

The Rockhurst University Student Senate Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rockhurst University Student Senate, hereafter to be referred to as Student Senate.

Article II – Purpose

We, the Student Senate of Rockhurst University, in order to promote the interests and concerns of the undergraduate student body in matters that affect the University community, shall maintain and improve the rights and general welfare of the students; stimulate and promote support among students for policies beneficial to their interests; strengthen understanding and communication between students and the University; and uphold the ideals and values of the Catholic Jesuit tradition through learning, leadership, and service.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. General Membership

Regular membership of this organization shall be open to Rockhurst University full time undergraduate students of any race, color, sex, creed, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation and disability.

Section 2. Membership requirements

1. Students seeking election to the Student Senate must not be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in Disciplinary Probation I or II and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. The bi-annual election procedures are outlined in By-Law I.

Section 3. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership.

Section 4. Removal from Office

1. All members of the Student Senate may be subject to removal from office.
2. Any direct violation or disregard of any part of this Constitution or its By-Laws or committing any of the following acts shall be considered just cause for impeachment:
 - a. Failure to uphold the Oath of Office
 - b. Failure to maintain regular attendance – see By-Law IV, Section 1.
 - c. Failure to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
 - d. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in being placed on Disciplinary Probation I or II
 - e. Abuse of power
 - f. Conviction of a criminal offense
3. The impeachment process shall proceed according to the following guidelines:

- a. Any member of the student body may request an investigation of a member of the Student Senate for impeachment.
- b. With any such request, a letter of charges must be presented to the Executive Board of the Student Senate. A petition to remove the member in question must be submitted to the President. Such a petition must contain the signatures of at least one-half of the Organization members.
- c. Upon the presentation of a petition for impeachment to the Executive Board, all evidence supporting the impeachment charges must be submitted, along with a list of any and all witnesses who might be called upon to testify in the impeachment hearing.
- d. The Executive Board shall then be responsible for investigating all impeachment charges for proper just cause and verification of the constitutionality of the charges before the Student Senate takes action on the said charges.
- e. When and if the Executive Board provides its approval to the charges, the Student Senate shall be ready to hold impeachment hearings, at which time the accused shall have the opportunity to present a defense.
- f. A conviction shall consist of two-thirds quorum vote.
- g. If an impeached Senator receives a conviction, the individual shall be removed from office and relieved of all Senate-related duties immediately.

Section 4. Apportionment

1. The Student Senate shall have the power to reapportion itself according to published current enrollment statistics provided by the university.
2. The total membership of the Student Senate shall not exceed twenty-eight students, including the President and Executive Vice President.
3. The number of Senators to serve for the following year will be set prior to the Spring election.

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 1. List of Executive Board Members

The Executive Board of the Student Senate shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Executive Vice President
3. Vice President of Finance
4. Vice President of Programming
5. Executive Secretary

Section 2. Election of the President and Executive Vice President

1. President and Executive Vice President shall run on a ticket together. Both candidates must have served one year on the Student Senate or be in the second semester of completion of their first year on the Student Senate at the time of the election.
2. Election procedures for the President and Executive Vice President are outlined in By-Law I, Section 4.

Section 3. Election of the Executive Board

Executive Board members of the Student Senate, with the exception of President and Executive Vice President, shall be elected the first meeting following the Spring Elections by a majority vote of quorum as outlined in By-Law I, Section 7.

Section 4. Length of Term

Executive Board members shall take office the first meeting following the Spring Elections and shall hold office for a period of one calendar year.

Section 5. Conduct of the Executive Board

All Executive Board members must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA and shall not be on academic or Disciplinary Probation level I or II at the time of their elections and throughout their terms in office. All Executive Board members shall sign the student leadership agreement and uphold the standards thereof. Executive Board members failing to meet these requirements will be removed from office. Executive Board members are responsible for reporting an infraction to this rule to the Advisor.

