WHEREAS, Student Senate passed Bill 53-B-7 which initiated a campus wide referendum to the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on adding the Student Court section to the student body constitution; and

WHEREAS, the referendum passed the student vote with 82% of students voting in favor of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, bylaws are necessary for the operation of the Student Court; and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Section 1G, the Student Senate shall have the authority to write and edit the bylaws for the Student Court, with a 2/3 majority approval;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate adopt changes to the Student Senate Bylaws in Attachment “A” and the Student Court Bylaws in Attachment “B”; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Bylaw changes be enacted at the end of the 53rd Session; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Umhoefer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.
STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: PRIMARY CONTROL

Primary control of the Student Senate rests with University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students. The Senate, in conformance with the Student Body Constitution, shall be the judge of the qualifications and standards of professional behavior of its members and officers.

ARTICLE 2: ADVISOR

The advisor of the Student Senate shall be the Dean of Students or his/her designated representative. The advisor shall, upon request, advise the Senate on student activities and shall confer with the officers as necessary. If he/she does not wish to fulfill this position, or the Dean of Students position is vacant, the Student Senate can resolve to have another person fill this position.

ARTICLE 3: OBSERVANCE OF RULES

Section 1: University Rules and Regulations
The Senate and its officers shall properly observe the rules and regulations established by the University.

Section 2: Open Meeting Law
The Senate, commissions, committees and all subgroups thereof shall comply with the provisions of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

ARTICLE 4: DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

Section 1: Elections Committee
A. A three-person Elections Committee shall be established by the end of the first meeting of the Spring Semester or 30 days prior to a referendum.
   a. The Student Senate advisor shall be a non-voting member of the elections committee. He or she shall serve primarily in an advising role.

B. The Parliamentarian will chair the committee unless that individual is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign. The Chair of the Elections Committee is responsible for receiving training on how to administer the online election system by a member of Learning and Technology Services no later than sixty days prior to the start of the election.
   a. If the Parliamentarian is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the President of the Student Body will chair the committee.
   b. If the President should be running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the Vice-President will chair the committee.
   c. If the Vice-President should be running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the Treasurer will chair the committee.
   d. If the Treasurer is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the position for chair of the Elections Committee will be filled by an election in Executive Board of those who are not running for office, involved in a referendum on the
ballot, or active in a campaign.
e. If in the case that none of the before mentioned persons are eligible or available to serve, the Senate will appoint an appropriate member who is not running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign.

C. The second member of the Executive Board will be voted on by the Executive Board to serve on the committee.

D. The final member of the committee will be a Senator-at-Large elected by the full Student Senate.

E. The definition of “Involvement in a referendum” shall include, but not be limited to, being an author in the writing of the bill placing the referendum on the ballot, creating or assisting in the creation or the distribution of referendum literature either for or against, and actively campaigning for or against a referendum.

   a. In election years with a United Council referendum, Campus Chapter members cannot serve on the Elections Committee in any position.
   b. Representatives from United Council must be aware and follow all applicable election laws.
   c. All promotional materials created for a referendum must follow applicable election laws and university policies.

F. The definition of “active in a campaign” shall include, but not be limited to, attending campaign meetings, creating or assisting in the creation of campaign materials, or actively campaigning for or against a candidate or candidates.

G. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the elections process: including, but not limited to, setting up the polls and finding poll workers, investigating any grievances and making Reports and Recommendations regarding those grievances and counting and verification of ballots. The committee will also be responsible with supervising the production of non-partisan advertisements including the location and dates of the elections.

Section 2: President and Vice President
Students shall elect a student body president and vice president by nonpartisan ticket. Candidates for an executive ticket shall be placed distinctly together on the ballot by ticket. The presidential and vice presidential candidates on the ticket receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. No individual candidate for president or vice president shall be placed on the ballot or elected. Executive tickets on the ballot shall be placed in successive order determined by random drawing. For persons elected to both an executive and senator position, the Senate position shall become vacant upon that person taking office as an executive.

