The Constitution of the Student Association at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Signed by all parties on January 30, 2014

Enacted on May 1, 2014
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1 Mission Statement

2 The mission of the Student Association is to enrich the student experience at the
3 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee through representation, advocacy, and the
4 funding of services and activities that improve student life.

5 Article I. Name and Establishment

6 Section 1.01 Name

7 (a) The name of this organization shall be the Student Association at the
8 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, hereafter known as the SA.

9 Section 1.02 Establishment

10 (a) This constitution shall be the primary governing document of the Student
11 Association and shall take precedence over all other governing documents
12 established under its jurisdiction.

13 Article II. Membership

14 Section 2.01 Members

15 (a) Students currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee shall
16 be members of the SA and shall enjoy the benefits, responsibilities, and
17 protections thereof.

18 Section 2.02 Officials

19 (a) An official of the SA is any member who holds a position outlined in the SA
20 governing documents, including this constitution. All officials must meet the
21 following eligibility criteria:

22 (i) In order to hold an official position within the SA, members must be at least
23 part-time, degree-seeking, fee-paying students, in good standing with the
24 university through their respective academic and non-academic misconduct
25 processes, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

26 (b) All officials must sign and abide by the Student Association contract and the
27 Student Association Code of Conduct.
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28 (c) All officials have speaking and voting rights in their respective meetings, with those exceptions outlined in this constitution and bylaws enacted under it.

30 (d) Students who are appointed to represent the SA through shared governance on a committee shall not be considered officials, but must meet the following eligibility criteria:

33 (i) Members must be at least part-time, degree-seeking, fee-paying students, in good standing with the university through their respective academic and non-academic misconduct processes, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

37 Section 2.03 Oath of Office

38 (a) All officials of the Student Association shall be required to take an oath of office upon their election and/or appointment.

40 (b) The oath shall read: I, [state your name], hereby affirm that I shall faithfully execute the office to which the students of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee have entrusted to me, shall represent the students of the institution to the utmost of my ability, shall loyally advocate for their best interests and shall work tirelessly to enrich their experience at UWM.

45 Article III. Rights of Members

46 Section 3.01 Non-Discrimination

47 (a) All members of the SA shall be afforded the protections from discrimination as outlined in University of Wisconsin System policies and procedures, as well as state, and federal law; to include protections from discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ability status, age, genetic information, marital status, military or veteran status, arrest or conviction record, political ideology, or physical appearance.

54 Section 3.02 Due Process

55 (a) All members shall be guaranteed due process as guaranteed by the federal and Wisconsin State Constitutions, and relevant case law.

57 Section 3.03 Freedom of Speech and Press

58 (a) All members of the SA have the right to free speech, the right to a free press, and the right to petition officials and elected representatives to resolve grievances.
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Section 3.04 Open Meetings and Records

(a) Every meeting of bodies created by and instituted under this constitution shall be open to the public, in accordance with federal and Wisconsin State open meetings laws.

(b) All records, physical and electronic, shall be accessible to all members, in accordance with federal and Wisconsin State open records laws.

Section 3.05 Shared Governance

(a) All students who meet the eligibility criteria found in Article II, Section 2.02, (d), (i) shall have the right to participate in university governance at all levels, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 36.09(5), through the appropriate application process.

Article IV. Legislative Branch

Section 4.01 Composition

(a) The Legislative body shall be called the Student Association Senate.

(b) The Senate shall be composed of 40 senators, who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Article II, Section 2.02, (a), (i), and shall have the following distribution:

(i) Ten (10) seats shall be designated as At-Large, open to any student.

(ii) Five (5) seats shall be designated for first-year students and shall be elected in October of the term in progress in accordance with the Independent Election Commission bylaws.

(iii) Ten (10) Advocacy seats, which shall be open to at-large students with the following designations:

a) International Student Advocate

b) Graduate Student Advocate

c) Commuter & Transfer Student Advocate

d) Women’s Advocate

e) Students of Color Advocate

f) Veteran’s Advocate

g) Student Organization Advocate
h) LGBT Student Advocate

i) Students with Disabilities Advocate

j) Non-traditional Student Advocate

(iv) Three (3) seats shall be designated for students from the College of Letters and Science.

(v) Two (2) seats shall be designated for students from the Graduate School.

