



*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 composed 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 Satellite Campus(es) 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 Government 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of those present and voting.
- B. Honorary Members may attend meetings and speak if they 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 members, and not having 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 the 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 OF THE SENATE

The advisor or his/her designated representative shall advise the 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 the 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 Satellite Campus Representatives of the Senate shall be chosen in a University-wide election
- B. Elections to fill the Member-At-Large, College/School, Housing, and Satellite Campus seats shall be conducted between the last week of March and the first full week of April.
- C. Terms of office shall commence at the first May session of the Senate. All student members shall be elected for a one-year term, that ends at the last GBM of April.
- 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).

- b. 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, and that member will vacate their at-large seat.
- c. Accepting applications from the general student body according to the requirements set forth in Article IV, Section 3.
- d. Vacancies occurring after March 1 of a term, 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 Executive 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.
- F. Newly elected Senators cannot participate in Senate proceedings until they are properly sworn in at the end of the 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, at a time to be determined by the Senate for each term, unless the Senate decides otherwise. Terms are classified as the Fall Semester, the Winter Semester, and the Spring/Summer Semester.
- C. Special meetings may be called at any time by any five (5) Senate members who present their request via email 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. *Penalties.* Failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without any communication to the Secretary in that period of time will result in a mandatory meeting with the President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian (PVPP). It is their discretion to determine whether the imposition of the maximum number of unexcused absences for a given semester will

be applied. In the event of an absence from the PVPP, the Secretary will serve as a stand-in; if the Secretary is unavailable, another Executive Board member will substitute according to the order set forth in Article III, Section 1.

- i. The Senate President may cancel general body meetings and Executive Board meetings with the majority vote of their Executive Board at the discretion of the President.
- ii. Failure to attend a regularly scheduled meeting will result in an unexcused absence, unless deemed excused by the Parliamentary Committee.
- iii. Failure to attend one (1) Executive Board meeting by an Executive Board member will result in one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of an unexcused absence, unless deemed excused by the Parliamentary Committee.

F. Senator Arrivals.

- i. If a Senator arrives late or leaves a meeting early without a reason, this will count as a $\frac{1}{2}$ absence. If a reason is provided, the Parliamentary Committee will then decide if the Senator is excused.
- ii. "Absences" under this paragraph may be appealed to the Parliamentary Committee within two calendar weeks after the member receives notification from the committee.

G. Attendance Policies. Attendance at Senate meetings must be taken seriously. Any member with over two (2) unexcused absences during the Fall or Winter semester will be up for removal with the option to contest. This also applies to any member with over three (3) unexcused absences during the Spring/Summer semester. 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.

H. *Absences*. All absences are considered unexcused unless they fall under one of the following exceptions (i - iv.) and/or the absence was approved by the Parliamentary Committee.

- 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.

I. The member must send their request to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration via email to consider their absence excused at least one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting. The Parliamentary Committee will determine whether the absence is excused within 72 hours of the member's request. The member will then be notified via email by the Secretary.

- i. The Parliamentary Committee may find that any of the above excusable reasons do not apply to a particular situation, and thus may deem the absence unexcused. This determination is non-negotiable. Excused absences shall not count against a Student Senator's allowed number of unexcused absences.

J. *Preventing Conflicts of Interest*. If the Parliamentarian is the member appealing an absence, a temporary Parliamentarian shall be elected among the Parliamentary Committee, who shall then temporarily proceed as Parliamentarian while deciding on the absence. If the Parliamentarian or other members of the Parliamentary Committee are the members appealing the absence, that person may not vote or deliberate on matters

concerning the absence: 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.

Section 2

SPECIAL MEETINGS & CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. *Special Meetings.* 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 elected during the regular election cycle are to begin serving on a Project Group within thirty (30) days of being seated*.
 - a. *Unless decided otherwise by the President in consultation with the Vice President.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Project Groups are required to hold at least (1) mandatory meeting a month. All Senate members must properly communicate their availability and notify their Project Group Chair of possible absences in advance. Failure to attend (2) consecutive meetings or go (30) days without proper communication will lead to a disciplinary meeting with both the Vice President and the Project Group Chair.
 - d. Continued lack of participation may be grounds for removal from office, at the guidance of the Vice President, in consultation with the Parliamentarian and President. 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

COMMITTEE SERVICE

- A. All Senate members are required to join at least (1) committee.
- B. Committee attendance is important. Appointed Senate members are allowed to ask other Senate members to step in and substitute when the appointed Senate member has a scheduling conflict.

- C. Missing (2) consecutive meetings without proper communication will lead to a meeting with the Vice President and President regarding scheduling and new possible committee appointments.
- D. Further disciplinary action is up to the discretion of the Vice President and President.