Section 3: Student Senators
Student Senators shall be elected by the student body in a nonpartisan manner by a plurality vote. Candidates for each community shall be placed on the ballot in successive order determined by random drawing.

Section 4: Absentee Voting
When online voting is not utilized, all students wishing to vote in campus elections while participating in an off-campus program such as, but not limited to, Study Abroad or National Student Exchange, or students who cannot be on campus during an entire election period for reasons covered by university policy, may vote while following these guidelines.

A. The Public Relations Commission will advertise the availability of absentee voting to students
through various methods including email the first day petitions for office are available.

B. Students must email the Student Senate Parliamentarian before elections begin to request an absentee ballot, while providing their Blugold identification number and the reason they are requesting the ballot.

C. Electronic ballots will be emailed to students when the polls are opened on the first day of the election and must be returned by the time the polls close the last day of elections.

D. No person will be able to vote using an absentee ballot and at the booth on campus.

Section 5: Tie Votes
A. If two or more executive tickets receive the greatest but equal number of votes in an election, the winning ticket shall be chosen, from among the tied tickets, by the Senate by majority vote at its first meeting following the election. An elimination voting process shall be used by the Senate when three or more tickets tie in an election.

B. If two or more Senate candidates from the same community receive a sufficient but equal number of votes to win the election, the winner(s) shall be determined by lot administered by the Chief Justice of the Student Court organizations director, or his/her impartial designee, in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

C. If a referendum question receives an equal number of votes for and against adoption, the question shall fail adoption.

Section 6: Elections and Campaign Procedures
All candidates wishing to hold an office in Student Senate are required to secure a petition for office, along with the Elections and Campaign Procedures Packet. These Elections and Campaign Procedures shall be the official rules and guidelines governing Student Senate Elections.

All candidates for Student Senate elected offices are responsible for the knowledge of and observance of all official Student Senate Election and Campaign Procedures as given to the prospective candidate at the time the petition is taken out, as well as all other university policies.

Ignorance of these procedures shall at no time be considered a valid defense for failure to at all times during a campaign and election process properly observe these procedures.

A. Objective
The objective of these policies is to ensure that all candidates for Student Senate elected offices have a fair and equal opportunity in attaining an elected position. These policies may also be used as a guideline in resolving any conflicts in the election process.

B. Candidate Living Status
Each candidate shall run for either an on- or off-campus position corresponding to the community in which he/she will reside during the following semester. Proof of on- or off-campus residence must be provided upon request.

C. Credit and Grade Point Criteria
Any candidates for office shall maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and be officially enrolled in at least six credit hours at the university at the time of election and must thereafter maintain a minimum official enrollment, exclusive of summer sessions, of six credit hours while in office.

D. Petition for Office
a) Petitions are to be given out by the Student Senate Program Assistant, Student Body President and Vice-President if they are not running for office, Elections committee
members, student court members and office assistants who are not running for office.

b) The completed petition must be returned to the Student Senate Program Assistant. Once the petition is returned to the Student Senate office, the student will become an official candidate providing that the student meets the credit and grade point criteria stated above.

c) Students participating in an off-campus program (including but not limited to Study Abroad and National Student Exchange) during elections may run for office if they will return in the following semester. They must provide evidence that they are participating in an off-campus program sponsored by UW-Eau Claire (a letter or email from the Center for International Education or the appropriate educational department will suffice). They must also contact the Student Senate Program Assistant to get information on the procedure for running for office from off-campus (“abroad”). In these cases, petitions may be filed electronically using a method determined by the Elections Committee student court, in consultation with Learning and Technology Services. If elected, absences at meetings while “abroad” are excused.

d) A student may campaign and file a petition for both a Student Senator position and an executive ticket.

e) An executive ticket will consist of a Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate and will require only one petition.

f) A student winning both an executive and senatorial position must resign their senatorial position at the same meeting they are appointed to the executive position.