(vi) Two (2) seats shall be designated for students from the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business.

(vii) The remaining eight (8) seats shall be designated for students from each of the remaining schools and colleges, with each school or college receiving at least one seat.

Section 4.02 Program Representatives

(a) Each academic program at the University shall have a Program Representative elected among the membership of that program.

(b) The purpose of Program Representatives is to address issues pertaining to students within their program to appropriate faculty, staff, and their respective school or college senator.

(c) Elections for these representatives shall be coordinated by the respective program department head or designee, in conjunction with the respective school or college senator.

(d) All Program Representatives shall be elected by the third week of the Fall semester and shall serve for the entirety of the academic year, subject to their continuation in said program.

(e) Program representatives shall serve in a non-voting, non-legislative role and shall not sit on the Senate.

(f) All duties and procedures for election and removal of the Program Representatives are to be found in the Legislative Branch bylaws.

Section 4.03 Term(s)

(a) The Senate term shall begin on May 1st of the Election Year and end at 11:59 pm April 30th the following year.

(b) The President and Vice Presidents shall serve from May 1st of the Election Year until May 31st of the following year, serving in a purely transitional, non-voting, ex-officio capacity in the final month of their term.
Section 4.04 Removal

(a) Senators may only be removed by at least a 2/3 vote of Oversight and Appeals Commission (hereafter referred to as the OAC) officials in attendance, subject to removal procedures outlined in the OAC bylaws.

(b) Removals shall be referred to the OAC by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (viii).

(c) Appeals of removals may be made by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (x).

Section 4.05 Vacancies

(a) Should Senate seats fail to be filled through elections or be vacated during the Senate session, members of the SA may apply to fill the vacated seat(s) through a process established by the Senate bylaws, subject to confirmation of a 2/3 vote of the Senate.

Section 4.06 Sessions

(a) The Senate shall hold its first Senate session of the term no later than 6:00pm on the second Sunday of May with at least seven days prior notice.

(b) The Senate shall meet at least once each month during the Fall and Spring semesters, and at least twice during the months of September, October, November, February, March, and April.

(c) The President shall serve as chair of the Senate, and shall exercise the right to vote only to break a tie.

(d) The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as chair of the Senate in the absence of the President, and shall call mandated sessions of the Senate in the event that the President fails to do so.

(e) The Secretary shall take minutes of all Senate sessions.

Section 4.07 Committees

(a) The Senate shall have the power to create committees and appoint students to those committees.

(b) The governing bylaws of Senate committees may not conflict with or take precedent over the Constitution, or the governing documents of the Legislative, Executive, or OAC branches or their standing committees.

(c) The Senate shall have the following standing Committees:
Section 4.08 Responsibilities

(a) The Senate shall:

(i) Be the official voice of the student body of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

(ii) Take stances on issues pertaining to students.

(iii) Have the responsibility of allocating allocable segregated university fees through the processes described in the Senate, Student Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance Committee bylaws.

(iv) Approve and formulate rules, regulations, and policies that govern the activities of the SA.

(v) Have the responsibility to approve all SA governing documents, except as expressly outlined in this constitution.

(vi) Have the ability to overturn a presidential veto by a 2/3-majority vote of senators present at a Senate session.

(vii) Approve all nominees for official appointments by at least a 2/3-majority vote of senators present at a Senate session.

(viii) Have the authority to refer officials of the Executive or Legislative Branches to the OAC for investigation and removal.

(ix) Have the authority to refer officials of the OAC to the Executive Committee for investigation and removal.

(x) Have the authority to appeal removal decisions made by the Executive Branch or OAC by a 3/4-majority vote.

(xi) Approve or amend the SA Budget by at least a 2/3-majority roll call or voice vote of senators present at a Senate session.

(b) No legislation passed by the Senate may expire unless stated in the legislation itself.

(c) No senator shall receive payment from the Student Association under any circumstance.
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(d) Any responsibilities not enumerated here nor outlined in bylaws are hereby reserved for the students of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Article V. Executive Branch

Section 5.01 Composition

(a) The Executive Branch shall be composed of the President, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and any appointed executive officials as outlined in the executive bylaws.

(b) The Executive Branch may not contain more than 9 total officials.

(c) No member of the Executive Branch may hold nor be compensated for more than one position.