Section 6. Vacancy

If an Executive Board position becomes vacant, the procedures in By-Law I, Section 7, at the discretion of the President, will be followed within two weeks while classes are in session to fill said vacancy.

Section 7. Removal from Office

Any Executive Board member may be impeached from office for failure to perform the duties of their office – see Article IV, Section 8 for duties.

1. A petition to remove the member in question must be submitted to the President. Such a petition must contain the signatures of at least one-half of the Organization members.
2. Should the President be impeached, the petition shall be submitted to the Executive Vice President who shall carry out the President's duties during the impeachment process.
3. The grounds for removal are to be presented by the President at a regular or special Student Senate meeting.
4. The member in question shall be provided an opportunity to present a defense either in person or in writing.
5. A two-thirds vote of quorum shall decide upon removal, with voting to occur after a thorough discussion of the charges and related evidence. The person in question shall not be present during discussion and voting.

Section 8. Duties of the Executive Board

1. The duties of the President of the Student Senate shall be as follows:
 - a. To serve as the chief executive officer of the Student Senate;

- b. To lead the Student Senate and the University in a positive direction during the duration of his or her administration;
 - c. To ensure that the constitution and its bylaws are followed to the full extent;
 - d. To undertake all the responsibilities and tasks that such a role demands;
 - e. To preside over the meetings of the Student Senate;
 - f. To serve as the deciding vote in the event of a tie;
 - g. To possess the power of the veto, the power to convene meetings of the Executive Board, and the power to call an emergency meeting of the Student Senate at Large as necessary;
 - h. To uphold the parliamentary authority of the eleventh edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
 - i. To ensure that Student Senate is registered properly with the Student Life Office;
 - j. To serve on the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee or to appoint the Executive Vice President to serve in his/her place;
 - k. To serve on the Student Welfare Committee;
 - l. To serve on the Student Development Committee of the Board of Trustees;
2. The duties of the Executive Vice President shall be as follows:
- a. To assist the President in any way possible during the duration of his or her administration;
 - b. To preside over meetings in the event of the absence of the President;
 - c. To ascend to the Presidency and appoint a Vice President from within the current Student Senate, should the President resign or be impeached;
 - d. To serve on the Student Welfare Committee;
 - e. To oversee all public relations, marketing, and promotions.
3. The duties of the Vice President of Finance shall be as follows:
- a. To serve as the chief financial officer of the Student Senate;
 - b. To balance the accounts of the Student Senate
 - c. To serve on the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee and to act as the student liaison between that committee and the Student Senate;
 - d. To serve as chair of the Senate Finance Committee;
 - e. To present to the Executive Board a weekly report on the activities of the budget of the Student Senate and the budget of the University at large;
 - f. To request funding from the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee, and to undertake all the responsibilities and tasks that such a role demands;
 - g. To, at the end of each semester, review the expenses of the previous semester and identify funding priorities for the upcoming semester, which shall then be submitted to the Student Senate and then the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee for their respective approval;
 - h. To audit and review the financial records of any organization that has received funding through the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee where necessary.
4. The duties of the Vice President of Programming shall be as follows:
- a. To plan and implement reoccurring programs held by the Senate, which may include but are not limited to the following: Town Hall, House of

Representatives, Leadership Symposium Week, Midnight Breakfast, Welcome BBQ;

- b. To work with the Committee Chairpersons in planning programs specific to their areas of interest;
 - c. To head spontaneous and special programming efforts.
5. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be as follows:
- a. To serve as the chief clerical officer of the Student Senate;
 - b. To take the minutes of the meetings of the Student Senate, and distribute those minutes to the Student Senate at large, as well as to make those minutes and additional information regarding the Student Senate available to the student body;
 - c. To make room reservation requests and coordinate logistics of Senate events;
 - d. To take attendance and keep track of absences.

