Student Senate Bylaw Amendments

(6.07.2) Web Coordinator: The Web Coordinator of the Senate shall maintain and update weekly the Student Senate website and other web presences, maintain email distribution lists, coordinate office technology maintenance, and any other duties assigned. The Web Coordinator shall directly report to the Public Relations Director to better coordinate public relations efforts. The Web Coordinator shall work closely with the secretary to keep all the minutes, agendas, bills, resolutions, and documents up to date on the website. The Web Coordinator is also responsible for updating the Press Release Section of the Student Senate Webpage with those Press Releases received by the Public Relations Director. The Web Coordinator shall be a member of the Executive Board and the Public Relations Commission. The President will consult with the Public Relations Director and Vice President on the appointment of the Web Coordinator, subject to Senate confirmation.

Section 5.01: Appointments. When vacancies arise in the contingent of the thirty senators, they shall be filled in accordance with Article III, Section 1, Paragraph F of the Student Senate Constitution. Interviews of applicants shall be conducted based upon a uniform application and interview process as established by the Vacancies Committee at the beginning of each session. Members of the Vacancies must attend all committee meetings and shall receive an absence for any unexcused absence.

(4.07.6) Taking Office: The General Student Senate meeting following the elections shall be the time at which the existing session ends and the new session begins.
(a) The agenda for the meeting immediately following the election shall be as follows:
I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
II. Roll Call
   III. Open Forum
   IV. Approval of the minutes
   V. Report of the President
   VI. Report of Vice President
   VII. Report of Treasurer
   VIII. Board of Directors reports
   IX. Special Reports
X. Unfinished Business
   XI. Certification of Election Results
      A. Report of Elections Committee
      B. Motion to certify election results
      C. Any further election grievance recommendations
XII. Beginning of (new session number) Session
      A. Oath of Office
      XIII. New Business
      XIV. Personnel Matter
      XV. Announcements
      XVI. Adjournment
(b) When agenda item XI is discussed, the Elections Committee Chair shall be given up to ten minutes to report on the integrity of the elections. The Senate may ask questions during or after this report which shall not consume the ten minutes for the report. The Senate then shall immediately discuss and vote upon a motion to certify the elections. A simple majority vote is required to certify the election results.
(c) If the certification of the election results fails to attain a majority, the prior Student Senate shall continue to serve until new elections may be conducted and certified by the Senate. In this interim period, the Student Senate shall consider no business not
relating to the elections and shall not be required to regularly meet. Executive terms beyond the President, Vice President, and Treasurer will expire normally. Remaining executives serving after their term will not be paid stipends. Should elections go uncertified through the Spring semester and due to graduation or resignation the Senate lacks a quorum, the Student Court Elections Committee shall conduct and certify general elections in the beginning of the Fall semester.

(4.07.7) Elections Committee: The Elections Committee shall be the primary review committee for all election procedures, grievances, and issues. There shall be five members of the committee, the Chief Justice of the Student Court, the Parliamentarian, one executive, one to two senators, and one additional student who may or may not be a member of Senate. The Committee shall be chaired by the Chief Justice of the Student Court Parliamentarian who shall not have a vote. No one serving on the committee shall be permitted to run for office, publicly advocate for or against a campaign, participate in campaign planning, or be elected by write in. No members may be actively involved in a referendum campaign. In the case of a vacancy or other disability of one of the specified members, a student not running for election, actively involved in a campaign, or actively involved in a referendum shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate pursuant to Section 6.04. This may include the appointment of a chair, in the case the Chief Justice Parliamentarian is unavailable to serve. If the Chair is not a Justice of the Student Court, they may be permitted to vote.

(a) All decisions made by the Chair regarding the election may be appealed in writing to the Elections Committee, or be considered by a motion and second by members of the Elections Committee.

(b) The Elections Committee is empowered to deputize students who are not running for election, to aid in the administration of the Student Senate election. These students are not to be actively involved in a campaign or referendum. These students are not considered members of the Elections Committee and may not aid in the counting of ballots or any other duty reserved specifically for members of the Elections Committee.

(6.07.7) Parliamentarian: A parliamentarian shall be appointed by the president subject to Senate confirmation. He/she shall advise the president, senators, and directors on proper parliamentary procedure based on the constitution, these bylaws, and the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, and shall supervise Senate and Commission compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

(a) The Parliamentarian shall also serve as the Internal Affairs and Elections Committee Chairperson.

(b) The Parliamentarian should only speak and author legislation on matters of parliamentary procedure, elections and constitution or by-law procedure.

(c) The Parliamentarian shall not hold the position of senator.

