Student Leaders Committee Bylaws

Article I. Purpose

The Student Leaders Committee (hereafter SLC) is a committee that exists to identify and address issues related to student organizations at UWM and to advocate on behalf of those student organizations to promote communication, broader perspectives, stronger leadership, unity, involvement, and collaboration within and between student organizations to promote a more active and lively student experience at UWM. This committee shall closely communicate and collaborate with UWM's Center for Student Involvement (hereafter CSI).

Article II. Membership

Section 2.01 Voting Members

For each semester in which they serve on the SLC, each student member shall be enrolled as at least a half-time student and pay segregated fees. The voting membership of the SLC shall consist of: eight (8) student voting members, one (1) ex-officio non-voting staff member from the CSI, and one (1) ex-officio non-voting member.

(i) Two (2) student Senators, one seat being reserved for the Student Organization Advocacy Senator and the other appointed by the senate.
(ii) Six (6) Student Leaders from Registered Student Organizations appointed through the shared governance process.
(iii) One (1) staff member of the CSI shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member
(iv) The Student Association Vice President of Student Affairs shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member

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 SLC shall vote on an attendance policy in order to hold members accountable
(iii) Membership may be removed by two-thirds vote of the SLC
   a. Appeals of Removal are to be handled in accordance with the Student Association Constitution and relevant branch bylaws
(iv) A motion to remove a committee member must be presented to the SLC at a meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting in which the motion shall 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 SLC 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 SLC shall be offered to the Student Organization Advocacy Senator, who shall call the first meeting. If the Student Organization Advocacy Senator is unable or declines, the Vice President of Student Affairs shall call the first meeting, where the SLC 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 SLC 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 month within the academic year, the SLC shall convene in a special meeting for the sole purpose of providing UWM student organizations a forum to voice concerns and raise questions. Furthermore, these meetings shall be used to relay information from the SLC, Student Association, and the CSI to student organizations, and to be used to relay information from the student organizations to the SLC, Student Association, and the CSI.

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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