Program Representatives Commission Bylaws

Article I. Name, Purpose, & Term

Section 1.01 Name
(a) The name of this commission shall be the Program Representatives Commission (hereafter PRC).

Section 1.02 Purpose
(a) The purpose of the PRC shall be to represent the students in each academic degree program at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (hereafter UWM).

Section 1.03 Term
(a) The PRC term shall begin with the Senate’s appointment of a member and conclude at 11:59PM on April 30th of the same academic year.

Article II. Sessions

Section 2.01 Definition
(a) A PRC session shall be defined as one meeting of the PRC during a term where quorum is met, beginning with a call to order and ending with adjournment.
(b) PRC sessions shall be numbered in chronological order beginning with the first session of a new PRC term.
(c) The Program Representatives Commission shall meet at least once each month during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Section 2.02 Session Rules
(a) Sessions of the PRC shall abide by the most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order.
(b) All sessions must abide by Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.
(c) Open forum shall be available to the public at each session.

Section 2.03 Session Order
The SA Vice President of Academic Affairs (hereafter VPAA) shall call to order and preside over
sessions. The SA Vice President of Student Affairs (hereafter VPSA) shall take minutes for the session. In
the absence of the VPAA, the VPSA shall preside over the session and the PRC shall appoint an individual
to temporarily take minutes.

(b) Quorum for a PRC session shall be 50% plus one of currently filled Program Representative positions.
The VPAA and VPSA do not count towards quorum.

Section 2.04 Session Agendas

(a) The Executive Committee shall set the agendas for PRC sessions.

Article III. Vacancies & Composition

Section 3.01 Vacancies

(a) Students eligible to join the PRC must fill out an electronic nomination form that shall be available on
the SA website.

(b) All students nominated for membership to the PRC must receive a 2/3 vote of approval by the
Senate to fill a vacant Program Representative position.

Section 3.02 Composition

(a) The composition of the PRC shall comply with Article IV, Section 4.02 of the SA Constitution.

(b) Each semester, every member of the PRC must be enrolled as at least a part-time student, pay
segregated fees, and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.

(d) There shall be one Program Representative position for each academic program at UWM. All
Program Representatives shall have the right to vote on formal recommendations within the PRC.

(e) The VPAA and the VPSA shall be ex-officio non-voting members who shall not count towards
quorum. The VPAA shall fulfill the duties of Chair and the VPSA shall fulfill the duties of Vice Chair.

(f) Duly appointed Program Representatives shall hold no other elected or appointed Student
Association office or position for the period of their term, but may be selected to serve on Senate
subcommittees for which they are otherwise qualified to serve.

Article IV. Recommendations

Section 4.01 Definition and purpose

(a) Recommendations shall serve as formal advisory documents to the academic
senators of the SA, the VPAA, and when applicable the Provost of the UWM.

(b) A recommendation passed by the PRC is any document passed by its membership that:

(i) Takes stances on issues pertaining to an academic program

(ii) Communicates priorities
(iii) Makes requests of the Student Association Senate or UWM Administration

Section 4.02 Relationship to legislation

(a) Recommendations passed by the PRC are distinct from legislation outlined in Article IV of the Student Association Senate Bylaws in that:

(i) Recommendations do not represent the voice or opinions of the at-large student body. Further, recommendations must not claim to be the voice or opinion of the at-large student body. Further, recommendations shall not be communicated to any campus entity in a manner that may be reasonably expected to perceive the recommendation as the voice or opinion of the at-large student body.

(ii) Recommendations cannot allocate funding.

(iii) Recommendations may only pertain to academic programs. They shall not pertain to matters of student life outside of academics.

(b) Recommendations may be referred to the SA Senate to be passed as legislation if a senator chooses to sponsor the recommendation as a piece of legislation.

Article V. Responsibilities

Section 5.01 Responsibilities

(a) Program Representatives shall

(i) Attend all meetings of the Program Representatives Commission

(ii) Maintain monthly contact with their respective school or college senator

(1) If the school or college senator seat is vacant, the respective Program Representatives for that college shall maintain regular contact with the VPAA.

(iii) Maintain regular contact with the department chair of their respective programs.

(iv) Maintain regular contact with their respective constituencies.

Article VI. Accountability

Section 6.01 Failure to Fulfill Duties

(a) Any Program Representative not fulfilling the duties outlined in these bylaws may be subject to removal proceedings as outlined in the SA Constitution.
Article VII. Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the SA Senate.

Article VIII. Enactment

These bylaws shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the SA Senate and signature by the President.

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Legislative History