WHEREAS, University Service is a cornerstone of Shared Governance, a vital aspect of The Wisconsin Idea, and an important feature in the professional development of students, particularly graduate students.

WHEREAS, the Student Association (SA) Constitution defines Members of the Student Association as, “all students currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM)”, but the current wording of the Constitution requires participants in Shared Governance to meet the same eligibility criteria as Student Association Officials.

WHEREAS, these eligibility criteria may preclude a number of classifications of students, including online-only students, distance-learners, and certain PhD dissertators, from participation in Shared Governance by invoking the payment of unspecified fees and the maintenance of a minimum cumulative GPA.

AND WHEREAS, student positions in university governance have been historically difficult to fill and often left without even minimal representation. As such, participation in all Shared Governance committees and activities should be encouraged in all ways possible, and university governance positions not dependent upon Segregated University Fees (SUF) should be open to all UWM Students and SA Members as described by the constitution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The Constitution of the Student Association at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Section 3.05, “Shared Governance”, clause ‘a’, shall be changed to read, “All members of the Student Association in good academic and nonacademic standing 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.”

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; This amendment has no impact upon the established eligibility criteria for SA Officials or SUF-funded committees.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; That upon signing by the President, this bill shall be immediately delivered to IEC to be placed on the next referendum ballot.

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Student Association President

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Legislative History

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April 19, 2020 – Passed by the 2019-2020 Student Association Senate.
This legislation will be sent to: - Input all parties involved in the creation of or named in the Legislation.