



## *Bylaws of the Wayne State University*

### *Student Senate*

#### **Mission**

*The Student Senate of Wayne State University works to represent the interests of the Wayne State University student body by encouraging student achievement, leadership, and interaction across campus and within the Detroit community. As a representative body, we seek student feedback and ideas while serving as a liaison between the student body and its administration in order to solve problems, implement initiatives, and enhance the academic experience for all Wayne State University students.*

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## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME**

The name of the body is the Student Senate of Wayne State University (hereinafter referred to as "Senate").

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MANDATE OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

The powers, functions and responsibilities of the Senate derive from the people of the State of Michigan through the Board of Governors of Wayne State University, and from the students of the University who comprise a vital element of the academic community. The Senate is the primary representative institution of the student body and exercises its authority in the students' name and for the students' welfare.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **STRUCTURE OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

The Wayne State University Student Senate shall be comprised of fifteen (15) elected Members-At-Large and fifteen (15) elected School/College/Unit representatives. The fifteen (15) elected representatives shall consist of thirteen (13) College/School Representatives, one (1) elected Housing Representative, and one (1) elected Extension Center(s) Representative.

#### *Section 1*

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Of the members, nine (9) will comprise the Executive Board (E-Board). For election refer to Article VII, Section 1. For duties refer to Article VII, Section 2.

A. Executive Board is comprised of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Parliamentarian
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

6. Director of Governmental Affairs
7. Director of Community Affairs
8. Director of Student Services
9. Director of Public Relations

### *Section 2*

#### HONORARY MEMBER/MEMBERS EMERITUS

The Senate may show its appreciation to an individual, or honor them for service that they have performed by making them an Honorary Member.

- A. Potential individuals for honor must be nominated by a Senate member through a resolution that requires a 2/3 vote of those present and voting.
- B. Honorary Members may attend meetings and speak if he/she wishes, but may not make motions or vote.
- C. If not otherwise set by the current Senate President, the term of honor rendered for an Honorary Member is a lifetime.
- D. The individual to be nominated must have served on Senate for a minimum of one complete academic term by university standards. The nominated individual(s) must be nominated by a member in good standing, and the nominated individual(s) must be in good standing.
- E. Good standing is defined as meeting all of the responsibilities of Senate, such as: good attendance, active/involved member, and not have any disciplinary actions according to the Student Code of Conduct.

### *Section 3*

#### PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

The President of this University or his/her designated representative shall sit as an attendee of Senate.

- A. The President of this University and/or his/her designee does not have the power to make motions or vote.

### *Section 4*

#### ADVISOR

The advisor or his/her designated representative shall advise Senate.

- A. The representative has the right to speak but does not have the power to make motions or vote.
- B. The representative may present a report to Senate for regular or special sessions.
- C. The advisor shall preside over the first advance of the year with the new Student Senate until the new President is elected.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ELECTION OF STUDENT SENATE MEMBERS**

#### *Section 1*

##### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. All Undergraduate Senate members shall have and maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA. Graduate students shall maintain satisfactory grade standards as specified in the Graduate Bulletin that is not below 2.50 GPA, with a cumulative 2.50 GPA.
- B. Undergraduates shall have completed at least a minimum of 12 credit hours at this university. Graduate students shall have accumulated at least 6 credit hours in the Graduate division of this university, unless they have at least 12 hours of undergraduate credit at this university.
- C. Undergraduates must be currently enrolled in 6 credit hours. Graduate students must be currently enrolled in 3 credit hours. Undergraduate students who are enrolled in a professional program in which their curriculum requires them to be less than part time must be enrolled in at least 3 credits.

#### *Section 2*

##### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

- A. Fifteen (15) student Members-at-Large and fifteen (15) student College/School, Housing, and Extension Center Representatives of the Senate shall be chosen in a University-wide election
- B. Elections to fill the Member-At-Large, College/School, Housing, and Extension Center seats shall be conducted between the last week of March and the first full week of April.
- C. Term of office shall commence at the first May session of the Senate. All student members shall be elected for a one-year term.
- D. Candidates chosen from the official election results list will be given ninety-six (96) hours to respond about the vacant seat. In the case of no response within the time frame,

the next candidate in the list will be chosen moving in descending order of votes received.

- E. Vacancies occurring between the first May session and the third general body meeting of the term will be filled from the official election results list from the general election seats moving in descending order of votes received.
  - a. Vacancies in a Student Senator seat occurring after the third general body meeting of the term should be filled according to the following priority list (from highest to lowest priority).
    - i. If a vacancy occurs in a school/college or representative unit seat, it can be filled by a willing Senator-at-large who qualifies for the school/college or representative unit seat.
    - ii. By accepting applications from the general student body according to the requirements set forth in Article IV, Section 3.
  - b. Vacancies occurring after March 1 shall not be filled.

### *Section 3*

#### PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION APPLICATIONS

- A. A public notice of vacant seat must be published
- B. Student(s) fulfilling the vacancy requirements must submit a completed application to fill the vacant seat within 7 days of the publication of the notice.
- C. The E-Board must review the applications to ensure applicants fulfill requirements and select candidates to be interviewed
- D. The Senate holds an interview at the general body meeting to see who, out of the candidates, are best suited to fill that seat.
- E. The Senate may vote for the candidate who will fill the seat via confirmation by a plurality of those present at the regularly scheduled general body meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **STUDENT SENATE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### *Section 1*

##### ATTENDANCE

- A. Senators are expected to regard attendance at all Senate meetings and functions as a primary obligation to their colleagues and this university.
- B. Regular meetings of the Senate shall be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, whenever in-person classes are being held in-session, at a time to be determined

by Senate for each term, unless the Senate decides otherwise. Terms are classified as the Fall Semester, the Winter Semester, and the period between the end of the Winter Semester and the beginning of the Fall Semester of the same calendar year.