Section 9: Order of Succession

In the event that the President of the Student Senate shall be rendered incapable or unwilling to fulfill his or her duties, the order of succession shall be as follows:

1. Executive Vice President
2. Vice President of Finance
3. Vice President of Programming
4. Executive Secretary

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. Student Senate At Large Meetings

The Student Senate shall be expected to hold a regular meeting at a consistent time and place once a week. Meetings may be either Full Senate meetings or Committee Meetings. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Board when the need arises.

Section 2. Official Business

A quorum must be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include the election of the Executive Board and of Committee Chairs, ratifying constitutions, voting on legislation, and any other major decisions affecting the Student Senate

Article VI – Committees

Section 1. Committees

1. The Executive Board shall assign committees to each member of the Senate based on, in order of significance: preference, seniority, credit hours completed, and coin toss, if necessary.
2. The Executive Board shall have the authority to create any special committee that will further the purpose of the Student Senate.
3. The committees shall be chaired by a Committee Chairperson.
4. The Committee Chairperson shall be elected by the committee on which he or she serves. Committee Chairpersons shall serve as the main liaisons between their

- respective University Officials and Senate. These officers are separate from the Executive Board and are expected to fulfill their respective duties and prepare reports for the General Senate.
5. Committee chairs shall be elected after the election of the Executive Board and before the fall elections.

Section 2. Standing Committees

1. Social Justice Committee – advocate for social justice initiatives, which includes inclusion and diversity, sustainability, connection to the Kansas City community, Fair Trade, and service; promote the incorporation of the Jesuit Core Values into Student Senate policy
2. Finance Committee – track and record all spending and allocations received for the Student Senate; review all bills that allocate money from the Co-Sponsorship budget; members are eligible to serve as members of the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee
3. Campus Life Committee – advocate for improvements in lifestyle in the following areas: dining, residence life, computer services, Greek life, athletics, campus ministry, and any other department that affects the campus life of students
4. University Affairs Committee – review constitutional amendments and submittals from Rockhurst student organizations; review policies related to academics, security, discipline, and admissions

Article VII – Finances

Section 1. Student Senate Funds

1. The Student Senate shall properly engage in the process mandated by the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee for requesting funds from the Student Activity Fee each semester.
2. The Student Senate shall ensure that all funds received from the Student Activity Fee are used properly and that accurate records of all spending are kept for two years.
3. The Student Senate recognizes that the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee reserves the right to conduct an audit on the Student Senate at any time and may impose penalties for the improper use of allocated funds, including but not limited to the suspension of future funding, at the committee's discretion.

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority shall be the eleventh edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IX – House of Representatives

Section 1. Representatives

The Organization must send a representative to attend the monthly meetings of the House of Representatives. It is expected that the representative act as a liaison between the Organization and the House, keeping strong communication between the two groups. Failure of the Organization to send a representative to all House of Representative meetings may subject the Organization to reduced funding from the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee.

Section 2. House of Representative Responsibility

It shall be the duty of the Student Senate to plan and conduct House of Representatives meetings.

Article X –Advisor

Section 1. Student Senate Advisor

As required by the University, Student Senate will have an Advisor. The Advisor shall be either the Dean of Students or his or her designee.

Section 2. Role of the Advisor

The Student Senate Advisor shall oversee the actions of the Student Senate as a non-voting member, and provide a liaison between the Senate and the University Administration.

Section 3. Disciplinary Oversight

The Advisor is responsible for requesting and receiving academic and disciplinary reports for members. The Office of Student Development will verify if students are eligible to hold office according to the requirements of the Organization. The advisor will submit said requirements to the office of student development, and staff will inform advisors if students are eligible or ineligible. The exact details may not be shared regarding grade point averages and/or discipline records, but the advisor will be notified of students' eligibility.

Section 4. Specific Duties of the Advisor

For more specific duties of the Student Senate Advisor, please refer to the Advisor Agreement Form, which is available in the Office of Student Life.

Article XI – Amendments

Section 1.

All amendments to this constitution require previous notice of one week prior to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2.

