

**Wayne State University
Student Senate**

By-Law Amendment

Rachel John, Parliamentarian

Rabika Ali, Paris Brown, Cordelia Krajewski, *Parliamentary Committee*

01/09/2025

RESOLUTION 2425-07

A resolution to amend the proposed section(s) of the Wayne State University Student Senate's Bylaws, as presented.

—BY-LAW AS WRITTEN—

ARTICLE V

STUDENT SENATE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 5

SPONSORING LEGISLATION

- A. Each member of the Senate is expected to adequately research the issues affecting the university community, and present viable proposals to the Senate, which comprehensively address those issues.
- B. In order to sponsor legislation, you must be a senator and a part of a Project Group or Working Group relating to the topic being presented as new legislation. A non-senator may not sponsor legislation, but they may co-sponsor it.
- C. Legislation relating to a working groups scope should be worked on collaboratively with that Project Group, Working Group, or internal senate committee; in order to produce the legislation.
- D. Any non-senators may only be listed on legislation as “Co-Sponsor.”
- E. The PG chair shall be one of the sponsors on the resolution, along with other Senators.

Section 6

SPONSORING EVENTS

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 4

VICE PRESIDENT

- A. Assist the President in the performance of their duties.
- B. Be an ex-officio member of all Executive Project Groups.
- C. Nominate the student representatives to all Executive Project Groups and University Committees, subject to the approval of the Senate with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members present and voting on the day of the nomination being submitted as a new business item to the general body, and removal is same for just cause, subject to appeal to the Senate (See Article IX *Section 5*, subsection G for appeal process after removal).
 - i. Exception is granted to the: Parliamentary, Director of Government Affairs, Director of Community Affairs, and Director of Student Services, where the Senate officer and/or director will appoint members to these committees and/or Project Group(s).
- D. Be an ex-officio member of all Executive Project Groups.
- E. Activate and inform all Project Groups and committees when a need to convene arises.
- F. Nominate two (2) members to the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) and five (5) members to the Student Newspaper Publications Board (SNPB), subject to the approval of the Senate with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members present and choosing to vote on the day of the nomination being submitted as a new business item. and removal is same for just cause, subject to appeal to the Senate (See Article IX *Section 5*, subsection G for appeal process after removal).
- G. Nominate student representatives and alternates to the Board of Governors Committees, subject to the approval of the Senate with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members present and choosing to vote on the day of the nomination, and remove same for just cause, subject to appeal to the Senate.
- H. Appoint all representatives within two General Body Meetings from the date of request made by the Chair of the Project Group or university committee.
- I. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as they do not conflict with these bylaws.

Section 11

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A. Chair of the committee(s) related to Public Relations.
- B. Provide reports of the activities of the Public Relations Committee.
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- E. Inform Senate about technology developments that can be used by the Senate to assist with promotion and other student initiatives.
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- H. Create and distribute a quarterly Senate newsletter to update the student body on Student Senate initiatives and projects.
- I. Moderate and organize the "Voice your Opinion" portion of the Senate website.
- J. Post certified copies of the corrected Minutes to the Senate official website.
- K. In the absence of the Secretary, the Director of Public Relations will take meeting minutes.
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— BY-LAW AS AMENDED —

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PRE-VOTE: RESOLUTION

- A. A resolution is drafted and submitted for an initial review by the Executive Board two weeks prior to the desired General Body Meeting.
- B. Executive Board will gather all feedback, and Vice President will coordinate with the sponsoring Senator(s) to make revisions.
- C. All revisions shall be completed no less than one week prior to the General Body Meeting that the resolution will be voted on
- D. No less than one week before the General Body Meeting, the resolution shall be sent by the sponsoring Senator to all Senate members. This document shall also be uploaded in the Meeting Documents folder for the upcoming General Body Meeting so members can make suggestions. At this time, the President will assign the Resolution a number according to the numbering scheme used that term.
- E. All members should have read the resolution prior to the General Body Meeting and be ready with any comments or suggestions they may have. The sponsoring Senator(s) should also be ready to answer any questions or comments regarding the resolution.
- F. If any questions remain, the vote will be postponed until the next General Body Meeting.
- G. Once all questions have been answered, a vote will be conducted by the President/Presiding Officer.

Section 7

POST-VOTE: RESOLUTION

- A. Once the resolution is approved by the Senate, the Senate President will finalize the vote count and details of the vote for the final version of the document.
- B. The Senate President will then email the resolution to the Director of Public Relations to upload to the Senate website.
- C. Once the final version of the resolution is added to the Senate website, the Senate President will email the final version to the Senate Advisor, President of the Academic Senate, Provost's Office Representative, President's Office Representative, The South End, and all members of the Senate. Other relevant departments, organizations, and people can receive this communication as well.
- D. Once the resolution is received by the administration, the Senate can work collaboratively to determine where the resolution should go next or what follow-up is needed.

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—— RATIONALE ——

To create a formal written process for how our resolution system operates (for internal and external knowledge). This amendment allows future Senate terms to understand the process, instead of starting a new system with each Senate President. This outlined process will also provide clarity for the administration to comprehend our process and expectations for action after the vote is conducted.