Section 5.02 Terms

(a) All Executive Branch terms last from June 1st of the election year to May 31st of the next year. The President and Vice-Presidents shall serve from May 1st of the election year until May 31st of the following year, serving in a purely transitional, non-voting, ex-officio capacity in the final month of their term.

Section 5.03 Removal

(a) Executive Branch officials may only be removed by at least a 2/3-majority vote of the OAC officials in attendance, subject to removal procedures outlined in the OAC bylaws.

(b) Removals shall be referred to the OAC by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (viii).

(c) Appeals of removals may be made by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (x).

Section 5.04 Succession

(a) The succession of power in the case of a vacancy or inability in the office of the President shall be the Vice President of Student Affairs, then Vice President of Academic Affairs, and then a senator appointed via a simple majority vote of the Senate.

(b) No person who was not elected into a currently held position may succeed to the role of President.

Section 5.05 Elected Executive Officials
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220 (a) The President, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Vice President of Academic Affairs shall have the responsibility to nominate appointed Executive officials positions, OAC positions, and vacated elected official positions subject to the respective hiring procedures outlined in the Executive and OAC bylaws. All nominees are subject to at least a 2/3-majority vote of senators in attendance before taking office.

226 (b) The Duties and Responsibilities of the President

227 (i) To serve on the Senate as an ex-officio member, voting only in cases of a tie.

228 (ii) To be the official representative of the Student Association.

229 (iii) To preside as chair over meetings of the Senate.

230 (iv) To preside as chair over meetings of the Executive Committee.

231 (v) To coordinate the activities of the Executive Branch.

232 (vi) To prepare an agenda for all Executive Committee meetings.

233 (vii) To preliminarily appoint students to university shared governance bodies, subject to a review and confirmation vote of the Senate, and with the exception of members of the Independent Election Commission. This duty may be delegated to another official of the Executive Branch.

237 (viii) To sign or veto legislation passed by the Senate

238 a) The Senate and public must be notified of the veto within seven days of the legislation passing, or the legislation shall become enacted. All vetoed legislation shall be included on the next Senate agenda.

241 (ix) Shall not be allowed to veto results of removal proceedings, nor the results of Senate appointments.

243 (x) To be the official student representative to the Chancellor and all other shared governance groups as defined under Wisconsin Statue 36.

245 (xi) To give a State of the Students address at least once per semester, in which students shall be informed of the progress and plans made by the Student Association.

248 (xii) To serve as the main representative and delegation leader to all external organizations, unless they temporarily appoint another SA member to serve in that role.

251 (xiii) Shall work with and mentor the At-Large and Freshman Senators.

252 (xiv) Shall hold a minimum of 15 office hours per week.
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(xv) All other duties outlined in the Executive bylaws.

(c) The Duties of the Vice President of Student Affairs

(i) To serve on the Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member.

(ii) To serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member.

(iii) Shall meet with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students at least once per month during the Fall and Spring semesters.

(iv) Shall work with and mentor the Advocacy Senators.

(v) Shall serve as the primary official for legislation concerning student life.

(vi) Shall hold a minimum of 15 office hours per week.

(vii) All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.

(d) The Duties of the Vice President of Academic Affairs

(i) To serve on the Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member.

(ii) To serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member.

(iii) Shall meet with the Provost at least twice each Semester.

(iv) Shall meet with the Dean of each school or college at least once each year.

(v) Shall work with and mentor the school and college senators.

(vi) Shall work with school and college senators to coordinate the Program Representatives system, including publicity, recruitment, and elections of/communication with Program Representatives.

(vii) Shall serve as the primary official for legislation concerning academic affairs.

(viii) Shall hold a minimum of 15 office hours per week.

(ix) All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.

Section 5.06 Appointed Executive Officials

(a) The Duties of the Secretary

(i) To serve on the Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member.

(ii) To serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member.

