



**Wayne State University
Student Senate
March 21st, 2024**

Resolution 2324-20

**By-Law Amendment
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Rabika Ali, Dhruval Bhatt, Finnley Culhane, *Parliamentary Committee***

A resolution to amend the Wayne State University Student Senate bylaws as presented.

THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACT:

—BY-LAW AS WRITTEN—

ARTICLE V

Section 1
ATTENDANCE

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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.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Continued lack of participation may be grounds for removal from office, at the guidance of the Vice President, at the discretion of E-BoardParticipation 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.

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SPONSORING LEGISLATION
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 - a. 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.
 - b. **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.**
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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

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RATIONALE _____

The WSU Student Senate recognizes that attendance at Senate meetings is important. This includes general body meetings, executive board meetings, committee meetings, and project group meetings. As seen in previous terms, lack of attendance has generally gone unpenalized. In an attempt to ensure that Senate members are regularly participating and upholding their commitments, these new amendments provide an explicit attendance policy for Senate meetings with possible steps for disciplinary action. It is the hope of the Parliamentary Committee that these changes will improve attendance overall and encourage Senate members to continue to uphold their commitments to the student body and their fellow Senators.

MOVED to APPROVE THE BYLAW CHANGES AS PRESENTED by: Senator **SHAMAM** AND **SECONDED** by: Senator **ROUGNY**.

INTRODUCED ON 18 March 2024 **TO THE** PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTION X UNANIMOUS

PASSED **FAILED** **VOTE**

FINAL ACTION TAKEN [X] 19-0-0 21 March 2024

PASSED **FAILED** **VOTE** **DATE**

VOTED APPROVED BY:



PRESIDENT: Hayden Johnson

SECRETARY: Rabika Ali