- C. Special meetings may be called at any time by any five (5) Senate members who present their written request to the Senate President. A quorum must be present to hold a special meeting.
- D. The Senate President may call special meetings with the majority vote of their Executive board. A quorum of Senators must be present to conduct the special meeting.
- E. The Senate President may cancel general body meetings and executive board meetings with the majority vote of their Executive board only when unsafe circumstances present themselves.
- F. Failure to attend a regularly scheduled meeting will result in an unexcused absence, unless deemed excused by the Parliamentary Committee. Failure to attend two executive board meetings by an executive board member will result in one unexcused absence, unless deemed excused by the Parliamentary Committee. Failure to attend two consecutive meetings without any communication or notification in that period of time will result in the imposition of the maximum number of unexcused absences for a given semester, unless deemed excused by the Parliamentary Committee.
  - a. If a Senator arrives late or needs to leave a scheduled meeting early due to special circumstances, the Secretary will decide absence based upon said Senator's participation, alertness, and overall demeanor during the meeting. If the Secretary determines under this paragraph that the Senator shall be marked absent, the Secretary must so notify that Senator and the rest of the Parliamentary Committee. "Absences" under this paragraph may be appealed to the Parliamentary Committee within two calendar weeks after the member receives notification from the Secretary.
  - b. Attendance to Senate meetings must be taken seriously. Any member with 2 unexcused absences during Fall or Winter semester, will be automatically removed. Any member with 3 unexcused absences during Spring/Summer semester will be automatically removed. Those members will be entitled to reinstatement only once per academic semester (excluding the Spring/Summer semester). For reinstatement procedures refer to Article IX, Section 4.
  - c. *Unexcused Absences*. A member's absence is deemed "unexcused" unless the member, (1) within two weeks of the start time of the meeting at which the member was absent, the member requests that the Parliamentary Committee consider the absence excused, and (2) the Parliamentary Committee decides the absence is excused. Excused absences shall not count against a Student Senator's allowed number of unexcused absences.
  - d. *Excused Absences*. The following reasons to be found "absent" from a General Body Meeting or Executive Board Meeting may be and should be deemed as excused by the Parliamentary Committee, upon timely application by the "absent" Student Senator:
    - i. Religious observances or holidays;
    - ii. Medical or familial emergencies or contagious illnesses;
    - iii. A death in the family; funeral observances; or

- iv. An inability to attend the meeting because of a matter outside of the reasonable control of the Senator.
- G. The Parliamentary Committee may find that any of the above excusable reasons do not apply to a particular situation, and thus consider the absence unexcused.
- a. *Preventing Conflicts of Interest.* If the Parliamentarian be the member appealing an absence, a temporary Parliamentarian shall be elected among the Parliamentary Committee membership, who shall then temporarily proceed as Parliamentarian while deciding on the matter of the absence sought to be excused. If the Parliamentarian or other member of the Parliamentary Committee be the member appealing the absence, that person may not vote or deliberate on matters concerning the absence sought to be excused at the Parliamentary Committee meeting. That person shall receive no extra benefit (including, extra opportunity to speak on the matter) than that ordinarily afforded to a Student Senator who is not a Parliamentary Committee member.

*COMMENTS TO ARTICLE V. SECTION 1(I)-(K):*

- These comments are non-binding; however, they seek to clarify the intention of the Student Senate in adopting an excused absence policy in 2022. This intention may be useful or persuasive in guiding the Parliamentary Committee's actions or in guiding any applicable appellate review.
- The Student Senate adopted an excused absence policy with the ultimate purposes of (i) moving away from the previous scheme of automatic removal of elected Student Senators without review when a maximum number of absences occur, even when those absences occurred for legitimate or compelling reasons, and (ii) clearly defining under what circumstances the Parliamentary Committee may and should excuse an absence.
- (J)(b) and (J)(c) contemplate immediate family, extended family, and beloved family pets.
- (J)(d) is a catch-all, meant to be used on a case-by-case basis. The inclusion of (J)(d) necessarily allows some flexibility for the Parliamentary Committee to consider certain absences excused where the absence was not the fault of the subject Student Senator. When deciding whether absences are excused under (J)(d) in various situations, the Parliamentary Committee should aim to set consistent standards during a Student Senate Term.
- Though the Parliamentary Committee, as implied by the language of the excused absence policy, may make a factual inquiry into the reasoning for a Student Senator's absence, it is not the intention of the Student Senate in enacting this policy that the Parliamentary Committee make a habit of requiring doctors' notes or other proofs, as this is customarily not required even in employment settings (this is a student organization) and some proofs can be quite expensive to obtain. In other words, the Parliamentary Committee should be able to make a factual inquiry but should proceed with due sensitivity and common sense when a Student Senator is requesting an excused absence in good faith.

## *Section 2*

### SPECIAL MEETINGS & CIRCUMSTANCES; EXCUSED ABSENCES

- A. *Special Meetings, Attendance.* In the event special meetings are called by Senate members, Senate President, or other officials and/or their designees for business, the rules of attendance still apply.

## *Section 3*

### PROJECT GROUP SERVICE

- A. All Senate members are required to serve on a minimum of one (1) Project Group.
- B. All Senate members seated prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester are to begin serving no later than July 1. All Senate members seated on Senate after the beginning of the Fall semester are to begin serving on a Project Group within thirty (30) days of being seated.
- C. Failure to join and participate in a Project Group within such times will force the Executive Board to place members in an open Project Group without member consent.
  - a. Continued lack of participation may be grounds for removal from office, at the guidance of the Vice President, at the discretion of E-Board Participation in a project group is defined by:
    - i. Regular attendance, meeting participation, timely meeting reports.
    - ii. Failure to participate shall be reported by the project group chair to the Vice President.
    - iii. Project group chairs should provide and present evidence and reasoning to support removal of senator to the Vice President via Email.

## *Section 4*

### 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 5*

### SPONSORING EVENTS

- A. Senators should participate in all Senate sponsored events when possible.
- B. All events that are sponsored by the Senate should be brought before the Senate at a scheduled meeting to be voted on by the Senate. Sponsoring of events occurring between meetings of the Senate will be determined by a majority vote of the E-Board.
- C. Steps taken to sponsor an event:
  - a. An event proposal needs to be brought before the E-Board. Those proposing the event(s) shall have the proper event proposal filled out with the appropriate proposal template found in the shared storage space at the time of the presentation to the E-Board.
  - b. After the proposal is filled out and a majority vote in the affirmative for the event to occur, then the event proposal will be presented as New Business at the next scheduled GBM.
  - c. A motion for the event proposal to be approved shall be requested. A vote majority in the affirmative is needed for the event to be considered approved.
    - i. If there is not a majority vote in the affirmative, those proposing the event can revise their proposal at that same GBM, with a motion to amend the proposal with suggestions from the general body.
- D. Senate members are required to attend FestiFall and Student Organization Day during the Fall semester, and WinterFest during the Winter semester. If a member has class during either of these events, this requirement will be excused. All other conflicts will be decided by the E-Board on a case-by-case basis.

## *Section 6*

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A. Each member of the Senate is expected to inform the university community of Senate business and functions.
- B. All official statements made by any Senate member and/or alternates must be reviewed by the Senate President (or his/her designee) and the advisor (or his/her designee) before being made, as these statements are presumed to be a reflection of the entire Senate.
- C. All public postings shall be on the Senate official website, The South End newspaper, and/or verified social media.