(iii) To record minutes of Senate and Executive Committee meetings.
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280 (iv) *To post open meetings notices and agendas for Senate and Executive Committee meetings at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting, or at least 48 hours in advance when the meeting falls on a Sunday or public holiday.*

284 (v) *Shall maintain a paper archive and digital database of all SA documents.*

285 (vi) *Shall hold a minimum of 10 office hours per week.*

286 (vii) *All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.*

287 (b) The Duties of the Treasurer

288 (i) *To serve on the Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member.*

289 (ii) *To serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member.*

290 (iii) *To keep record of the finances of the Student Association.*

291 (iv) *Work with Student Association Professional Staff (herein SAPS) to manage all financial processes of the SA, including but not limited to the payment of stipends to SA officials, and all expenditures and reimbursements incurred by SA officials or staff.*

295 (v) *Work with the Executive Committee to propose an annual budget for approval by the Senate.*

297 (vi) *Present the state of the SA budget at least once each semester to the Senate.*

298 (vii) *Preside as chair over meetings of the Senate Finance Committee.*

299 (viii) *In the absence of a Student Appropriations Committee Chair, serve as chair until a replacement can be appointed and approved by the Senate.*

301 (ix) *Shall hold a minimum of 10 office hours per week.*

302 (x) *All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.*

303 (c) The Duties of Additional Appointed Executive Officials

304 (i) *To serve on the Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member.*

305 (ii) *To serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member.*

306 (iii) *Shall hold a minimum of 10 office hours per week.*

307 (iv) *All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.*

308 Section 5.07 Hired Executive Staff
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309 (a) The Duties of Hired Executive Staff

310 (i) To staff the front desk of the office, assisting visitors and taking phone calls.

311 (ii) To provide administrative support to the executive officials of the SA.

312 (iii) All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws.

313 Section 5.08 Executive Committee

314 (a) The Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

315 (i) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and any additional appointed executive officials as described in Article IV, Section 4.01(a).

319 (ii) Shall meet a minimum of once before every regularly scheduled Senate meeting and establish a Senate agenda at least 24 hours before the scheduled Senate meeting, 48 hours if the Senate meeting falls on a Sunday or public holiday.

323 (iii) To work towards advancing all legislation enacted by the SA.

324 (iv) Shall make recommendations for applicants of the Independent Election Commission to the Senate for final approval.

326 a) The application process for the Independent Elections Commission shall be coordinated by SAPS.

328 (v) Shall conduct investigations and removal proceedings of officials of the OAC upon request of the Senate. Due process must be followed as outlined in Article III, Section 3.02, (a), of this constitution.

331 (vi) Shall prepare agendas for all Senate sessions.

332 (vii) Meetings of the Executive Committee are called by the President or designee, or petition signed by a simple majority of Senators and filed with the OAC.

334 (viii) Shall propose an annual budget for the SA, subject to a 2/3-majority vote by senators in attendance.

336 Article VI. Oversight and Appeals Commission

337 Section 6.01 Composition

338 (a) The Oversight and Appeals Commission shall be the third branch of the Student Association, charged with:
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(i) Oversight and appeals concerning the Executive and Legislative Branches of the SA.

(ii) Interpretation of governing documents upon request.

(iii) Processing of student parking appeals.

(iv) Providing mediation services for students, and student organizations and their members.

(v) Maintaining accuracy and integrity of all SA records.

(vi) Overseeing the process for hiring all unelected SA officials and staff for the Executive and Legislative Branches.

(b) The OAC shall consist of five Commissioners.

(c) The OAC shall be comprised of:

(i) Chairperson, who shall be responsible for:

a) Presiding over meetings of the OAC.

b) Coordinating the activities of the OAC.

c) Providing Legislative and Executive Oversight of the SA through procedures outlined in the Senate, Executive, and OAC bylaws.

d) Shall hold a minimum of 15 office hours per week.

e) All other duties as assigned in the OAC bylaws.

(ii) Registered Student Organization Mediation Commissioner

(iii) Human Resources Commissioner

(iv) Student and Parking Appeals Commissioner

(v) Records and Administration Commissioner

(vi) The Commissioners outlined in subsections (ii)-(v) shall have the following responsibilities:

a) To hold a minimum of ten office hours per week.

b) All other duties as assigned in the OAC bylaws.

(d) No Commissioner may hold any other office, or position, elected, or appointed, in the SA.
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Section 6.02 Terms

(a) Each Commissioner shall serve a term of two (2) years. No Commissioner may serve more than two terms.

(b) In the event of a vacancy on the OAC, if the vacancy has not been filled within sixty (60) days, the OAC may forward its own nomination to the senate for confirmation.

(c) All Commissioners shall be recommended by the elected members of the Executive Branch following an application process outlined in the OAC bylaws and confirmed by at least a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate.