(6.07.8) Student Court & Chief Justice:
(a) The Chief Justice shall facilitate the Student court, and chair court meetings.
(b) Any matters to be brought before the Student court shall be submitted to the Chief Justice for consideration by the court.
(c) The Chief Justice shall be responsible for transmitting all decisions of the court to the appropriate parties, and he or she shall author all official decisions if in the majority.
(d) The Chief Justice shall serve as the chairperson of the Elections Committee.
(e) The Chief Justice shall not seek or be eligible for election or appointment to a Student Senate office while holding the position of Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall not publicly advocate for or against a candidate or particular referendum question for the Student Senate ballot.
(f) The Chief Justice will direct all Associate Justices to be similarly neutral on Student Senate candidates and referendum questions. No Associate Justice shall be eligible for election or appointment to a Student Senate office while holding the position of Associate Justice.
(6.08.2) Officers: All stipends for other officers shall be a percentage, rounded down to the nearest dollar, of the President’s stipend. They shall be paid equally over weeks in the fall and spring semesters.

(a) The Vice-President shall receive an amount equal to 75% of the President’s stipend.
(b) The Treasurer/Chief of Staff shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend.
(c) The Secretary shall receive an amount equal to 20% of the President’s stipend.
(d) The Web Coordinator shall receive an amount equal to 20% of the President’s stipend.
(e) Directors shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend.
(f) The Parliamentarian shall receive an amount equal to 25% of the President’s stipend.
(g) The Chief Justice of the Student Court shall receive an amount equal to 25% of the President’s stipend.

Section 11.01: An original referendum must be voted on by the Student Senate at least 30 days prior to voting on the referendum.

(a) The method of referendum (online ballot or paper ballot) must be voted on by the Student Senate 30 days prior to the voting on the referendum. Referendum Methods (online ballot or paper ballot) will follow the same procedure as outlined in Article 4, Section 6(J).

(b) If it is discovered that students who are eligible (eligible as defined in Article 4, Section 6, Paragraph J, Line A of the Student Senate Bylaws) to vote were not allowed to vote, the referendum administrator and/or administrator of the referendum will remedy the situation and/or extend the voting period for the same duration the referendum was intended to give. The Student Senate advisor, and the Student Senate Parliamentarian Chief Justice of the Student Court shall be the Referendum administrator. The Student Senate Elections Committee Student Court then will make a recommendation to the full Senate, which shall vote on the legitimacy of the referendum by a simple majority (greater than 50%).

Section 12.02: Oath for New Senators: Upon the election or appointment of a senator or senators, the oath shall be administered by the President. If the President is unavailable, the Vice President shall administer the oath, or the Treasurer if the President and Vice President are unavailable. Those elected or appointed and confirmed shall be asked to rise, place their left hand on a text or texts of personal importance if they so choose, and raise their right hand.

(a) Upon prompting from the President those being sworn in shall recite:
I, (full name), having been duly elected (or duly appointed) by my peers, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Senator of the Student Body of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, that I will adhere to the Constitution of the same, that I will maintain honorable conduct, and that I will faithfully serve the interests of the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in all my words, deeds, and actions.

(b) Upon having recited the oath, the Senator will be considered admitted to the body.

(c) Any disabilities preventing portions of entireties or reciting the oath shall be accommodated.

Section 12.03: Oath for New Executives Board Members: Upon the appointment and confirmation of a Director or other executive, except for the President and Vice President, the President shall administer the oath, or Vice President or Treasurer in the President’s absence. Those appointed and confirmed shall be asked to rise, place their left hand on a text or texts of personal importance, and raise their right hand.

(a) Upon prompting from the President those being sworn in shall recite:
I, (full name), having been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of (office) of the Student Senate or the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, that I will adhere to the
Constitution of the Student Body, that I will maintain honorable conduct, that I will faithfully execute my duties, and that I will faithfully serve the interests of the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in all my words, deeds, and actions.

(b) Upon having recited the oath, the Senator will be considered admitted to the body.

(c) Any disabilities preventing portions of entireties or reciting the oath shall be accommodated.

Section 12.04: Oath for Student Body President and Vice President: Upon the election of a President and Vice President, the Vice President-elect shall take the oath first, followed by the President-elect. If available, the outgoing Student Body President shall administer the oath. If the President is unavailable to administer the oath or has attained reelection, the Parliamentarian Chief Justice of the Student Court shall administer the oath. In the case of appointment of a new Vice President, the President shall administer the oath. In the case of succession, the Parliamentarian Chief Justice shall administer the oath. Those elected shall be asked to rise, place their left hand on a text or texts of personal importance, and raise their right hand.

(a) Upon prompting, the officer shall recite:
I, (full name), having been duly elected by my peers, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of (office) of the Student Body of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, that I will adhere to the constitution of the same, that I will maintain honorable conduct, and that I will faithfully serve the interests of the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in all my words, deeds, and actions.

(b) Upon having recited the oath, the officer will be considered admitted to the body.

(c) Any disabilities preventing portions of entireties or reciting the oath shall be accommodated.