## *Section 7*

### COLLEGE, SCHOOL, HOUSING, EXTENSION CENTER(S) REPRESENTATIVES

- A. College/School representatives must keep in regular contact with the administration of their respective College/School. College/School representatives must also meet with their respective Dean at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to the students of their respective College/School.
- B. The Housing Representative must keep in regular contact with the Housing administration. The Housing Representative must also meet with the Chief Housing Officer at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to the student residents in University Housing. The Housing Representative must also meet with the Resident Advisors Advisory Board at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to Resident Advisors.
- C. The Extension Center(s) Representative must keep in regular contact with the Extension Center(s) administration. The Extension Center(s) Representative must also meet with the Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to the students who utilize the Extension Center(s). The Extension Center(s) Representative must also meet with the managers of each Extension Center at least once per academic year.
- D. College/School, Housing, and Extension Center(s) representatives must keep in regular contact with the student government organization in their respective units, if they have one. College/School, Housing, and Extension Center(s) representatives must attend a meeting of the student government organization in their respective units, if they have one, at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to the students of their respective unit.
- E. The Graduate School representative must keep in regular contact with the Graduate Employee Organizing Committee (GEOC). The Graduate School representative must meet with the GEOC Steering Committee leadership at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to the members of the GEOC. The Graduate School representative shall also serve as the Student Senate's appointment to the Graduate Council.
  - a. If the Graduate School representative is not serving as a representative on the Graduate Council, they must nevertheless keep in regular contact with the Graduate Council. The Graduate School representative must attend a meeting of the Graduate Council at least once in the Fall Semester and once in the Winter Semester. The Graduate School Representative must further meet with the leadership of the Graduate Council at least once in the Fall Semester and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to all Graduate students.
- F. The Irvin D. Reid Honors College representative shall serve as the Student Senate's appointment to the Honors Council.
  - a. If the Honors College representative is not serving as a representative on the Honors Council, they must nevertheless keep in regular contact with the Honors Council. The Honors College representative must attend a meeting of the Honors Council at least once in the Fall Semester and once in the Winter

Semester. The Honors College representative must further meet with the leadership of the Honors Council at least once in the Fall Semester and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to all Honors College students.

### *Section 8*

#### REPORTS

- A. Senators are expected to regularly submit reports in a timely manner to the Vice President of the Student Senate describing their activities in their respective university committees, no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the next scheduled General Body Meeting (GBM). Any exceptions to this policy shall be communicated with the Vice President accordingly. Once submitted, Senators are expected to present their report at the next scheduled General Body Meeting.
- B. To the greatest extent possible, Senators must submit reports pertaining to pending votes on University committees for the General Body to weigh in on their voting decisions prior to casting their vote at the next meeting of said University committees.
- C. Senators' failure to submit reports on their activities as representatives on University committees may be grounds for revoking their appointments to said University committees.
- D. When reports are written and/or presented for a university or internal committee with more than one senator, they should be finalized by the Delegate senator or Committee Chair present at the meeting, unless the alternate was the only senator present.
- E. At the final GBM of each term, each Project Group and Committee Chair shall report their respective units' progress and accomplishments throughout the term. This report also includes their projected goals for the subsequent term.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **OPERATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE MEETINGS**

#### *Section 1*

##### NOTICE REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS

- A. The Director of Public Relations must post notice of each regular, special, and Executive Board meeting on the Senate official website and official social media. Notice must include the exact location, date, and time of the meeting and a statement that all students are welcome to attend.

#### *Section 2*

##### OPEN MEETINGS POLICY

- A. Senate meetings shall be open to all members of the university community.
- B. The Senate may go into closed session subject to the terms of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, at which point no one other than Senate members, alternates, and/or the advisor may be present.
- C. All voting is guided by Michigan's Open Meetings Act.
- D. To the greatest extent possible, all Student Senate General Body Meetings shall be livestreamed for all students to view and participate in virtually

### *Section 3*

#### QUORUM

- A. The presence of a majority of the voting members shall be necessary for the transaction of all business matters of the Senate, except that in the absence of quorum, members present may fix the time for the next meeting and adjourn. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the filled seats on Senate plus one (1).
- B. New Business and voting cannot occur if meeting takes place without a quorum.

### *Section 4*

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Business introduced from the floor at a Senate meeting requiring investigation and report shall be referred to the President or Vice President in writing twenty-four (24) hours before the next scheduled Senate meeting, unless the Senate decides to consider the New Business at the meeting at which it is introduced by a majority vote.

### *Section 5*

#### PROXIES

- A. Other than through the proper designation and use of alternates, proxy voting shall not be allowed. The Random House Unabridged Dictionary 2006 defines proxy as, the agency, function, or power of a person authorized to act or vote – as the substitute for another.
- B. Teleconferencing (Skype, FaceTime, zoom, etc.) will count towards attendance, and voting privileges will be retained, subject to special permission granted by a majority vote of the Executive Board based on certain case by case circumstances.

- a. If a teleconferencing option is voted on in the affirmative, the following provisions shall be followed:
  - i. Senators shall treat the meeting as though it is in-person; Being alert and engaging in topics mentioned.
  - ii. Senators are obliged to keep cameras on for the duration of the meeting and must be present throughout voting when asked to respond affirmatively or negatively to the motion being discussed.
  - iii. Make their best effort to contribute to the conversation, even when they are not able to meet in-person.
  - iv. If you don't participate during the votes throughout the meeting, then it will count as a half (½) absence.

### *Section 6*

#### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- A. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Senate may adopt.
- B. The Parliamentarian or his/her alternate must enforce all rules of order adopted by the Senate to the best of his/her ability during meetings.

### *Section 7*

#### FINANCE

- A. Expenditures of \$100.00 and under shall require the approval by signature of the Senate President, Vice President, and the Treasurer.
- B. Expenditures of \$100.01 - \$500.00 shall require a majority vote of the Senate Executive Board.
- C. Expenditures \$500.01 and up shall require a majority vote of the Senate members present at a general body meeting.

### *Section 8*

#### VOTING

- A. All Senate members are required to vote during meetings, abstention from a vote is not allowed and will be counted as a "yes" vote, except in the case of a financial interest.