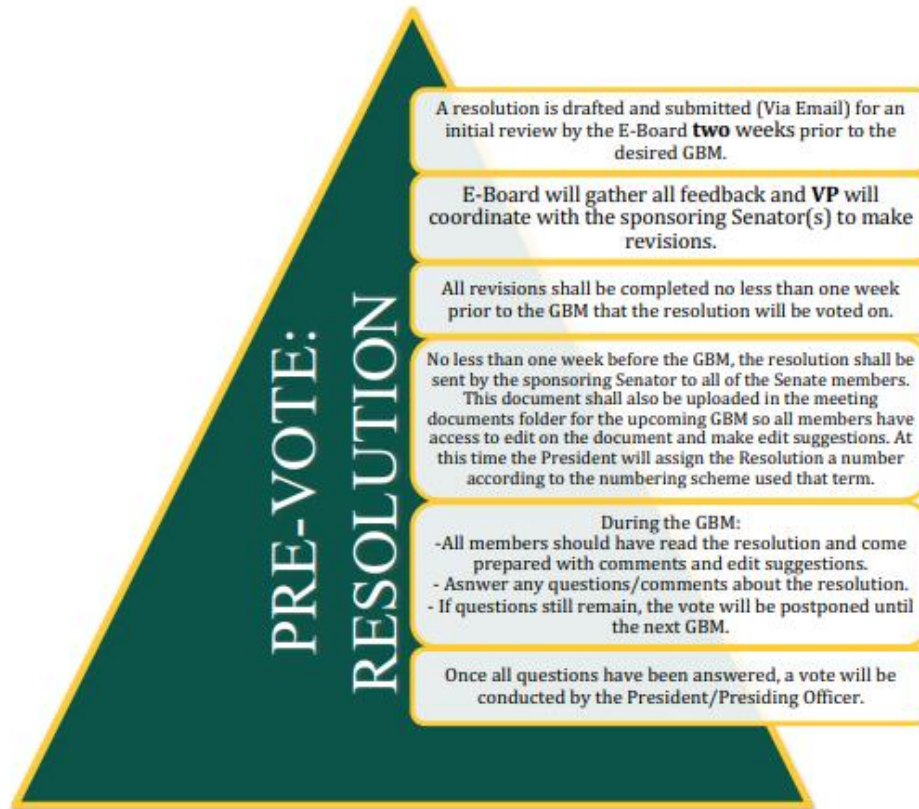


Figure 1- Pre-Vote Process

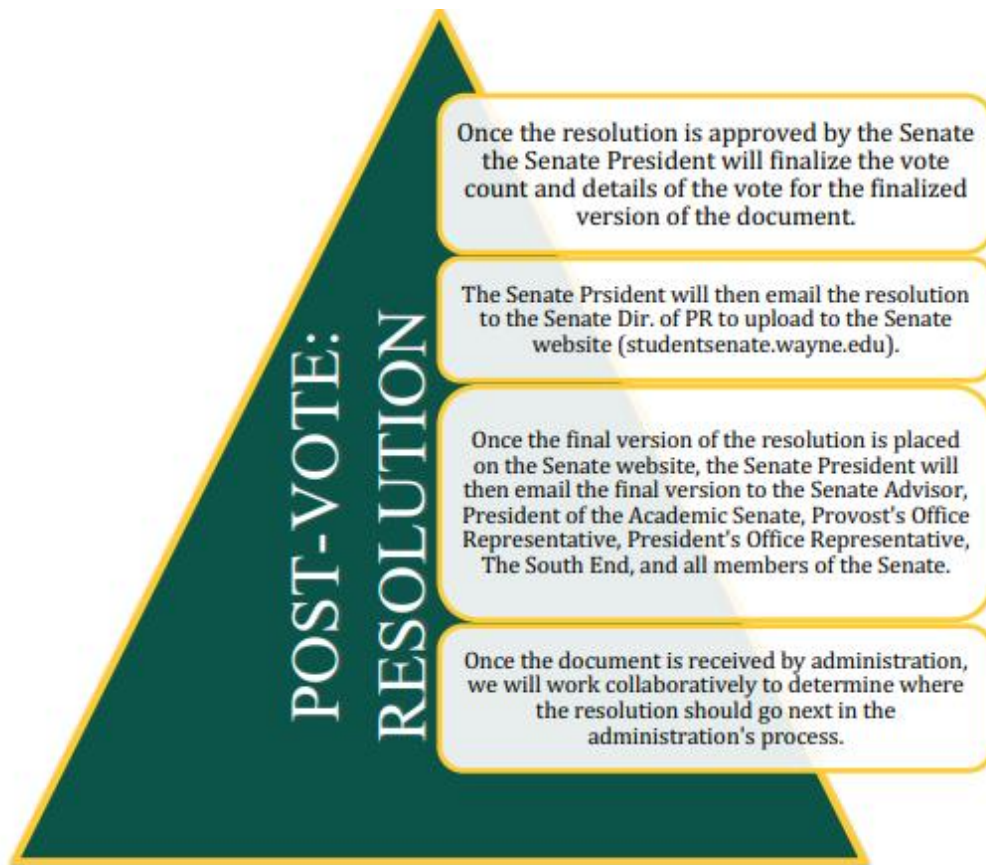


Figure 2- post-Vote Process

MOVED to approve the above bylaw amendment as presented by Senator **JOHN AND SECONDED** by Senator **BROWN**.

INTRODUCED ON 12/5/2024 **TO THE** PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ACTION X **UNANIMOUS** 12/11/2024
PASSED **FAILED** **VOTE** **DATE**

FINAL ACTION X **VOICE MAJORITY** 01/09/2025
PASSED **FAILED** **VOTE**

ON JANUARY 9th OF THE 2024-2025 SESSION OF THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, THE RESOLUTION IS NOW APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY



HAYDEN JOHNSON

Student Senate President