

Student Shared Governance Policy – University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Article I - Background

Wisconsin Statute § 36.09(5) states "The students of each institution or campus subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president, the chancellor, and the faculty shall be active participants in the immediate governance of and policy development for such institutions. As such, students shall have the primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests. Students in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those student fees which constitute substantial support for campus student activities. The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance."

The UW System, after passage of this statute, mandated implementation plans at each campus for shared governance. Preceding this document, the only official documentation is from 1974.

Article II – Purpose

To enshrine the spirit of partnership and shared governance between the Chancellor and the students' elected representatives and to ensure disputes based on shared governance are minimized.

Article III – Statutory Authority

The Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire shall be the sole exercising body of powers, duties, and responsibilities under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(5). The Student Senate recognizes the authority of the Chancellor and their officers under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(3) and the governance role of the faculty and academic staff under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(4).

Article IV – Segregated Fees

Consistent with Regent Policy 30-5 and UW System Financial Policy F-50, the Student Senate shall have authority, with the consultation of the Chancellor, over the allocable segregated fees charged to students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and the Chancellor, in consultation with the Student Senate, shall have authority over the expenditures of non-allocable segregated fees.

Consistent with UW System Financial Policy F-50, the Student Senate shall be the SUFAC or Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee.

Article V – Differential Tuition

Pursuant to Regent Policy 32-7, spending decisions related to differential tuition funds generated are the responsibility of the Chancellor of the institution, subject to the information and procedures described in any such proposal submitted to, and approved by, the Board of Regents. Processes within these limitations shall be negotiated between the Student Senate and the Chancellor or designee.

Article VI – Technology Fee

Pursuant to UW System Financial Policy F49, the Chancellor has authority over allocation of the Student Technology Fee (STF) (a non-segregated fee tuition surcharge). The Chancellor is advised in STF allocation decisions by a committee made up of students appointed by Student Senate and appropriate staff appointed by the Chancellor or designee. That committee is the Information Technology Commission of the Student Senate. Processes for this funding shall be negotiated between the Student Senate and the Chancellor or designee.

Article VII – Student Policies

Changes to or initiation of policies primarily concerning students shall be presented to the Student Senate for its consideration. Subject to approval of the Chancellor, the Student Senate shall have authority to present changes to policies concerning student life, interests, and services. Any such policies presented to University Senate or elsewhere will be referred to Student Senate.

Article VIII – Appointment of Students to Governance Committees

The Student Senate is recognized as the sole authority for appointing students to governance groups, committees, and posts. See *Milwaukee Student Association v. Baum* (1976) 74 Wis. 2d 283.

“Governance groups, committees, and posts” includes, but may not be limited to: search and screen committees, bodies that address university policies, expenditures of funds, and adjudication of disputes. The Student Senate shall determine the necessary qualifications for students to be appointed to governance groups, committees, and posts.

Article IX – Legislation

Legislation authored and approved by the Student Senate relating to student policy, or the expenditure of time, money, or effort shall be referred to the Chancellor for approval. The Chancellor and the Student Senate shall determine the process by which the Chancellor approves or rejects Student Senate legislation.

Article X – Self-Determination and Organization

The Student Senate has sole authority over legislation or regarding the manner in which it organizes itself.

Article XI – Authority Adoption, and Amendment

This document is considered binding on the signatories in their official capacities, subject to changes in Regent Policy or other applicable law.

This document is considered binding upon the signatures of the Student Body President, the Chancellor, and by a 2/3 affirmative vote in the Student Senate.

As this document is to be changed infrequently, amendments to this document may only be made upon a 2/3 affirmative vote in the Student Senate, the signature of the Chancellor, and signature of the Student Body President.

Ratified by the Student Senate by a vote of X-X on 54-B-X, taken on X/X/2011.

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