- B. When one or more person(s) running for an open seat appears to be unfit for the position, Senators can call for a vote of no confidence in the candidate(s).
- C. A secret ballot may be called for by any member of Senate without the need to be voted upon in votes to elect E-Board members, to appoint Senators to fill vacancies, to appoint Senators to University committees, to remove Senators from office, to sanction Senators, and to reinstate Senators.
  - a. A secret ballot may be called for by any member of Senate to be used for all other matters put to a vote if the Senate agrees to do so based on a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate members present at a general body meeting.
    - i. A hand count may be called for to clarify any uncertainty without the need to be voted upon.

### *Section 9*

#### HEARINGS

- A. A hearing may be conducted when there is a question regarding budgets; or by the Executive Board when there is a question regarding Policies and Procedures violations.
- B. The findings may be appealed within a reasonable period of time to the entire Senate. A reasonable period of time is one that amounts to thirty-one (31) days after notification from the Senate Treasurer.

### *Section 10*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

- A. *In General.* At any and all public meetings of the Student Senate, students and all other members of the public shall be allowed to address the Student Senate during an agenda item which is listed for the purpose of public comment, subject to the requirements of this Section. Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per commenter. Members of the public wishing to address the Student Senate must provide their full name (legal or preferred names which reasonably identify the commenter shall be accepted) and whether or not they are a current student of Wayne State University before addressing the Student Senate.
- B. *Electronic Meetings.* Any and all public meetings of the Student Senate that are conducted electronically over Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or other like service must have a means by which students and other members of the public may be heard during the item designated for public comment. The Student Senate President shall, through written declaration to the Student Senate, elect to use either or both of the following procedures for facilitating public comment during such electronic meetings:
- C. *Public Comment through Actual Electronic Attendance.* If it elects this option, the Student Senate must post a conspicuous and clearly explained link to the Student Senate website which contains a Wayne State University Get Involved platform form for the purpose of RSVPing to the meeting. The link shall require members of the public to provide the information required in (A) of this Section, and in addition, a valid phone

number or email address. The member of the public wishing to speak must RSVP at least one hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Upon a reasonable time after receipt of the RSVP, but no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting time, the Student Senate must provide the RSVPing member of the public means to access the meeting. The Student Senate President shall call on each member of the public who RSVP'd in attendance. The members of the public, when called, shall then be permitted to address the Student Senate, subject to the time-constraints listed in (A) of this Section. The Student Senate President may require that the commenter leave the electronic meeting after the comment has been given.

- a. *Public Comment through Submitting Written and/or Electronic Communication.* If it elects this option, the Student Senate must post a conspicuous and clearly explained link to the Student Senate website which contains a Wayne State University Get Involved platform form for the purpose of submitting public comment to be read at an upcoming public meeting of the Student Senate. The link shall require that members of the public provide the information required in (A) of this Section. The member of the public wishing to comment at a particular meeting must submit the public comment at least one hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. During the agenda item which is listed for the purpose of public comment, the President or their designee shall read all rule-conforming written and / or electronic communications that were submitted for the purpose of commenting at the public meeting in question, subject to the time-constraints listed in (A) of this Section.
  - b. Any link that is posted pursuant to (B) of this Section must appear on the Student Senate website no later than 48 hours prior to a scheduled public meeting of the Student Senate. Where it is expected that electronic meetings will be conducted regularly and in lieu of in-person meetings, any link that is posted pursuant to (B) of this Section must appear continuously on the Student Senate website until it is no longer expected that electronic meetings will be regularly conducted in lieu of in-person meetings.
- D. Comments on any live-streaming social media service used by the Student Senate to broadcast its meetings are not sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this Section.
  - E. The public posting requirements of Article V. Section 6(C) of these Bylaws do not apply to this Section.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### *Section 1*

#### **ELECTION**

- A. All candidates must be a member of Senate.
- B. The elections for Executive Board offices occur on the Thursday following the Senate Advance.

- C. Each officer shall be elected and in the following order: President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Governmental Affairs, Director of Community Affairs, Director of Student Services, and Director of Public Relations.
- D. In cases where more than one candidate runs for a particular office, the election shall be by secret ballot. Otherwise, he/she may be appointed by acclamation or voice vote. The outgoing President shall call this meeting to order and preside over the meeting until the election of the new President. One (1) person designated by the outgoing President shall count the ballots and announce the results (typically the advisor).
  - i. A candidate must have one more than half the votes of those present and voting.
  - ii. In the case where there are more than two (2) candidates and no candidate receives more than half the votes, a revote must be done. The candidates with the two highest votes will then continue in another revote, and the candidates with the least number of votes will be removed from the slate.
- E. To run for any Executive Board office you must have previously served on Senate or on a Senate Project Group for no less than one Senate term.
- F. You must be a student in good standing with the university to run for any office, and maintain a GPA of no less than 2.75.
- G. Each candidate, in order of nomination, shall be given an opportunity for a platform speech of no more than three (3) minutes, unless extended by a vote. After each speech, each candidate shall be given an opportunity to answer questions of no more than five (5) minutes, unless extended by a vote. The general body shall have a discussion of no longer than ten (10) minutes at the conclusion of all presentations and questioning, unless extended by a vote, only after all candidates for an office have been given an opportunity for a speech.
  - i. Each candidate will be allowed a visual aid.
  - ii. Visual aids are limited to one-page, front and back piece of paper presented to each Senator or three slides on PowerPoint or other virtual presentation software.
  - iii. If the visual aid is paper, each Senator must return the paper back to the candidate before the next candidate presents.
  - iv. If the visual aid is a virtual presentation, that visual aid must be turned off before the next candidate presents.
- H. If an office is permanently vacated, an election shall be held in accordance with the procedures in Article VII, Section 1, letters C and G.

## *Section 2*

### DUTIES

- A. The E-Board shall have the power of advice and consent to the Senate President on matters of policy between meetings of the Senate. However, these policies must be submitted to the entire Senate for approval at its next regular scheduled meeting. No formal announcements may be made until there is Senate approval.

- B. The Senate President and Vice President shall have the responsibility of filling vacancies in a Member At-Large seat, subject to the approval of the Senate and in accordance with these bylaws.
- C. The Vice President is responsible for selecting people to serve as representatives or alternates to any local, state, and national student-oriented event that Senate attends.

### *Section 3*

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Upon recommendations of the Senate, the E-Board shall develop and recommend policies and procedures which are applicable to all student groups within the jurisdiction of the Senate.
- B. Policies recommended by the E-Board and approved by the Senate and the President of the university shall be applied to all recognized student organizations. The DOSO shall be responsible for the administration of Senate approved policies.
- C. The E-Board shall hold hearings to determine the sanctions to be used, if any, against any violators of Senate approved policies.
- D. The E-Board shall hold sessions with recognized student organizations pertaining to possible changes in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- E. The E-Board shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred to it by the President.