E. Campaigning

a) Campaigning will be defined as any activity, either written or spoken, that is designed to influence students to vote for a prospective or official candidate or a referendum question on the ballot.

b) Campaigning shall not begin until after the completed petition for office is returned.

c) The Student Senate office shall not be used for ANY campaigning or storage of campaign material. This also includes materials related to a referendum question on the ballot. The signing of petitions may occur in the Student Senate office.

d) Campaigning shall strictly adhere to the Student Senate Election and Campaign Procedures given to the prospective candidate at the time the petition is taken out, as well as university policies.

e) If paper ballots are used, during the days of voting, no campaign materials or campaigning of any kind shall be allowed within a 50-foot radius of the polling place. This also includes those campaigning for a referendum or referendum materials. An official from the Elections Committee Student Court will draw a line with chalk to outline the 50-foot radius, for each day of voting. If online voting is utilized, there are no designated polling places, unless Student Senate or the Elections Committee Student Court designates an official polling place(s), so this rule will not be observed for online elections. No person besides current members of the elections committee Student Court shall administer (a) polling/voting place(s). Only members of the election committee or people approved by the election committee may work at polling/voting place(s).

f) A candidate shall at no time interfere with another candidate's right to legally campaign; this includes the removal of another candidate’s properly-displayed campaign material.

g) If online voting is used, during the day of voting, no personal campaigning shall be allowed inside any classroom space (unless permission is obtained from that instructor) or University computer lab (including walk-up computer labs).

F. Promotional Materials

a) All candidates shall be given copies of the poster and solicitation regulations of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Candidates shall be held responsible for that information.

b) All candidates must submit one copy of each poster, yard sign, table tent, and leaflet for
approval to the Program Assistant. Bridge signs, buttons, stickers, and t-shirts do not need to be approved. Anything submitted for approval that contains inappropriate material as determined by the Chair of the Elections Committee the chief justice of the student court, will not be valid for display.

c) Students may display material on their own property, such as residence hall doors or the side of one’s house. These materials do not need to be approved by the Chair of the Elections Committee chief justice of the student court, unless produced or distributed by a campaign.

d) In addition to the Chair of the Elections Committee's chief justice of the student court approval, the following stamps are also required. All Posters for distribution within Davies Center must be stamped and approved by Campus Information. Campus Information does not have to stamp yard signs, posters for residence hall doors and/or signs for personal residences.

e) All campaign materials not meeting these requirements may be removed, documented, and destroyed by any member of the Elections Committee student court if they are discovered.

f) No individual candidates or tickets shall be allowed to use the banner wire in Davies Center.

g) Candidates cannot use the Student Senate bulletin board located in the hallway of Davies Center at any time.

h) No campaign materials may be placed in university computer labs, in accordance with LTS policies.

i) The Student Senate area is off-limits for any campaigning or visible storage of campaigning materials.

j) **Posters:**
   1) Candidates may begin to display posters immediately following the return of the completed petition.
   2) All posters put up in the residence halls must have the Hall Director’s approval, excluding those posted on personal property (doors).
   3) It is illegal to put posters up in the stairwells of campus buildings. They will be fair game to be taken down by anyone if they are discovered.
   4) There shall be NO posters/signs taped to the sidewalk.
   5) The candidate must remove the posters by the Monday following the completion of the election; otherwise, the candidate will be monetarily charged for their removal.

k) **Web Presence:**
   1) The creation of personal Web sites and Web presences is permitted.
   2) In addition, if the Student Senate Web site or Web presences are used to promote the general election and basic information on all the candidates, equal access and equal opportunity must be available to all of the candidates.
   3) Linking to other Web sites from the Student Senate Web sites or Web presences is allowable as long as the candidate(s) do not use the University seal, Student Senate logo or any other copyrighted materials without explicit permission.

l) **E-Mail:**
   1) A candidate or candidates may use e-mail, but they may not use any electronically created university administrative lists for campaign purposes or in any other way that violates the university’s policy regarding the use of e-mail.
      a. Anyone that sends a list on behalf of a candidate is responsible for following this policy including faculty, administration, and any students.
      b. In addition, the candidate is responsible for informing anyone who sends an email for them of the email policy.
   2) The use of organizations lists is, however, acceptable.