All amendments require a two-thirds vote of quorum for adoption.

Section 3.

Amendments become effective only after approval by the Student Senate, Student Welfare Committee, and the President of the University.

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By-Laws of the Rockhurst University Student Senate

By-Law I – Election and Appointment Procedures

Section 1. Election Provisions

1. The Student Senate shall hold two annual elections: a general election to be conducted the second week of April, hereafter referred to as “spring elections” and a freshman election in which only freshmen may run and vote is to be conducted the second week of September, hereafter referred to as “fall elections.”
2. Up to seventeen (17) members of the Student Senate, including the President and Executive Vice President, may be elected during the spring elections.
3. Up to five (5) members of the freshman class may be elected to the Senate during the fall elections, unless all seventeen spots have not been filled during the spring elections at which time more freshman may be elected to fill vacant seats.
4. The number of Student Senators is not to exceed 28 members, including the President and Executive Vice President.

Section 2. Election Committee

1. The Election Committee is charged with the oversight, execution, and enforcement of the Student Senate elections and candidate campaigning regulations.
2. Membership of the Election Committee shall consist of one committee chair, who shall serve as the election commissioner, and two to four additional Student Senate members. All members of the spring Election Committee shall have at least one year of experience and be made ineligible to serve in the Student Senate for the following term. All members of the fall election committee shall consist of Senators with at least one year of experience.
 - a. In the instance that there are not enough outgoing senators to serve as a member of the election committee, it is up to the discretion of the Student Senate members, having served at least two years, to act as an unbiased opinion and not pursue an interest in running on a ticket as President and Vice President.
 - b. The chair of the committee is appointed by the president.
 - c. Nominations for the committee member positions will be solicited by the election commissioner no later than the last week of January for the spring elections and no later than the last week of July for the fall elections

- d. The Rockhurst University Student Senate will recommend four of the nominees and final approval will be given through a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.
- e. The election commissioner will be charged with issuing an Official Notice of the Student Senate elections to the student body no later than the second week of March for the spring elections and no later than the second week of August for the fall elections. The Official Notice must include:
 - i. Information about eligibility for office;
 - ii. Basic information regarding election timelines, practices, procedures, and requirements.

Section 3. Campaigning

1. Campaigning may begin two (2) weeks prior to the general election.
 - a. Campaigning includes, but is not limited to, any public announcement of candidacy to an organized group of students, on any public forum, and in any public space.
 - b. Other forms of campaigning include, but are not limited to, posters, flyers, websites, t-shirts, social media and other giveaways.
2. Spending limit
 - a. For an individual or individuals campaigning together, the value of campaign costs cannot exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), including donations.
 - b. Receipts for all expenses must be turned into the election commissioner at the conclusion of the campaign period.
3. Candidate Endorsement
 - a. The Rockhurst University Student Senate, or its subsidiaries, may not endorse a candidate(s). Subsidiaries of the Rockhurst University Student Senate are defined as any board, committee, or formal group existing as an aspect of the Rockhurst University Student Senate, including the Executive Committee.
 - b. Student organizations, may endorse a candidate(s).
 - c. Rockhurst University funds and/or items purchased with Rockhurst University funds may not be used for the purpose of endorsing, or in any way supporting, a candidate.
 - d. Rockhurst University funds and/or items purchased with Rockhurst University funds may be used for the purpose of an incentive program for students to vote.
 - e. The official offices of Rockhurst University may not endorse a candidate in any way including, but not limited to, social media, posters, flyers, t-shirts, and any other forms of advertisements.
4. Campaign Infractions
 - a. If a voting member of the Rockhurst University Student Senate witnesses or suspects campaign infractions by a candidate(s), he or she may file a formal complaint, requiring no signatures but his or her own, with the election commissioner.

