/05/2025.² Though not yet updated in AS Legal Code Live, these positions remain valid and available for Senate appointment. On October 1st, the Senate appointed two Communications Directors under these parentheses. This act is perfectly within compliance and is not the subject of this inquiry.³ Likewise, the AS Food Bank has in its membership section: "Internal Affairs Coordinator (s) [sic]."⁴

Without defining the maximum number of positions to be enumerated, there is no limit to the number of persons to serve in the given roles. When designating a shared or multiplied position, the common form is: Number (Numeral figure) Titles.⁵ The absence of this structure (or similar) is of concern for two reasons.

First, the ambiguity is problematic as the veil of legislative intent has the potential to create dissonant expectations between BCUs and the Senate. Without clearly defined positions, the Senate is repeatedly asked to determine the appropriate number of appointments. The second issue is a budgetary concern.

¹ [A Bill to Amend AS Lobby Corps By-Laws, BBLW7, 75th AS Senate. \(2025\).](#)

² [75th AS Senate, March 3, 2025, meeting minutes.](#)

³ [76th AS Senate, October 1, 2025, meeting minutes.](#)

⁴ [AS Legal Code](#), By-Laws, Article XII, Enterprise Units, §6.C.a.iii

⁵ For instance SCORE has "Two (2) Co-Chairs." Alternatively, TQComm's "Two (2) Special Projects Commissioner(s)" uses the "(s)." Both are perfectly intelligible and clearly denote the maximum number of positions to be appointed.

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Considering that each appointment entails honoraria, the fluctuation in the number of appointments challenges the ability to balance the budget and allocate the necessary funds to cover each Unit's expenses. While unlimited appointments to each position is as absurd as it is unlikely, the possibility nevertheless reflects an oversight.

This Senate has demonstrated the utmost care for the Legal Code and concern for the Association's well-functioning, and as such, I bring this matter to your attention so that it may be brought to a close. My recommendation is for a bill to be brought forth to define the number of positions for each instance of the (s). Considering the 76th Senate's continued interest in building strong, positive relations between the Senate and BCUs, it is recommended that the authors of the bill, or via the Liaison Committee, consult with both AS Lobby Corps and AS Food Bank regarding their staffing needs.

I remain available to answer questions and collaborate on this matter.

Best regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Baden H Rosales". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.