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 2/3 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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Legislative History
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