WHEREAS, there is not currently a committee at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Student Association that focuses on the issues of accessibility.

WHEREAS, the Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (Herein after referred as EAAC) at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Student Association would focus on the struggles pertaining to the differently abled community as well as their needs and experiences on campus.

WHEREAS, the EAAC would provide a forum for differently abled students at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

WHEREAS, the EAAC would give students a platform to address how to educate the students of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee about the issues that the differently abled community face at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

WHEREAS, EAAC could help to improve the quality of the education and experience that differently abled students receive at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Student Association shall create the Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the following shall become the bylaws for the Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee.

Article I. Purpose

1. The Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (hereafter “EAAC”) is a Senate standing committee that exists to identify and address issues related to the accessibility of all students on and around campus. Additionally, this committee intends to advocate for and promote success, support, safety, and inclusivity of students marginalized by accessibility issues. In addition, EAAC will strive to educate the student body as well as closely communicate and collaborate with the UWM Accessibility Resource Center, DREAM, NAMI and other resource centers that deal with student facing similar issues.

Article II. Membership

Section 2.01 Voting Members

1. For each semester in which they serve on the EAAC, each student member shall be enrolled as at least a half-time student and pay segregated fees. The voting membership of the EAAC shall consist of: nine (9) student voting members and one staff ex-officio, non-voting member from the Accessibility Resource Center.
(i) Four (4) student Senators, one seat shall be reserved for the Students with Disabilities Advocacy Senator and the remainder appointed by the senate.
(ii) Three (3) At-Large Students, selected through the Shared Governance Process.
(iii) One (1) student from the National Alliance on Mental Illness at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.
(iv) One (1) student from the Disability Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentoring chapter at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.
(v) One (1) staff member of the Accessibility Resources Center shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

Section 2.02 Removal of Members
1. Members may be removed from the EAAC via a vote of no confidence in the form of a resolution.
   a. Possible reasons for removal include but are not limited to:
      i. Violation of the SA nondiscrimination policy (SA Constitution Article III. Section 3.01)
      ii. Failure to fulfill assigned duties.
      iii. Unsatisfactory performance that has led to a loss of confidence among the committee or student body.
      iv. Conduct unbecoming of a student government official.
      v. Violation of Wisconsin’s Open Meetings and Record Laws (Wisconsin State Statutes 19.35 and 19.81 respectively).

Article III. Operation
Section 3.01 Meeting Rules
The EAAC 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 and Record Laws (Wisconsin State Statutes 19.35 and 19.81 respectively).

Section 3.02 Chair
The chair position of the EAAC shall be offered to the Students with Disabilities Advocacy Senator. If the Students with Disabilities Advocacy Senator is unable or declines, the Vice President of Student Affairs shall call the first meeting, where the EAAC 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 EAAC 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 EAAC shall convene in a special meeting for the sole purpose of providing University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s differently abled 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that upon passage, this resolution will be communicated to the director of the Accessibility Resource Center, the Student Association Professional Staff, the Oversight and Appeals Commission, Senior Student Affairs Officer Kelly Haag, Chancellor Mark Mone, the Disability Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentoring chapter at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.
Legislative History


December 2, 2018 - Passed by the Student Association Senate.