### *Section 4*

#### PRESIDENT

- A. Preside over meetings of the Senate, except during times when he/she is unable to act objectively.
  - a. In times of absence or when he/she is incapable of presiding over meetings the duties will fall to the members of the Senate Executive Board as follows: Vice President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Secretary.
  - b. In the event that all these members are absent, the meeting shall be cancelled.
- B. Preside over meetings of the E-Board.
- C. May vote in those cases when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the decision, or in a secret ballot
- D. Prepare the agenda for all Senate meetings in consultation with the E-Board.
- E. Prepare and report to the Senate and the university community via the Senate official website.
- F. Before the first meeting of the Fall semester hold a “State of the Student Senate Address”, outlining the objectives and progress made by the Senate to date, as well as the directions to be taken for the remainder of the year.
- G. Create a final report outlining the accomplishments of the Senate during that year.
- H. Report at each Senate and E-Board meeting concerning his/her activities as President.

- I. Act as formal spokesperson for the Senate when necessary.
- J. Be an ex-officio member of all Executive Project Groups
- K. Employ whatever office staff he/she feels is necessary to conduct business, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The President may discharge an employee in accordance with University Student Employment Guidelines.
- L. Have the power to appoint any special committee or Project Group deemed necessary.
- M. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, as long as they are not in conflict with these bylaws.

### *Section 5*

#### 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/Judicial, Director of Governmental 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 6*

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

- A. Act as the official Senate Parliamentarian during all meetings, serving as a resource for proper procedures and conduct.
- B. Preside over meetings during removal from office, or reinstatement proceedings unless he/she is being removed or reinstated.
  - i. In that case, President or Vice-President presides over official Parliamentarian's removal or reinstatement.
  - ii. Shall be responsible for maintaining records of all petitions brought to Senate regarding anything involving the Bylaws and Charter.
- C. Shall provide a written decision or interpretation based on the Bylaws and Charter from any petition brought forth.
- D. Preside over a Parliamentary/Judicial committee that is responsible for reviewing and revising the Bylaws and Charter.
- E. Must make any necessary revisions to the Bylaws and Charter by the first meeting in September and review Bylaws afterwards on a case-by-case basis as deemed necessary.
- F. Maintain up-to-date records in which the Bylaws, Charter, Special Rules of Order, standing rules, and any amendments are properly recorded. Have the current records on hand at each meeting.
- G. Must be able to provide an updated copy of the Bylaws on the Senate official website.

### *Section 7*

#### TREASURER

- A. Keep accurate records of all funds received and distributed regarding the Senate Budget.
- B. Make expenditures as authorized in Article VI, Section 7
- C. Submit reports as requested. However, in all cases, he/she shall distribute a written monthly report on the month's expenditures to the Senate.
- D. Represent the Senate on the Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB).
- E. Involved in the decision making process for the allocations of funds.
- F. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.

*Section 8*

SECRETARY

- A. Be responsible for the minutes of all Senate and Executive Board meetings, including both halves of the transition meetings.
- B. Maintain a file of all reports from Project Groups, committees, officers, and units.
- C. Maintain the official Membership Roll, and call the roll when it is required.
- D. Enforce and maintain records of members' event participation as outlined in Article V, Section 5, letters B-C.
- E. Provide any minutes, records, and reports to members upon request.
- F. Provide certified copies of the corrected minutes to any person(s) who require or request them.
- G. In the absence of the President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, and Treasurer, call meetings to order and immediately preside over an election of a Chair Pro Tempore.
- H. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.
- I. Serve as an ex-officio, voting member of the Parliamentary Committee. Create and keep record of summaries detailing the reasoning for Parliamentary Committee absence decisions.

*Section 9*

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- A. Chair of the project group(s) related to governmental affairs.
- B. Provide reports of the activities of the governmental affairs project group(s) and any pertinent governmental issues to the Senate.
- C. Maintain relations with the University Vice President for Governmental and Community Affairs and their office.
- D. Plan and coordinate any lobbying efforts with local, state, and national representatives for student-centered policy change.
- E. Provide reports of the activities of the governmental affairs project group(s) to the Senate.
- F. The director may appoint a Chair to the governmental affairs project group(s), in consultation with the E-Board with subject to the approval of the Senate, if the director is serving as at least one Chair of another project group.

- G. Advocate to expand student representation in University shared governance structures.
- H. Increase access to the polls for students by managing all affairs related to the smooth operation of the on-campus polling location each election in coordination with the appropriate University offices.
- I. Work to promote student voter registration and civic engagement
- J. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.

### *Section 10*

#### DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- A. Chair of the project group(s) related to community affairs.
- B. Provide reports of the activities of the community affairs of the project group(s) to Senate.
- C. Plan and coordinate any community or volunteer efforts that Senate may desire to participate in.
- D. Maintain relations with the Office of Economic Development and the University Director of Community Relations.
- E. The director may appoint a Chair to the community affairs project group(s), in consultation with the E-Board with subject to the approval of the Senate, if the director is serving as at least one Chair of another project group.
- F. Build relations with student organizations, and other student government organizations in conjunction with the appropriate College/School, Housing, and Extension Center Representative, to advance student initiatives.
- G. Work with external partners in the greater Detroit community to advance student initiatives.
- H. Build and maintain relations with other University student governments
- I. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.

### *Section 11*

#### DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

- A. Chair of the project group(s) related to student services.
- B. Provide reports of Student Services to the Senate.
- C. Maintain relations with the Dean of Students Office.
- D. Advocate for and oversee the provision of University services to support student wellness and basic needs
- E. Work on initiatives that promote student health, financial, and academic success
- F. Administer student services and resource programs directly initiated and provided by the Student Senate

- G. The director may appoint a Chair to the student services project group(s), in consultation with the E-Board with subject to the approval of the Senate, if the director is serving as at least one Chair of another project group.
- H. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.

