



**Wayne State University**  
**Student Senate**  
16 November 2023

**By-Law Amendment**  
**Huda Syed, *Parliamentarian***  
**Fatima Yahya, Rachel John, & Rabika Ali, *Parliamentary Committee***  
**Co-Sponsor: Dhruval Bhatt (Housing & Residential Life)**  
16 November 2023

**RESOLUTION 2324-04**

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

**—BY-LAW AS WRITTEN—**

**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.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**PROJECT GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

*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 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. 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.
- C. The Director of Public Relations shall serve as the Chair of this project group.
- D. The Events project group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained
- E. 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 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
  - 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 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.

**ARTICLE V**  
**STUDENT SENATE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Section 7*

**HOUSING REP**

- A. 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.

— **BY-LAW AS AMENDED** —

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OPERATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE MEETINGS**

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**ARTICLE VIII**  
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*Section 4*

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROJECT GROUP**

- G. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but **at least** ~~no less than~~ four (4) voting members.
- H. It shall be responsible for all pertinent information concerning, but not limited to, city, state, and federal bills and laws concerning this university.
- I. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- J. The Director of Governmental Affairs shall serve as the Chair of this Project Group.
- K. The Governmental Affairs Project Group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.

- L. 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 7*

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS ~~EVENTS~~ COMMITTEE**

- G. It shall have as many members as necessary to conduct business, but **at least** ~~no less than~~ (2) voting members.
- H. It shall be charged with planning and promoting all Student Senate-sponsored events. 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.
- I. The Director of Public Relations shall serve as the Chair of this committee.
- J. The **Public Relations** ~~Events~~ project group is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained
  - K. every academic year.
- L. Shall allow for working groups that may fit under the realm of the **Public Relations** ~~Events~~ project group
  - a. Working groups shall report to the Director of Public Relations

#### *Section 9*

#### **J.E.D.I. (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion) PROJECT GROUP**

- G. It shall have as many members necessary to conduct business, but no less than four (4) voting members.
- H. It shall be charged with looking at justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion issues on campus.
- I. 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.
- J. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President.
- K. The JEDI is a standing project group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- L. 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.
- M. 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.**

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- I. 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.
- J. It shall consider and make recommendations on any and all matters referred by the Senate President
- K. The Public Health is a standing Project Group that must be formed and maintained every academic year.
- L. 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.
- M. 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.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **STUDENT SENATE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### *Section 7*

#### **HOUSING REP**

- 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** ~~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.

#### **—— RATIONALE ——**

1. Making sure that only general body meetings are open to the public.
2. Updating a few words and language for easy understanding and some updates on terms for certain project groups.
3. To ensure that all project groups and their working groups have a responsibility to report their initiatives and reports to a certain member in case there is no one to report to.
4. Mental health project group is added to the by-laws.
5. Housing representative goes to the correct person when contacting their respective representative.

**MOVED** to approve bylaw amendment as presented by: Senator **BHATT** AND **SECONDED** by: Senator **SHAMAM**.

<b>ACTION</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Voice majority</b>	<u>  11.16.23  </u>
	<b>PASSED FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**VOTE APPROVED BY:**



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**PRESIDENT: Hayden Johnson**



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**SECRETARY: Rabika Ali**