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

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.

Section 8

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 Executive Board.
- C. Steps taken to sponsor an event:
 - a. An event proposal needs to be brought before the Executive 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 Executive 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 Executive Board on a case-by-case basis.

Section 9

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 10

COLLEGE, SCHOOL, HOUSING, SATELLITE CAMPUS 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 United at least once in the Fall Semester, and once in the Winter Semester to discuss matters of interest to Resident Advisors.
- C. The Satellite Campus(es) Representative must keep in regular contact with the Satellite Campus(es) administration. The Satellite Campus(es) 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 Satellite Campus(es). The Satellite Campus(es) Representative must also meet with the managers of each Satellite Campus at least once per academic year.
- D. College/School, Housing, and Satellite Campus representatives must keep in regular contact with the student government organization in their respective units if they have one. College/School, Housing, and Satellite Campus 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.
 - i. 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.
 - i. 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 11 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 General Body 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

MEETINGS POLICY

- A. The Senate may go into closed session subject to the terms outlined below, at which point no one other than Senate members, alternates, and/or the advisor may be present.
 - i. Closed meetings
 - a. For elections, personal items, resolutions, or upon request
 - b. 2/3 of voting members (in attendance) must agree on this.
 - c. Candidates have the right to choose if their interview is public or private. In the event of a vacancy election or other type of election, the option of a closed meeting must be communicated at least 24 hours prior to the election. The decision will then be made immediately before the election.
 - i. A closed interview and discussion will automatically go into effect at the (minimum) of one (1) request by a candidate (including Senators running for the position), regardless of the other candidates' preferences for the duration of the discussion. In this situation, the public must be excused from the room.

Section 3

QUORUM

- i. 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).
- ii. New Business and voting cannot occur if a 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 Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines proxy as “the agency, function, or office of a deputy who acts as a 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.
 - i. If a teleconferencing option is voted on in the affirmative, the following provisions shall be followed:
 - a. Senators shall treat the meeting as though it is in-person; Being alert and engaging in topics mentioned.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Make their best effort to contribute to the conversation, even when they are not able to meet in-person.
 - d. 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 allowed. Choosing to abstain, or abstaining from a vote, is a third category and does not count towards a "yes" or "no" count. The abstention category does not take away from quorum, except in the case of a financial interest.

- B. When a Senator appears to be unfit for their position, Senators can call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. All members (in attendance) must agree on a choice for all voting matters.
- D. 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.
 - a. A hand count may be called for to clarify any uncertainty without the need to be voted upon.

Section 9

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.
 - i. *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.

- ii. 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.

Section 10

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- A. Executive Board meetings are always closed to the public, but they are open to elected general body members.
- B. General body members cannot vote on action items.
- C. General body members that wish to discuss any topic with the Executive Board must email the Student Senate President in advance requesting that their topic be put on the agenda.
- D. General body members' attendance of Executive Board meetings are primarily to share a valuable topic of interest or concern with the Executive Board. Otherwise, general body members are not regular, active participants of Executive Board discussions.

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 Government 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, they 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 Executive 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

PRESIDENT

- A. Preside over meetings of the Senate, except during times when they is unable to act objectively.
 - i. In times of absence or when they 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.
 - ii. In the event that all these members are absent, the meeting shall be cancelled.
- B. Preside over meetings of the Executive 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 Executive 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 Executive 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 they 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 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. Coordinate with sponsoring Senator(s) and Executive Board to make revisions for proposed resolutions.
- G. 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).
- H. 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.
- I. Appoint all representatives within two General Body Meetings from the date of request made by the Chair of the Project Group or university committee.
- J. Perform any other duties as prescribed by the Senate, so long as they do not conflict with these bylaws.

Section 5

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 they is being removed or reinstated.
 - i. In that case, the President or Vice-President presides over an official Parliamentarian's removal or reinstatement.
 - ii. Shall be responsible for maintaining records of all petitions brought to the 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 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 6

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, they 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 7

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 8

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- A. Chair of the project group(s) related to government affairs.
- B. Provide reports of the activities of the government affairs project group(s) and any pertinent government issues to the Senate.
- C. Maintain relations with the University Vice President for Government 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 government affairs project group(s) to the Senate.

