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Student Government Association

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TITLE: SB-61-014: Legislative Review Bylaws Changes

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1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate that:

2 **1. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to add:**

3 1.2.2 Should both the Vice President and the Chief of Operations be absent or have a
4 conflict of interest regarding the specific piece of business being discussed by the Senate, the
5 Senate shall nominate one of their own to serve as Chairperson for the current piece of
6 legislation, confirming said nomination with a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote.

7 **2. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to read:**

8 1.3.2.3 The members of the Cabinet, the Student Advocate, and other Association
9 appointees shall retain speaking and procedural rights, *but under no circumstances retain voting*
10 *rights unless that individual is currently serving as the Chairperson.*

11 ~~1.3.2.3.1 If a member of the Cabinet, the Student Advocate, or another Association~~
12 ~~appointee is not serving as the Chairperson and is not also a Senator, that member may~~
13 ~~under no circumstances retain voting rights.~~

14 **3. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to read:**

15 1.3.2.6 *Emeritus status shall be given as a permanent status to honor and recognize the accomplishments of*
16 *significantly dedicated individuals who have served in Student Government and Student Senate.*

17 1.3.2.6.1 *Any individual with emeritus status shall retain speaking rights but may under*
18 *no circumstances retain procedural or voting rights.*

19 ~~1.3.2.6 Any individual with emeritus status shall retain speaking rights but may under no~~
20 ~~circumstances retain procedural or voting rights.~~

21 1.3.2.6.1 ~~Emeritus shall be given as a permanent status to honor and recognize the~~
22 ~~accomplishments of significantly dedicated individuals who have served in Student~~
23 ~~Government and Student Senate.~~

24 4. **Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to read:**

25 1.4.5 ~~Unfinished~~ ~~Incomplete~~ agenda items excluding resolutions and funding bills shall be
26 placed on the agenda for the next Senate meeting under Unfinished Business.

27 5. **Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to add:**

28 1.5 The Vice President may, with the approval of the President, call one or more pieces of
29 business to an email vote.

30 1.5.1 An email vote may only be called at such a time when the next regularly
31 scheduled Senate meeting is at least two weeks away.

32 1.5.2 An email vote may only be called to handle the vote of the following:

33 1.5.2.1 A funding bill which has been deemed to be of timely nature

34 1.5.2.2 A Senate bill which appoints an individual to a position

35 1.5.2.3 Any Senate bill which has already been given a first read at a
36 previous Senate meeting

37 1.5.2.4 A motion made by a Senator to remove a piece of business from an
38 email vote, as outlined in section 1.5.6

39 1.5.3 Upon calling an email vote, the Vice President shall send out an email to each
40 member of the Senate. This email shall announce the vote, list which legislation shall
41 be voted upon, provide instructions for how to vote, and provide a deadline for
42 when a response to the email vote is due.

43 1.5.4 Senators shall have 24 hours following the initial email to make their
44 responses.

45 1.5.5 Senators shall, in their response, respond to each piece of business by either
46 voting in favor of or against the business.

47 1.5.6 Senators may also make a motion in their response requesting that a certain
48 piece of business be taken off the email vote and instead voted on at the next Senate
49 meeting.

50 1.5.6.1 If such a motion is made, the Vice President shall postpone the vote
51 on the business in question and shall instead call to order a separate email vote in
52 which the motion is the piece of business to be voted on.

53 1.5.6.2 This separate email vote shall operate using the same rules as any
54 other email vote, except that a motion cannot be made to remove the motion from
55 this separate vote.

56 1.5.6.3 The Vice President shall, in calling the separate vote, make it clear
57 to the Senate that a vote in affirmation of the motion is a vote in favor of

postponing the business in question to the next Senate meeting, and a vote in negation of the motion is a vote in favor of keeping the business in question on an email vote.

1.5.6.4 If the motion is passed by the Senate, the business in question shall be added to the agenda of the next Senate meeting and cannot be brought to an email vote again. If the motion is failed by the Senate, the business in question shall be added once again to an email vote, restarting the 24 hour response deadline, and a motion requesting the removal of the business from the email vote shall no longer be allowed.

1.5.7 At the end of the 24 hour voting period the Vice President shall count the submitted email votes. A quorum of votes is needed for the vote to be considered legitimate. If no quorum is met, the vote cannot be put to an email vote again.

1.5.8 If a piece of business is passed or failed by the Senate, the business shall be treated as if it were to be passed or failed at a regular Senate meeting.