## *Section 12*

### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- A. Chair of the committee(s) related to Student Senate events.
- B. Provide reports of the activities of the Student Senate Events Committee.
- C. Keep Senate website up-to-date with minutes, initiatives, and changes in membership.
- D. Work with C&IT on any Student Senate technology needs.
- E. Inform Senate about technology developments that can be used by the Senate to assist with promotion and other student initiatives.
- F. Maintain, direct, and update the Senate e-mail and official social media accounts.
- G. Promote Student Senate initiatives through all channels.
- 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.
- L. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as those duties are not in conflict with these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **PROJECT GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

#### **PROJECT GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

## *Section 1*

### **PROVISION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The Senate can choose to expand, collapse, or remove project group(s) based on a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate members present at a general body meeting. After a presentation about the proposed project group has been given to the senate and the proposed project group does not fit any existing project group as a working group.
  - i. The project groups currently recognized by the Senate include: the Parliamentary/ Judicial Project Group, Government Affairs, Community Affairs, Student Services, Events Project Group, JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion), and Public Health
- B. The Vice President, Parliamentarian, Director of Governmental Affairs, Director of Community Affairs, Director of Student Services, and Director of Public Relations shall ask for interested students to sit on project groups and internal working groups.
- C. Senators serving as Chairs of the project group(s) shall assume full rights and privileges of the Group membership.
- D. All students who are officially registered for a course at WSU during the current or preceding term are eligible to serve on Senate project group(s). These members will have the right to vote only in project group meetings as non-senators.

## *Section 2*

### PROJECT GROUP CHAIR

- A. The Chair of the project group(s) shall be the director of the appropriate E-Board position or senators appointed by the Vice President
  - a. The project group chairs will be the four Executive Directors, the parliamentarian, and two senators appointed by the Vice President
  - b. If there is more than one senator that would like to serve as a project group chair, the Vice President will hold an election for the Project Group chair seat.
  - c. In the case of more than one person choosing to be a Project Group Chair, the election and its rules shall be the same as those during the E-Board election process, including question protocol, monitored by the Parliamentarian. .
- B. The Chair of each project group shall be responsible for providing a regular report to the Senate and report to the Vice President monthly.
- C. The Chair will allow for working groups within the project group to accommodate the needs of students.
  - a. Working groups shall report to the Project group chairs and project group chairs shall be involved in working group communication
  - b. Working groups may have their own sub- chair under the direction of the project group chair to increase efficiency and organization

## *Section 3*

### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

- A. It shall have no fewer than three and no more than five voting members. The Student Senate Secretary shall serve as a voting, ex-officio member and shall count against the membership total.
- B. It shall be responsible for reviewing and revising the Bylaws and Charter.
- C. It must make a Bylaws and Charter report by the first meeting in September.
- D. The Parliamentarian serves as the Chair of this Committee; the Parliamentarian is a voting member and shall count against the membership total.
- E. The Parliamentary Committee is a standing committee that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- F. It shall allow for working groups, as needed, that may fit under the realm of the Parliamentary Committee.
  - a. Working groups shall report to the Parliamentarian
- G. *Nomination and Confirmation.* To become members of the Parliamentary Committee, those members other than the Parliamentarian and Secretary must be nominated by the Parliamentarian and confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate.

#### *Section 4*

#### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- B. It shall be responsible for all pertinent information concerning, but not limited to, city, state, and federal bills and laws concerning this university.
- C. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- D. The Director of Governmental Affairs shall serve as the Chair of this Project Group.
- E. The Governmental Affairs Project Group is a standing Project Group, that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- F. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Government Affairs Project Group
  - a. Working groups and working group sub-chairs shall report to the Parliamentarian

#### *Section 5*

#### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- B. It shall provide assistance with internal organizations, and the external agencies it sees fit.

- C. It shall enact the University's Urban Mission on the student level, and will be allowed to determine how to best fulfill this mission.
- D. It shall develop and maintain communications with other student governments and affiliated organizations.
- E. The Director of Community Affairs shall serve as the Chair of this Project Group.
- F. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- G. The Community Affairs Project Group is a standing Project Group, that must be formed and maintained ever academic year.
- H. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Community Affairs Project Groups
  - a. Working groups and working group sub-chairs shall report to the Director of Community Affairs

### *Section 6*

#### STUDENT SERVICES PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- B. It shall study, review and make recommendations concerning services to students within the University that support student wellness and basic needs through initiatives that promote student health, financial, and academic success.
- C. When possible, members of this Project Group shall be appointed to the appropriate University committees in order to gain further input into the decisions affecting student services.
- D. It shall coordinate efforts to meet the needs of International students.
- E. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- F. The Director of Student Services shall serve as the Chair of this Project Group.
- G. The Student Services Project Group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- H. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Student Services Project Group
  - a. Working groups and working group sub-chairs shall report to the Director of Student Services

### *Section 7*

#### EVENTS PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- B. It shall be charged with planning and promoting all Student Senate-sponsored events.

- C. These events should include, but are not limited to, Town Halls, Conversation Cafes, Tabling, participation in Festifall and Winterfest, collaborative events with University departments, offices, and organizations that promote student interests.
- D. The Director of Public Relations shall serve as the Chair of this project group.
- E. The Events project group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- F. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Events project group
  - a. Working groups shall report to the Director of Public Relations

### *Section 8*

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but no less than three (3) voting members.
- B. It shall be responsible for managing and reviewing finances.
- C. It shall provide a review of finance at every general body meeting
- D. The Treasurer serves as the Chair of this Committee
- E. The Budget Committee is a standing committee that must be formed and maintained every academic year.

### *Section 9*

#### JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion) PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- B. It shall be charged with looking at justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion issues on campus.
- C. When possible, members of this Project Group shall be appointed to the appropriate University committees in order to gain further input into the decisions affecting JEDI initiatives.
- D. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- E. The JEDI is a standing project group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- F. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the JEDI project group
  - a. Working groups shall report to the chair of the committee elected by the Senate.

### *Section 10*

#### PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.

- B. It shall be charged with looking at public health initiatives around campus including but not limited to mental health, sustainability, and general public health safety.
- C. When possible, members of this Project Group shall be appointed to the the appropriate University committees in order to gain further input into the decisions affecting Public Health initiatives
- D. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President
- E. The Public Health is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- F. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Public Health Project Groups.
  - a. Working groups shall report to the chair of the committee elected by the Senate.

### *Section 11*

#### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES GENERAL POLICIES

- A. Any student who is officially registered at WSU and carrying at least six (6) undergraduate or three (3) graduate credits, may serve on a University Committee.
- B. Attendance is required at all committee meetings.
- C. Representatives to the Board of Governor's committee shall confer regularly with the Senate President and Vice President.
- D. All appointees appointed by the current Vice President should report back to the Senate General Body with appropriate reports after respective appointed meetings take place.
- E. Failure to satisfy these minimum requirements shall constitute just cause for removal.
  - a. Failure to follow reporting guidelines will result in a conduct meeting between the individual and the SS E-Board. It is at the discretion of the E-Board to take further steps.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **SANCTIONS AND REMOVAL**

#### *Section 1*

#### SANCTIONS

- A. The Senate shall reserve the right to determine if a member is negligent of their responsibilities or in violation of the integrity of the body. The Senate may consider imposing sanctions for such misconduct.
- B. If sanctions are to be considered, a hearing shall be held by the Senate to determine whether sanctions are to be imposed and to determine the nature of the sanction.
- C. Sanctions shall include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Written reprimand
  - ii. Revocation of special privileges.
  - iii. Removal
- D. Members who do not accept reinstatement and are not in good standing may not run for any seat on the Senate for at least one academic year, however the member is able to serve on project group(s), but not as the Chair of any Project Group(s).

