Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Committee

Article I. Purpose

The Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Committee (hereafter GSAC) is a Senate standing committee that exists to identify and address issues related to the LGBTQIA+ Community on and around campus and to advocate on behalf of marginalized gender identities and sexualities to promote success, support, safety and inclusivity. This committee shall closely communicate and collaborate with the UWM Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center (LGBTRC), The Inclusive Excellence Center, The Chancellor’s LGBT+ Advisory Committee, the Office of the Dean of Students, and UWM administration.

Article II. Membership

Section 2.01 Voting Members

For each semester in which they serve on the GSAC, each student member shall be enrolled as at least a half-time student, and pay segregated fees. The voting membership of the GSAC shall consist of: Six (7) student voting members, one (1) staff voting member from the LGBT Resource Center.

(i) Four (4) student Senators, one seat being reserved for the LGBT+ Advocacy Senator and the remainder appointed by the Senate.

(ii) Three (3) At-Large Students, selected through the Shared Governance process.

1) Priority for one of these seats shall go towards a student who is LGBT-Identified.

(iii) One (1) staff member of the LGBT Resource Center.

Section 2.02 Removal of Members

Members may be removed for;

(i) Failure to fulfill responsibilities.

(ii) Failure to comply with the attendance policy. During its first meeting, the GSAC shall vote on an attendance policy in order to hold members accountable.

(iii) Membership may be removed by two-thirds vote of the Committee.

1) Appeals of removal are to be handled in accordance with the SA Constitution and relevant branch bylaws.

(iv) A motion to remove a committee member must be presented to the committee at a meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting in which the motion will be voted upon.
(v) Written notice of potential removal shall be given to all appropriate parties, including the committee member to be removed and the speaker of the committee, at the time the motion is initially presented to the committee.

Article III. Operation

Section 3.01 Meeting Rules
The GSAC shall operate under the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Meeting times and dates shall be set at the discretion of the Chair. The Meetings shall adhere to Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Section 3.02 Chair
Priority for the Chair position of the GSAC shall be offered to the LGBT+ Advocacy Senator, who shall call the first meeting. If the .GBT+ Advocacy Senator is unable or declines, the Vice President of Student Affairs shall call the first meeting, where the GSAC shall elect a Chair from its membership. The Chair shall propose the agenda for each subsequent meeting and appoint someone to take minutes at each meeting.

Section 3.03 Vice Chair
The GSAC shall elect a Vice Chair from its membership. The Vice Chair shall preside over the meeting in the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also perform duties and tasks as designated by the Chair.

Section 3.04 Open Forum
At least once per academic year, the GSAC shall convene in a special meeting for the sole purpose of providing UW-Milwaukee LGBT+ community a forum to voice concerns and raise questions.

Article IV. Enactment
These bylaws shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote by the Senate and signed by the President.

Article V. Amendments
Any amendment to these bylaws shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and signed by the President.

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Legislative History

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