- b. Upon receipt of the complaint, the election commissioner may convene the Election Committee to review the allegations.
- c. The committee will then determine first the validity of the allegations, and, if necessary, the repercussions for the violations.
- d. If a candidate wishes to appeal a decision to the Standards Committee, they may do so through the procedures outlined under Article IV, Section 7.4 and 7.5

Section 4. Appointment Provisions

1. Student Senate may appoint members to represent the student body.
2. Candidates who are not elected or candidates who choose not to run via election, if they meet the requirements to run for Senate as outlined in Section 3, are eligible to run for Senate via appointment.
3. No more than six (6) Senators shall be appointed except in the case of resignations and openings.
4. Those seeking appointment by the Senate shall be interviewed by standing senators. Quorum must be present in order to conduct the interview, and only those Senators present at the interview may vote on a potential appointee. Applicants shall be voted on individually, and must receive a two-thirds super majority vote in order to receive an appointment.
5. Appointments shall take place following the annual fall elections.

Section 5. Requirements to Run for Student Senate

1. Individuals seeking election or appointment to the Senate at large must obtain 25 signatures from the student body and five (5) signatures from faculty or staff.
2. All candidates seeking office must complete the FERPA Waiver.
3. Prior to elections, the Dean of Students Office will review all candidates for discipline violations and for academic compliance, which requires a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA.
4. Should a candidate be found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and placed on Disciplinary Probation I or II, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the election process. Should a candidate be found to have a cumulative GPA lower than 2.5, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the election process.

Section 6. Election Procedures of the President and Executive Vice President

1. President and Executive Vice President candidates shall run on a ticket together. Both candidates must have served at least one year on the Student Senate or be in the second semester of their first year on the Student Senate at the time of the election.
2. Individuals seeking to be elected as the President or Executive Vice President of the Senate must obtain 100 signatures each from the student body and five (5) signatures each from faculty or staff.
3. Election of the President and Executive Vice President shall take place at the same time as the spring elections.

4. All tickets shall be listed on an electronic ballot that is to be emailed to all undergraduate students.
5. Students voting may vote for one ticket.
6. The President and Executive Vice President ticket receiving a plurality vote of the student population shall be elected to office.
7. In the case of a tie, the President and Executive Vice President shall be decided by the current Student Senate.
8. The President and Executive Vice President shall take office at the meeting following their election and shall remain in office for a period of one year.
9. Those candidates who run for President and Executive Vice President but are not elected may still be considered for general Senate membership.

Section 7. Election Procedures of the General Student Senate

1. All candidates running for Student Senate shall be listed on an electronic ballot that is to be emailed to all undergraduate students.
2. Students voting may vote for up to 17 Senate candidates.
3. The 17 Senate candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.
4. General Student Senators shall take office at the meeting following their election and shall remain in office for a period of one year.

Section 8. Appeals

Any individual with conflict shall remove or recuse themselves from the process. The individual shall have the right to appeal an election decision within 24 hours of the closing of polls. The Dean of Students Office and the outgoing Executive Board shall hear appeals unless there is a conflict of interest for those holding office.

Section 9. Elections of the Executive Board

1. At the first meeting following the spring elections, the Student Senate shall elect its Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Programming, and Executive Secretary by a majority vote of quorum.
2. Each member seeking a position on the Executive Board must have previously served one semester on Senate.
3. Elected members of the Executive Board shall take office immediately following their election and shall remain in office for a period of one year.

Section 10. Resignation

A member of the Senate who decides to resign from office shall submit a letter stating his or her intent to resign to the President. If the President decides to resign from office, he or she shall submit a letter stating their intent to resign to the Vice President. The letter shall then be communicated to the rest of the Senate. All resignations are effective immediately and cannot be rescinded once announced at the Senate meeting.

Section 11. Replacement

Members of the Student Senate who choose to resign or who are removed from office shall be replaced using the most appropriate of the following methods:

1. In the case of a Senator resigning or being removed from office, he or she shall be replaced at the discretion of the Executive Board as per the established protocols of the Constitution for appointment.
2. In the case of the resignation or removal from office of both the President and Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Finance will assume the duties of President and shall proceed to appoint an Executive Vice President and Vice President of Finance from within the Senate, subject to a two-thirds approval of the Senate at large.