Section 6.03 Responsibilities

(a) The OAC shall be responsible for:

(i) Conducting investigations and removal proceedings of officials of the Legislative and Executive Branches upon request of the Senate. Due process must be followed as outlined in Article III, Section 3.02, (a), of this constitution.

(ii) Facilitating appeal processes for the Senate Finance Committee (SFC) as outlined in the SFC bylaws.

(iii) Facilitating appeal processes for the Student Appropriations Committee (SAC) as outlined in the SAC bylaws.

(iv) Providing oversight and consistency for the recruitment, selection, appointment, compensation, orientation, disciplinary action, and removal of all unelected SA officials and staff for the Executive and Legislative Branches.

(v) Offering mediation for conflicts pertaining to Registered Student Organizations and students.

(vi) Offering interpretation of the SA governing documents upon request.

(vii) Facilitating and making final decisions on student parking appeals.

(viii) A Commissioner of the OAC shall swear in all other SA officials.

Section 6.04 Removal

(a) Commissioners may only be removed from office by at least a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee members, subject to removal procedures outlined in the Executive bylaws.
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(b) Removals shall be referred to the Executive Committee by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (ix).
(c) Appeals of removals may be made by the Senate, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.08, (a), (x).

Article VII. Advising

Section 7.01 Advisor(s)

(a) The Director of the Student Association Professional Staff (SAPS) Office shall serve as the primary advisor to the three branches of the SA and the Independent Election Commission.
(b) SAPS shall have the primary responsibility of:

(i) Coordinating all trainings for the SA.
(ii) Administering all financial processes of the SA in conjunction with the Treasurer.
(iii) Verifying eligibility and signatures for all officials, shared governance appointments, referenda, and elections of the SA.
(iv) Any other duties as agreed upon between SAPS and the Executive Committee.

Article VIII. Shared Governance Process

Section 8.01 Shared Governance Process

(a) All shared governance positions for members of the SA must be open and advertised to all eligible members.

(b) A fair, objective, transparent, and accessible application process must be provided.

(c) Priority for shared governance positions shall be given to at-large students who are not current officials of the Student Association.

Section 8.02 Shared Governance Policies and Procedures

(a) Additional policies shall be provided in the Shared Governance Policies and Procedures.
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(b) Amendments to the shared governance policies and procedures shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and subject to a confirmation of a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Article IX. Elections

Section 9.01 Independent Election Commission (IEC)

(a) The Independent Election Commission shall have the sole duty of coordinating all general and special elections, and referenda of the SA.

(b) The first meeting of the IEC in any given year shall be called by the Dean of Students or designee. A chair shall be elected among the student members of the IEC at that meeting and take the role of chair with immediate effect.

(c) All student members appointed to the IEC must apply through the shared governance process, be recommended and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and confirmed by at least a 2/3-majority vote of the Senate.

(d) Should the Executive Committee fail to recommend and approve members to the Senate by the deadline set forth in the IEC bylaws, the Senate shall be afforded the right to nominate and appoint candidates themselves, subject to at least 2/3-majority vote.

(e) No member of the IEC may hold or have held any other elected or appointed position within any branch of the SA during the current term.

(f) Under no circumstances may a member of the IEC run for an open position in an election, nor may they be appointed to an official position within the SA during the next succeeding term.

Section 9.02 Elected Positions

(a) The President, Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and all Senate seats with the exception of the Freshman Senate seats shall be elected during the general SA Elections, to be held in April.

(b) All Freshman Senate seats shall be elected in October of the active term as outlined in the IEC bylaws.

Section 9.03 Recall
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(a) Any elected official of the SA may be recalled by a petition signed by a number of constituents the SA official represents that shall be equal to or greater than the number of votes cast in their favor during the election. Upon a successful completion of verified recall petitions, the IEC shall hold a special election.

(b) No elected official can be recalled during the first five months of that official's term.

Article X. Bylaws

Section 10.01 Approval of Bylaws

(a) The Senate shall have final approval over all bylaws of the SA. All bylaws and amendments to bylaws must gain Senate approval in order to be implemented or enacted.

(b) Amendments to the bylaws of the IEC, OAC, and the Executive and Legislative Branches may not take effect in the same academic year in which they were made.

(c) Amendments to the bylaws of the IEC, OAC, and the Executive and Legislative Branches not be made in the period between a general election and the elected Senate taking office.