## *Section 2*

### REMOVAL OF STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- A. The Senate shall have the power to remove any of its Executive Officers, by the following procedure:
  - i. The proposal to remove an officer must be submitted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate Executive Board. This proposal can be made by any member of the Senate.
  - ii. When the motion is made by the E- Board, the proposal is then placed on the agenda of the next regular scheduled meeting of the Senate, at which a quorum is present.
  - iii. The individual in question must be informed of the proposal directly with a written letter or via e-mail by the Parliamentarian or by the President in the absence of the Parliamentarian.
  - iv. The Parliamentarian is to preside over the removal process in which the Senate President will present the facts and findings concerning the proposed removal of the individual.
  - v. During the removal process, the individual has the opportunity to rebut/address any statements made in the proposal.
  - vi. Removal of any Student Senate member requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting.
  - vii. Any person removed from an Executive Officer (E-Board) seat, but not expelled from the Senate, shall serve out the term as a Member-At-Large, and/or College Representative.
  - viii. The determination of the Senate may be appealed to the current President of this university and/or his/her designee

## *Section 3*

### NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL

- A. Written notification of removal must be sent out to the individual and the Senate President by the Secretary on the Friday following the second absence of a regularly scheduled meeting of Senate. A copy of the notification must be forwarded to the Parliamentarian via email.
- B. If there is a possibility for reinstatement, information regarding these procedures must be included in the notification letter. For procedures refer to Article IX, Section 4.

#### *Section 4*

#### PROCEDURES FOR REINSTATEMENT AFTER REMOVAL

- A. Reinstatement can only be done if the grounds for removal allow for reinstatement according to these Senate bylaws only once per Senate term (excluding the Spring/Summer semester).
- B. Individuals who have been removed from office, and have received a notification of removal from the Secretary, who are eligible and wish to be reinstated, must give written notification to the Secretary, Parliamentarian, and/or the Senate President forty-eight (48) hours prior to the first Senate meeting after their removal.
- C. The Senate President must state the facts and is allowed to vote.
- D. The individual is allowed to present his/her case before the Senate.
- E. The individual must receive a majority vote to be reinstated.
- F. The Senate can move to hold reinstatement proceedings in a closed assembly, if requested by the person considered for reinstatement, per Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

#### *Section 5*

#### REMOVAL OF PROJECT GROUP MEMBERS

- A. Any project group member, including the chair, may be removed, with cause, by:
  - i. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the respective project group, which may be appealed to the entire Senate.
  - ii. A majority vote of the Senate.
- B. The Vice President may remove the Chair of any project group with just cause, subject to the approval of the Senate.
- C. Upon removal of a project group member, the Vice President shall report this action to the Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- D. In those cases where a Senate vote is required to remove a project group member, the Vice President shall notify the member of his/her intention to recommend removal.
- E. The Parliamentarian under the instruction of the Senate Vice President shall directly notify the project group member of their removal. If the individual cannot be contacted directly, notification shall be sent by U.S. Mail or via e-mail.

- F. The individual must be given a fair chance to rebut/address the recommendation of removal at the meeting when the recommendation is made. The individual has the right to appeal.
- G. In order to appeal removal, the individual must provide written notice of appeal to the Senate Parliamentarian and the President forty-eight (48) hours prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.
- H. In evaluating the appeal at its next regular scheduled meeting, the Senate shall weigh all available evidence and testimony to determine if just cause exists. The Senate shall sustain the removal or reinstate the individual.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **AMENDMENTS**

#### *Section 1*

#### **AMENDMENTS, REVISIONS, AND ADOPTIONS TO BYLAWS AND CHARTER**

- A. These Bylaws and Charter may be amended at any Parliamentary Committee meeting, Chaired by the Parliamentarian, with a majority vote of its voting members, provided that the amendment change has been submitted in writing, including: (i) a formal submission including: “BY-LAW AS WRITTEN,” “BY-LAW AS AMENDED,” AND “RATIONALE.” (ii) the submission must be emailed to the Parliamentarian within seventy-two (72) hours before the next scheduled committee meeting. (iii) Individual(s) requesting the By-Law or Charter amendment shall be present at the next scheduled committee meeting, but shall not count as a voting member towards the decision of approving the amendment, or not.
- B. If the amendment proposal is approved by the committee, the final amendment proposal shall be emailed to all SS members, the SS Advisor, and any other respective individual(s) in the same email sent by the SS President with the final meeting agenda for viewing before the GBM.
- C. The final amendment draft shall be brought in front of the general body for a final presentation, given by the parliamentarian, including the following sections in the final amendment proposal: (i) “BY-LAW AS WRITTEN,” (ii) “BY-LAW AS AMENDED,” AND (iii) “RATIONALE.” Following the presentation, a suggested five minute recess may be moved, for review purposes of the changes presented. And if no other revisions are necessary, a motion to vote on the amendment as presented shall be requested. A 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting in the affirmative is required to certify this amendment as approved and finalized.
  - a. Voting must take place during the same meeting unless the agenda item is tabled indefinitely.
- D. Review of the Bylaws and Charter must be done by the Parliamentarian and their committee each Spring/Summer semester.

- E. The Charter can only be adopted by the Senate after being presented to the Board of Governors of the University for approval.
- F. Any amendments or revisions of the Bylaws or Charter must be recorded and dated by the Parliamentarian for records.
  - a. Any attempt to amend the WSU SS Charter must be presented to the WSU Board of Governors, in communication with the Secretary to the Board of Governors.