1.5.9 The Vice President shall announce the results of any email vote in an email sent out to all Senators.

6. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to read:

2.1.3.2 Submission for an excused absence must be made 24 hours in advance and approved by the Vice President through the *Association's chosen organization management software* ~~OrgSync~~ ~~portal~~ unless otherwise discussed with the Vice President

7. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to read:

2.1.7 To comply with the Association's dress code as outlined in Article ~~III~~ ~~V~~, Section 3 of the Bylaws;

2.1.8 To maintain two (2) working hours per week, when classes are in session, for the benefit of the Association as directed by the Chairperson of one's committee or the Vice President.

2.1.8.1 Failure to participate in two (2) working hours will subject a Senator to Senate Review Board as outlined in S061

2.1.8.2 *Working hours must be submitted through the Association's chosen organization management software by the Wednesday ~~Sunday~~ following assignment by 11:59 p.m.*

2.1.8.3 *If a Senator for some reason cannot perform the assigned office hours, the Senator must make the Vice President aware 24 hours in advance and have it approved by the Vice President through the Association's chosen organization management software unless otherwise discussed with the Vice President*

2.1.8.4 If the Vice President does not respond to an excuse submission within 24 hours of receipt, the submission is automatically approved

2.1.9 To complete University offered trainings in accordance with Article III, Section 6 of the Bylaws the following University offered trainings:

2.1.9.1 Safe Zone LGBTQ;

2.1.9.2 Gender Diversity;

2.1.9.3 Recognizing Microaggressions;

2.1.9.4 Diversity in the Workplace;

2.1.9.5 A specialized mental health training session for Senators

conducted by the Counseling and Testing Center; and

2.1.9.5.1 The goals of the session shall be to learn to

recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges and to know how to

respond appropriately.

2.1.9.6 Green Zone

2.1.10 To maintain one working hour in the Association's office per week during one's term when classes are in session for the completion of projects as directed by the Chairperson of one's committee or the Vice President.

2.1.10.1 Failure to participate in three (3) office hours will subject a Senator to Senate Review Board as outlined in S061

2.1.10.2 Office hours must be submitted through the OrgSync portal by the Sunday following assignment by 11:59 p.m.

2.1.10.3 If a Senator for some reason cannot perform the assigned office hours, the Senator must make the Vice President aware 24 hours in advance and have it approved by the Vice President through the OrgSync portal unless otherwise discussed with the Vice President

2.1.10.4 If the Vice President does not respond to an excuse submission within 24 hours of receipt, the submission is automatically approved

8. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 1 to read:

1.2.2 To appoint the Court Justices as provided for in Article V, Section 1;

1.2.3 To appoint Association members to positions in pursuit of purposes of the Association, subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Senate, unless otherwise specified;

1.2.4 To recommend to the Senate any policy, which the individual considers to be in pursuit and expedient of the purposes of the Association;

- 125 1.2.5 To call any special sessions of the Senate according to the expectations of Article IV,
126 Section 9 of the Constitution;
- 127 1.2.6 To assume a term of office for one year that shall commence two weeks after official
128 election results are announced;
- 129 1.2.7 To create or dissolve executive committees to aid in the fulfillment of the position's
130 duties;
- 131 ~~1.2.5 To recommend to the Senate any policy or action which they believe expedient in~~
132 ~~achieving the purpose of the Association;~~
- 133 ~~1.2.6 To make available to the members of the Association the current edition of the~~
134 ~~Legislative Journal, containing the up-to-date Constitution, Student Bill of Rights, Bylaws,~~
135 ~~and Statutes collected according to the procedure outlined in S023;~~
- 136 1.2.7 To attend meetings of the Kansas Board of Regents and the Students' Advisory
137 Committee as the Association's delegate;
- 138 1.2.8 To request that the President of the University convene a meeting of the
139 Coordinating Council;
- 140 1.2.9 To maintain 20 to 30 working hours per week during one's term including when
141 classes are not in session, except on days when University offices are closed, *in addition to*
142 *Senate meetings*;
- 143 **9. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 1 to read:**
- 144 ~~1.3.4 To supervise the Association's public relations efforts in coordination with the~~
145 ~~Director of Public Relations;~~
- 146 1.3.5 To assist the President in the collection and review of applications, interviews, and
147 making selections for appointment to any vacant Association position;
- 148 1.3.6 To maintain a current roster including the names and contact information for all
149 elected or appointed officials of the Association;
- 150 1.3.7 To supervise the activities of the Senate Committees and the fulfillment of the
151 Senators' duties;
- 152 1.3.8 To recommend to the Senate any policy or action which they believe expedient in
153 improving the internal operation of the Senate and the Association's office;

1.3.9 To maintain 20 to 30 working hours per week during one's term including when classes are not in session, except on days when University offices are closed, *including Senate meetings*;

10. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 1 to read:

1.4.5 To ensure that all contracts to which the Association or any organization recognized according to the regulations and procedures outlined in S002 is party *to or are* executed according to University policy;

1.4.7 To serve as the Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee;

1.4.8 To maintain 20 to 30 working hours per week during one's term including when classes are not in session, except on days when University offices are closed, *in addition to Senate meetings*;

11. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 to read:

2.2.1 *The incoming President, Cabinet members, and Student Advocate shall be required to complete University offered trainings in accordance with Article III, Section 6 of the Bylaws the following University offered trainings within 45 days of appointment, or within a different reasonable amount of time if requested by the University organization hosting the training:*

~~2.1.9.1 Safe Zone LGBTQ;~~

~~2.1.9.2 Gender Diversity;~~

~~2.1.9.3 Recognizing Microaggressions;~~

~~2.1.9.4 Diversity in the Workplace;~~

~~2.1.9.5 Mental Health First Aid; and~~

~~2.1.9.6 Green Zone~~

12. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 to read:

2.3.3.16 To maintain 25 working hours per week during one's term including when classes are not in session, except on days when University offices are closed, *including Senate meetings*; ~~in addition to attending Senate meetings.~~

13. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 to read:

~~2.4.1 The Director of Public Relations may be appointed according to the procedure outlined in S034 and compensated according to S062.~~

2.4.2 The Director of Public Relations shall serve a term no longer than one year ending at the last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the session to which they are appointed.

2.4.3 The Director of Public Relations shall be responsible to fulfill the following duties:

2.4.3.1 To manage the public relations efforts of the Association ~~as directed by the Vice President~~, including the following:

188 2.4.3.1.1 The Association's online and social media presence;

189 2.4.3.1.2 The advertisement of services and programming sponsored by
190 the Association;

191 2.4.3.1.3 The issuing and distribution of press releases regarding the
192 activities of the Association;

193 2.3.3.2 To report at each Senate meeting on the Association's public relations efforts;

194 2.4.3.3 To record minutes of each official Cabinet and Senate meeting and to upload
195 these to the *Association's chosen student organization management system* ~~WSU Student Government~~
196 ~~Association OrgSync website~~, which shall be uploaded no later than thirty (30) days after
197 each meeting;

198 - 2.4.3.4 To advertise on the Association's online and social media presence, in the
199 Shocker Blast, and in any other appropriate media outlet any vacancies in Association
200 positions at least one business week prior to an appointment to a vacant position;

201 2.4.3.5 To ~~coordinate the Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship according to the~~
202 ~~procedure outlined in S088;~~

203 2.4.3.5 *To chair the Association Scholarship Committee as outlined in Article II Section 4 of*
204 *the Bylaws;*

205 2.4.3.67 To plan and execute the Association's annual banquet at the end of the
206 Spring semester;

207 2.4.3.78 To complete any assignment as directed by the President and the Vice
208 President;

209 2.4.3.89 To maintain 20 working hours per week, ~~in addition to attending Senate and~~
210 ~~Programming Committee meetings. During one's term including when classes are not in session, except~~
211 ~~on days when University offices are closed, including Senate meetings;~~

212 **14. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 3 to strike:**

213 3.3.1.2 ~~The Director of Public Relations shall serve as the Chairperson of the Programming~~
214 ~~Committee.~~

215 3.3.1.3 ~~The Vice President of the Association shall serve as the Chairperson of the Shocker~~
216 ~~Support Locker Committee.~~

217 3.2.1.3.1 ~~—The Vice President of the Association shall report directly to the~~
218 ~~Chief of Operations on the activities of the Committee.~~

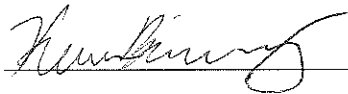
219 **15. Amend Bylaws Article III to add Section 6, which shall be titled “University**
220 **Offered Trainings” and shall read as follows:**

221 6.1 The incoming President, Cabinet members, Student Advocate, Senators, and
222 members of the Supreme Court shall be required to complete at least eight (8) hours of
223 University offered diversity trainings across no fewer than three (3) trainings.

224 6.2 The incoming President shall coordinate with the University and determine when
225 trainings will be held by August 1st of the year they were elected.

226 6.3 All trainings must be completed by the end of the Fall semester following the
227 election or must otherwise be completed within three months of the official’s appointment.

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229 **APPROVED: 29th Day of August, 2018**

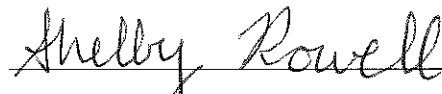
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