Section 10.02 Interpretation of Bylaws

(a) No bylaws shall legislate over other entities or branches not subordinate to the branch or entity to which the bylaws belong.

(b) Final interpretations of bylaws shall be made by the OAC, only upon request of a party or individual outside of the OAC.

(c) The IEC shall have final authority over the interpretation of their own bylaws, except in cases of appeal as outlined in the IEC bylaws.

Article XI. Amendments

Section 11.01 Proposal

(a) Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by at least a 2/3-majority vote of the Senate, or by a petition signed by 5% of the members of the SA.
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486   (b) Within one month of passage of the Senate proposal, or a successful
487   completion of verified petitions, the IEC shall hold a referendum open to all
488   members to vote on the adoption of the amendment.
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Section 11.02 Adoption
490   (a) Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a majority of votes cast
491   by SA members during a referendum or SA elections.
492   (b) Amendments to the constitution shall take effect on the first day of the next
493   Senate term.

494   Article XII. Enactment
495   Section 12.01 Enactment
496   (a) This document shall replace any and all previous documents and shall be the
497   official Constitution of the Student Association at the University of
498   Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
499   (b) Enactment of this constitution shall be adopted by a majority of votes cast by
500   SA members during a referendum or SA elections.
501   (c) Enactment of this constitution shall take effect on May 1st, 2014.
502   (d) Any previous constitutions are now null and void.
503   (e) This constitution shall take precedent over all other SA governing
504   documents, past or present.

I hereby recognize the proposal of this constitution as approved in a vote of the Student Association Board of Trustees:

AYE: 15

NAY: 2

[Signature]
Nikolas P. Rettinger III
Chair of the Student Association
Board of Trustees

[Signature]  1/19/14
Date
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I hereby recognize the passing of this constitution as approved in referendum of the students of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:

AYE: 80%

NAY: 20%

Carla Greve
Chair of the Student Association
Independent Election Commission

Michael Lovell
Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

01/30/2014
Date

1-30-14
Date

I certify that this document was signed before me on January 30, 2014

Notary

My commission expires on September 21, 2014
Constitutional Amendment

1  WHEREAS, the Student Association Constitution needs to be updated and modernized.

2  WHEREAS, the leadership of the Student Association would like to change the structure of the Oversight and Appeals Commission in order to be more efficient and fiscally responsible.

3  WHEREAS, Article XI of the Student Association Constitution allows for the amendment of the constitution,

4  THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Student Association Senate recommends the following changes to the Constitution and be put forth for a constitutional referendum for the SA elections in April.

5  THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Strike Article VI, Section 6.01, subsections ii, iii, iv, v and vi.

6  THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Create a new Article VI, Section 6.01 Subsection ii to now read “Four additional commissioners.”

7  THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Amend Article VI, Section 6.02 c, to read “The Chair of the OAC shall be recommended by the elected members of the Executive Branch following an application process outlined in the OAC bylaws and confirmed at least a 2/3- majority vote of the Senate.”

8  THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: create Article VI, Section 6.02 d, to read “The remaining four commissioners shall be appointed through the shared governance process.”

9  THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that this Constitutional Amendment be submitted to the Chair of the Independent Election Commission, to the members of the Independent Elections Commission, to the Chair of the Oversight and Appeals Commission, to the Dean of Students, The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and to the Director of the Student Association Professional Staff.

Mike Sportiello
Student Association President

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Legislative History
March, 23, 2016 — Authored by Ryan Sorensen, Sponsored By Senator Gerard
March, 29, 2016 Introduced to the Senate
WHEREAS, on November 9th, 2017, the UW System Board of Regents announced a restructure of the UW System.

WHEREAS, UW-Waukesha and UW-Washington County are merging with UW-Milwaukee.

WHEREAS, each campus has its own student government and will be exercising their rights under Wisconsin Statute 36.09(5) to keep their respective student governments as they currently stand.

WHEREAS, the Student Association Constitution must be updated and modernized to reflect the needed changes for the UW Restructure.

WHEREAS, the advent of the Office of Centralized Advising has effectively displaced students with undeclared majors from default matriculation in the College of Letters and Sciences; the membership structure of Student Association must also be updated and modernized to account for these changes.