By-Law II – Oath of Office

All Senators shall be bound by the Student Senate Oath of Office and shall be sworn in at their first meeting following their election or appointment to the Student Senate. The Student Senate President shall swear in all new Senators.

I, (state your name) do solemnly swear that I will serve as a member of the Rockhurst University Student Senate, and I will faithfully carry out my responsibilities for the constituency. I further promise that I will promote the purposes of the Student Senate as set forth in its constitution. So help me God.

By-Law III – Conduct of Elected Senators

Section 1. Ethical Conduct of Senators

Rockhurst University Student Senators, both elected and appointed hold their positions for the benefit of the students. Senators are to observe the highest standard of ethics in all their actions.

1. No officer of Rockhurst University Student Senate shall engage in any business or professional activity, or have any financial interests, direct or indirect, which would place him or her in a position where there is a conflict between their interests and the best interests of the students of Rockhurst University.
2. No officer shall use or allow the use of Student Senate property for any business other than official Senate business. No person shall give, offer, or promise any student officer or student at large any benefit not authorized by the Student Senate.
3. No officer of the Student Senate shall harm or threaten to harm any person by the performance or omission of any act.
4. No officer of the Student Senate shall aid, advise, procure, or in any way induce another individual to act in violation of the University's Code of Conduct.

Section 2. Violation of Code of Conduct

A violation of the Code of Conduct may be cause for and removal from office by any individual, or by any individual or body having lawful authority to take such action.

By-Law IV – Meetings

Section 1. Meeting Details

1. The time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the President and Student Senate and shall be made public to the student body via some medium, e.g., e-mail, student wide publications.
2. Meetings are constructed based on a weekly updated agenda presented by the Student Senate President.
3. The attendance of the entire Student Senate is expected.
4. Each Senator is permitted 3 absences per semester. Anything beyond that needs to be cleared by the majority of the Executive Board (i.e. an event, class or scholarship related activity).
5. Any Senator who fails to uphold this level of attendance is subject to impeachment by the Student Senate.
6. All regular and emergency meetings of the Student Senate shall be made open and accessible to any member of the public or the media unless the Student Senate designates a meeting or portion of a meeting to be closed upon approval of a two-thirds super-majority of the Student Senate at large.
7. Minutes and legislation from all Student Senate meetings shall be made available to members of the public and media through publication and display; however, prior to publication any senator may request to have a portion of the minutes struck from the record upon approval of a two-thirds super-majority vote.

Section 2: Executive Board Meetings

1. The Executive Board of the Student Senate is expected to hold weekly meetings at a time other than that of the at large meetings.
2. In attendance at the Executive Board meetings shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Programming, and Advisor.
3. Times and locations of the Executive Board meetings shall be decided on by the Executive Board and are subject to change.
4. Executive Board meetings are intended to provide a time to discuss issues and prepare upcoming agendas.
5. Any member of Senate may attend an Executive Board meeting at the discretion of the Executive Board, provided that the Senator informs the Executive Board at least one week before the meeting of interest.

By Law V – Legislation

Section 1. Legislative Powers

All legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senate.

Section 2. Rights and Responsibilities

The Student Senate shall have the right and responsibility to:

1. Be actively involved in the decision-making processes concerning administrative policies before public implementation thereof
2. Review the present administrative policies and recommend changes where necessary

3. Concern itself with the full spectrum of problems, opportunities, and responsibilities affecting the student community
4. Legislate its own rules of procedure
5. Provide for the control and disbursement of the student allocated funds through the Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee
6. Conduct business free from intervention.
7. Sponsor, encourage, or publicize any activity or program deemed appropriate by the Student Senate which promotes students' interests
8. Levy and collect special fees for Student Senate sponsored events
9. Approve or deny the charter of a proposed student organization
10. Enact and amend constitutional provisions necessary for the general well being of the student government
11. Take necessary steps to achieve the above-mentioned rights and responsibilities