- F. The director may appoint a Chair to the government affairs project group(s), in consultation with the Executive 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 DOSO and Warriors Vote.
- 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 9

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. Build relations with student organizations, and other student government organizations in conjunction with the appropriate College/School, Housing, and Satellite Campus(es) Representative, to advance student initiatives.
- F. Work with external partners in the greater Detroit community to advance student initiatives.
- G. Build and maintain relations with other University student governments
- H. 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 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 Executive 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 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.
- C. Keep the Senate website up-to-date with minutes, initiatives, resolutions, 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

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 Committee, 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 Government 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 Executive Board position or senators appointed by the Vice President
 - i. The project group chairs will be the four Executive Directors, the parliamentarian, and two senators appointed by the Vice President
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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 Executive 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.
 - i. Working groups shall report to the Project group chairs and project group chairs shall be involved in working group communication
 - ii. Working groups may have their own sub- chair under the direction of the project group chair to increase efficiency and organization
- D. Project groups may discuss, meet, or communicate with other registered student organizations. Any action that requires the Wayne State Student Senate logo or name in partnership with another organizations, refer back to Art. V. Section 5.

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.
 - i. 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

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS PROJECT GROUP

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but at least 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 Government Affairs shall serve as the Chair of this Project Group.
- E. The Government 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
 - i. 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 every academic year.
- H. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Community Affairs Project Groups
 - i. 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
 - i. Working groups and working group sub-chairs shall report to the Director of Student Services

Section 7

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but at least 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 Public Relations 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 Public Relations project group
 - i. 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

J.E.D.I. (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
 - i. Working groups shall report to the chair of the committee elected by the Senate.
- G. In the event that there is no project group chair that serves JEDI, then all working groups that fit under JEDI shall report to the Vice President.

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 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.
 - i. Working groups shall report to the chair of the committee elected by the Senate.
- G. In the event that there is no project group chair that serves Mental Health Project Group, then all working groups that fit under the Mental Health Project Group shall report to the Vice President.

Section 11

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT GROUP

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

- C. It shall be charged with addressing mental health interests for students and enacting initiatives that promote mental wellbeing and destigmatization on campus.
- D. When possible, members of this Project Group shall be appointed to the appropriate University committees to gain more input into the decisions affecting mental health initiatives.
- E. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President
- F. The Mental Health Project Group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- G. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the Mental Health Project Groups.
 - e. Working groups and initiatives shall report to the chair of the Project Group committee elected by the Senate.
- H. In the event that there is no project group chair that serves the Mental Health Project Group, then all working groups that fit under the Mental Health Project Group shall report to the Vice President.

Section 12

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.
 - i. Failure to follow reporting guidelines will result in a conduct meeting between the individual and the Student Senate Executive Board. It is at the discretion of the Executive 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 Executive 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 (Executive 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.
 - i. 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.
 - i. 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

Hayden Johnson's Administration (2023-2024)

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| i. Elsaleh, Amal | v. Fahmi, Veronica | ix. Yahya, Fatima |
| ii. Glory-Ejoyoka, Nelson | vi. Jadallah, Zaynah | |
| iii. Khaimov, Batsheva | vii. Suleiman, Noor | |
| iv. Karaali, Mohamed | viii. Syed, Huda | |

Yusra Zouani's Administration (2022-2023)

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| i. Ahmad, Ibrahim | v. Bedi, Mannat | |
| ii. Alatabi, Hasan | vi. Pendergast-Morales, Vivian | |
| iii. Bagdon, Lukis | | |
| iv. Bedi, Danishi | | |

Sailor Mayes' Administration (2021-2022)

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

Riya Chhabra's Administration (2020-2021)

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

Stuart Baum's Administration (2019-20)

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

Stuart Baum's Administration (2018-19)

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

Nourhan Hamadi's Administration (2017-18)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| i. Ashley, K. Conner | iv. Curtiss, Kristina | vii. Rass, Amal |
| ii. Badr, Amira | v. Foreman, Alan | viii. Zeolla, Donald |
| iii. Baraka, Summer | vi. Oughton, Andrew | |

Anthony Eid's Administration (2016-17)

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

William Alexander's Administration (2015-16)

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

Adham Aljahmi's Administration (2013-14)

- i. Aljhami, Adham*** iii. Giroux, Erika v. Shamoun, Brandon
ii. Boulis, Marwan iv. Mehwidl, Maya

Tasneem Ahmed's Administration (2012-13)

i. Ahmed, Tasneem

- ii. Vuljaj, Ardiana

Kevin Tatulyan's Administration (2011-12)

i. Tatulyan, Kevin

Amanda Carnegie's Administration (2010-11)

No records found.

James Gale's Administration (2009-10)

No records found.

Jake Kinde's Administration (2008-09)

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

Cindy Chidi's Administration (2007-08)

- i. Borchard, Holly v. Dyjach, Andrew ix. Williams, Marissa
ii. Burkett, Joseph vi. Jackson, Polly

iii. Cansley, Lauren

vii. Kent, Robert

iv. Chidi, Cindy

viii. Perkins, Tiffany

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: _____