## APPENDIX A

### HONORARY MEMBERS/MEMBERS EMERITUS

#### *Sailor Mayes' Administration (2021-2022)*

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|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| i. Sailor Mayes   | v. Rajan Varmon   | ix. Zack Thomas      |
| ii. Jasmine Coles | vi. Asra Akhlaq   | x. Muhammad Qaasim   |
| iii. Nasrin Nesha | vii. Afifi Kadadu | viii. Amina Khalique |
| iv. Obioma Opara  |                   |                      |

#### *Riya Chhabra's Administration (2020-2021)*

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|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| i. Riya Chhabra      | vi. Bijal Patel   | xi. Hussein Bazzi         |
| ii. Marcella Eid     | vii. Lela Jimenez | xii. Ali Fakhri           |
| iii. Basel Berry     | viii. Affan Atif  | xiii. Ryane Brown         |
| iv. Madison Wiljanen | ix. Joseph Naman  | xiv. Benjamin Blumenstein |
| v. Katherine Emrich  | x. Ameera Hashwi  |                           |

#### *Stuart Baum's Administration (2019-20)*

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|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| i. Stuart Baum     | v. Raveena Mata  | ix. Alexis Brown |
| ii. Mazen Zamzam   | vi. Emma Mann    | x. Kenan Sinan   |
| iii. Waleed Eliwat | vii. Ryane Brown |                  |
| iv. Farhana Aktar  | viii. Syed Rizvi |                  |

#### *Stuart Baum's Administration (2018-19)*

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| i. Dalia Ibrahim       | vi. Ajanta Dutta   | xi. Kristian Rice     |
| ii. Rexhinaldo Nazarko | vii. Resma Gadde   | xii. Cameron Sanders  |
| iii. Anchita Sanam     | viii. Lauren Ayoub | xiii. Abraham Hussein |
| iv. Trina Schulz       | ix. Bilal Hammoud  |                       |
| v. Paul Jones III      | x. Courtney Mansor |                       |

#### *Nourhan Hamadi's Administration (2017-18)*

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| i. Andrew Oughton    | iv. Connor K. Ashley | vii. Amira Badr |
| ii. Kristina Curtiss | v. Summer Baraka     | viii. Amal Rass |

iii. Alan Foreman                      vi. Donald Zeolla

*Anthony Eid's Administration (2016-17)*

i. Anthony Eid                      iv. Christopher Gregory                      vii. Tarek Bazzi  
ii. Aaron Szpytman                      v. Kelley Donnelly  
iii. Kristian Wright                      vi. Abdul Suleiman

*William Alexander's Administration (2015-16)*

i. William Alexander                      iv. Shiv Enaker                      vii. Ashraf Jaber  
ii. Zachary Rich                      v. Erika Perry  
iii. Arielle Martin                      vi. Fatin Dubaybo

*Adham Aljahmi's Administration (2013-14)*

i. Adham Aljahmi                      iii. Erika Giroux                      v. maya Meheidl  
ii. Brandon Shamoun                      iv. Marwan Boulis

*Tasneem Ahmed's Administration (2012-13)*

i. Tasneem Ahmed  
ii. Ardiana Vuljaj

*Kevin Tatulyan's Administration (2011-12)*

i. Kevin Tatulyan

*Amanda Carnagie's Administration (2010-11)*

No records found.

*James Gale's Administration (2009-10)*

No records found.

*Jake Kinde's Administration (2008-09)*

i. Antione Jennings                      v. Jake Kinde                      ix. Sarah Burkett  
ii. Jason Younga                      vi. Zhaniela Nence                      x. Siobhan McMeekins  
iii. Darryl Tucker                      vii. Rachel Perrell                      xi. Joyce Schon  
iv. Jeffery Macuja                      viii. Matt Koss                      xii. Monica Smith

*Cindy Chidi's Administration (2007-08)*

i. Holly Borchard                      v. Joseph Burkett                      ix. Tiffany Perkins  
ii. Robert Kent                      vi. Andrew Dyjach  
iii. Lauren Cansler                      vii. Marissa Williams  
iv. Cindy Chidi                      viii. Polly Jackson

**APPENDIX B**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

“I pledge to do my best to represent my fellow students of Wayne State University.

I pledge to support the academic success of my fellow students and myself.

I pledge to lead with positive values, morals, and ethics representative of the Wayne State University graduate I seek to be.”

## **APPENDIX C**

### **STUDENT SENATE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Students elected to the Student Senate hold the awesome privilege, honor, and responsibility of representing their fellow students in student government and working to enhance the student experience at Wayne State University. In recognition of that privilege, Senators must meet the following minimum requirements of service to remain in good standing each semester and retain their fall semester and winter semester activity awards:

- Senators will maintain good standing status, as defined in the Student Senate Bylaws.
- Senators will adhere to the Attendance Policy in the Student Senate Bylaws, and face consequences outlined in the Bylaws for non-attendance at Student Senate meetings.
- Senators will attend the entire Student Senate general body meetings which take place on the first and third Thursdays of every month (unless this day falls during a university break or finals week) at 6:00 p.m.
- Senators will attend project group meetings which take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month (unless this day falls during a university break or finals week) at 6:00 p.m.
- Senators will take seriously their oath of office and make an effort to uphold the values it encompasses.
- Senators will make themselves available to their constituents and will uphold all requirements of service to their constituency as outlined in the Student Senate Bylaws.
- Senators will serve on at least one (1) internal project group. They will regularly attend meetings of their project group, work with the other members of the project group on the project group’s chosen projects, and regularly report on work completed in the project group to the Student Senate.
- Senators will serve on at least one (1) University committee on which the Student Senate holds a representative seat (unless there are not enough said committees). They will regularly attend meetings of said committee, work with the other members of the committee on the committee’s chosen business, and regularly report on the business of

the committee to the Student Senate. Senators will discuss matters that are brought to a vote by the committee with the Student Senate before casting a vote in the committee.

- Senators will attend events sponsored by the Student Senate.
- Senators will attend advances, retreats, and other non-traditional meetings scheduled by the Student Senate.
- Senators serving on the Executive Board of the Student Senate will uphold the requirements of their specific positions and will take seriously their responsibility to uphold standards of good leadership.
- Senators will put aside any personal interests and potential conflicts (e.g. employment by a university unit) and work in the interest of all students when conducting business in their official capacity as a member of the Student Senate.
- Senators will regularly correspond with other members of the Student Senate through official means of communication.
- Senators will uphold professional standards of conduct in interacting with other members of the Student Senate and will seek to resolve all internal disputes in such a manner.

The Student Senate activity award is provided to each senator prior to the start of fall semester and winter semester. It will appear on the senator's billing statement prior to these semesters. If the senator does not fulfill the requirements outlined herein (per semester), the activity award provided that semester will be reversed and the senator will have a balance owed on their billing statement.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I must adhere to the above requirements as a member of the Student Senate. I understand that my continued service on the Student Senate, and my receipt of an activity award for such service, is contingent upon my adherence to the above expectations. I understand that I may face dismissal from the Student Senate for my non-adherence to the above expectations in the context of my service on the Student Senate, and in accordance with principles of due process and the Student Senate Bylaws.

Senator's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Access ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Senator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_