Section 3: Prohibitions

The Student Senate shall not:

1. Enact any legislation in violation of the constitution
2. Allocate funds for a period of more than one year
3. Deny speaking privileges to non-members of the Student Senate, provided that they abide by Robert's Rules of Order

Section 4: Required Procedures

1. All members and non-members shall follow Parliamentary procedures under Roberts Rules of Order at Student Senate meetings.
2. All senators shall receive one vote on all legislation, with the exception of the President, who shall not vote except as necessary to break a tie.
3. No legislation shall be valid unless a student Senator introduces the legislation, the legislation is read, and the legislation passes by a majority vote of the Student Senate.
4. The President may sign or veto passed legislation, but if he or she does not sign or veto the legislation after ten days, the legislation takes effect.
5. Vetoes legislation may be enacted if passed by a two-thirds super-majority vote of the members of the Student Senate present and voting on it for a second time.
6. Legislation of the Student Senate shall be classified as bills and resolutions.
7. It is the duty of the President and Executive Vice President, with assistance from the Executive Board and Student Senate at large, to faithfully execute approved legislation.

By-Law VI – University Tripartite Committees

Senate members shall appoint a student leader to serve on the following University Tripartite committees, as well as any Tripartite Committees later to be determined as necessary. Students serving on the following committees shall report to Student Senate and have the following responsibilities:

1. Student Activity Fee Budgeting Committee – shall work in conjunction with faculty and staff, to allocate the funds in the Unallocated Fund derived from the

- Student Activity Fee to student organizations, clubs, leadership opportunities, and general events that benefit the student body.
2. Center for Arts and Letters Affiliate Advisors – shall assist the Chair with decisions regarding guests and programming.
 3. Diversity Committee – shall be to promote diversity and inclusion in all sectors of the university community.
 4. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Committee – shall assist the Chair in the planning and facilitating of the Festival of Student Achievement each year.
 5. Honors Programming Advisory Committee – shall assist the Chair with developing a more effective Honors Program at the University.
 6. Information Technology Committee – shall assist the Chair with creating a campus that improves the current technology and offer new programs/technology that will better the campus.
 7. International Studies and Global Perspectives Committee – shall assist the Chair with any decisions or tasks regarding the Committees purpose.
 8. Mission and Ministry Committee – shall assist the Chair in carrying out any affairs the Office of Mission and Ministry deems necessary.
 9. Service Trip Advisory Committee – shall assist the Chair in the workings of the University sponsored Service Trips.
 10. Student Welfare Committee – shall assist the Chair in working with committee on constitutions, amendments, and policy-changes.
 11. Visiting Scholars, Awards, and Convocations Committee – shall assist the Chair as necessary and offer ideas and opinions on upcoming visiting scholars.
 12. Faculty/Student Sustainability Initiative – shall assist the Chair in carrying out the implementation and spending of the Sustainability Fee
 13. Mission and Ministry Committee of the Board of Trustees – shall attend meetings and offer relevant student input to the Trustees
 14. International Studies and Global Perspective Committee – shall assist the Chair in finding ways for the university to educate students about the global world
 15. Academic Affairs Committee – shall assist the Chair in academic concerns and initiatives facing the university
 16. Student Development Committee of the Board of Trustees – shall attend meetings and offer relevant student input to the Trustees
 17. Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics Committee – shall assist the Chair in ensuring gender equality in athletics in accordance with Title IX
 18. Health and Wellness Committee – shall assist the Chair by offering student input on health and wellness issues
 19. Partners in Prevention Committee – shall assist the Chair in the prevention of substance abuse on campus
 20. Calendar Committee – shall assist the Chair in the planning of the academic calendar
 21. Any other tripartite committees that the University votes to create and maintain.

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