WHEREAS, Article XI of the Student Association allows for the amendment of the constitution,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association Senate recommends the following changes to the Constitution be forwarded to the Independent Elections Commission to be put forth for a constitutional referendum in a timeline such that, contingent on passage of the referendum, the amendments will take effect on May 1st of 2018:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article II, subsection 2.01, subsection (b), "University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), as it relates to this Constitution, is defined as all UWM Schools and Colleges, and the students enrolled in them, except the College of General Studies. Students enrolled in the College of General Studies shall have their own student governments and shared governance bodies to represent them in university decision-making."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article III, Section 2.02, subsection a, subsubsection i, to read, "In order to hold an official position within the SA, members must be at least part-time, degree-seeking, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee fee paying students, in good standing with the university through their respective academic and non-academic misconduct processes, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5"
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, to read, "The Senate shall be composed of 42 senators, who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Article II, Section 2.02, (a), (l), and shall have the following distribution:"

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, subsubsection ii, to read, "Three (3) seats shall be designated for first-year students and two (2) seats shall be designated for transfer students and shall be elected in October of the term in progress in accordance with the Independent Election Commission bylaws."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, subsubsection iii (b) to read, "Undecided Major Advocate".

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, subsubsection iii (c) to read, "First-Generation Student Advocate".

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, subsubsection vii, to read, "The remaining ten (10) seats shall be designated for students from each of the remaining schools and colleges, with each school or college receiving at least one seat."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article IV, Section 4.01, subsection b, subsubsection viii to read, "Four (4) seats shall be designated as non-voting, ex-officio seats for students enrolled in the College of General Studies."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article V, Section 5.05, subsection b, subsubsection xv, to read, "Chair the Intercampus Communication Committee."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article V, Section 5.05, subsection b, subsubsection xvi, "All other duties outlined in the executive by-laws."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article V, Section 5.05, subsection c, subsubsection vii, to read, "Hold a voting seat on the Intercampus Communication Committee."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article V, Section 5.05, subsection c, subsubsection viii, "All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; amend Article V, Section 5.05, subsection d, subsubsection ix, to read, "Hold a voting seat on the Intercampus Communication Committee."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article V, Section 5.05, subsection d, subsubsection x, "All other duties outlined in the executive bylaws."

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; create Article XIII. The Role of the Campuses Formerly Known as UW-Waukesha and UW-Washington County

Section 13.01 Naming
(a) The campuses of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee previously known as the institutions UW-Waukesha and UW-Washington County are herein referred to as the branch campuses of UW-Milwaukee, or branch campuses.

Section 13.02 Intercampus Communication Committee
(a) Shall serve to facilitate communication between the student shared governance bodies of the campuses of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee institution.
(b) The Intercampus Communication Committee shall be governed by its own bylaws.

Section 13.03 Rights of the Branch Campuses
(a) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 36.09(5), the student shared governance bodies of each campus are equal participants in the shared governance processes of the administration of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Institution.
(b) The recognized student shared governance bodies of each campus shall have the primary authority regarding matters of their respective campuses.
   i. Any legislation or resolution passed by a campus shall be sent to the presidents of all student shared governance bodies of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Institution.
   ii. Any legislation, resolution, or motion passed by a student shared governance body shall neither affect, nor represent, a campus other than that of the body that passed it.
(c) Each branch campus shall have two (2) ex-officio seats on the SA Senate.
   i. These seats are reserved for the president and vice-president of their respective campuses’ student shared governance bodies, or their designee.
   ii. The SA must provide means to participate in senate meetings via telecommunications.
(d) Pursuant to State Statute 36.09(5), the SA cannot pass any resolution, motion, or constitutional amendment to change or dissolve the structure of the student shared governance bodies on the branch campuses.
(e) When appointing students to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Institution committees, the SA must allow for appointment of students from the branch campuses.
   (i) No student may hold a seat on a committee that allocates money from fees that that student did not pay.
(f) Any amendments to Article XIII of this constitution must, in addition to the amendment process outlined in this constitution, be ratified by a ¾ majority vote of the student shared governance body of each campus.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; these constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the Chair of the Independent Election Commission, to the members of the Independent Election Commission, to the Chair of the Oversight and Appeals Commission, to the Dean of Students, The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and to the Director of the Student Association Professional Staff.

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Student Association President

Legislative History
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