m) **Veranda Banner:**
   No banners will be allowed by candidates for any Student Senate office.
n) **Bridge Signs:**
Candidates may display a banner on the bridge beginning 7 a.m. on the Monday before the election begins.

o) **Yard Signs:**
1) Yard signs may be displayed beginning the Monday before the election.
2) The yard signs can be put up after 7:00 a.m. and must come down by 7:00 p.m.
3) Out of courtesy to other candidates it is suggested that signs be put at least 6 feet from other candidate signs.

p) **Table Tents:**
1) The Program Assistant of Student Senate will reserve one table tent for the days of the election and up to three days before the election begins. No Senate candidate can reserve their own table tent(s) for campaigning. Each Presidential ticket will be given the same amount of space on the Senate table tent. Each Presidential ticket will submit their content to the Program Assistant three days before the table tents will be put up.

q) **Bulletin Board Space in Davies Center:**
1) An equal portion of bulletin board space in Davies Center per executive ticket will be provided for the placement of whatever promotional materials the candidates choose to display that are deemed legal by the election rules.
2) This will be overseen by the Student Court.

**G. Room Usage**
Rooms may not be reserved in Davies Center in Student Senate's name, by individual candidates, or by Presidential tickets for campaign use.

**H. Write-in Candidates**
Write-in candidates shall be responsible to know and adhere to all election and campaign rules.

**I. Name Order on Ballots**
a) If paper ballots are used, selection for ballot positions will be at approximately 1:30 p.m. on the date petitions are due. Names will be ordered at random by the Student Senate Advisor. Candidates, or personal representatives, are welcome to be on hand at the time this process is performed. The polling program will automatically randomize the name order.
b) Candidates for an executive ticket shall be placed distinctly together on the ballot by ticket.
c) Ample opportunity for casting write in ballots shall be provided on the ballot, whether paper or online.

**J. Voting**
a) Currently enrolled students at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire are eligible to vote once for representatives running for seats on Student Senate.
b) Students shall be able to cast a cumulative ballot, casting up to eighteen votes for off-campus senators and up to twelve votes for on-campus senator positions.
c) Students will only be allowed to vote for one Executive ticket.
d) Polling will take place via only computer or only paper ballots. Electronic voting may include voting from remote sites such as home computers. No persons besides current members of the Student Court shall administer (a) polling/voting place(s).
e) The program employed for polling shall insure privacy for all voters. It will not allow students to vote more than once. Responsibility for set-up and configuration of the polling program shall be primarily that of the Chief Justice of the Student Court. Only the Chair of the Elections Committee, Chief Justice, the Student Senate Program Assistant, and the Student Senate Advisor will have access to the online ballot.
f) Online voting must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate 30 days prior to an election in the form of a bill or resolution that follows proper procedure for legislation.

g) If online voting is used, the election will be held on two of the dates that were chosen, as mandated by Article 3, Section 1(D) of the Student Body Constitution. For online voting, an email will be sent to all students at 8 a.m. the morning elections begin. The online ballot will be closed, exactly forty-eight hours after it opened.

h) If paper ballots are used, voting booths are available for use in the elections. At least two people must work the polls (preferably four people). No candidate may be a poll worker. The voting student must show the poll worker his/her valid Blugold I.D. The poll worker will then scan his/her I.D. and give them a certified ballot. The poll worker will then scan his/her I.D. and give them a certified ballot. The voting student’s username must be highlighted on the master list once his/her I.D. has been verified. The voting student may use a valid government-issued photo identification if a Blugold I.D. is not available. The student must be verified by the master list, and then highlighted with a color specifically assigned to those without a Blugold I.D. The poll worker must immediately contact any other polling location to inform them which student used a valid government-issued photo identification so they can also highlight the name on their master list. The student then takes the stamped ballot to the voting booth. If the student requires instructions, the poll worker will explain the procedure to the student. After voting, the student deposits the ballot in the ballot box.

i) The candidate with the most votes for an open seat will be declared the winner.

j) All votes shall be taken by secret ballot.
   1. In the case of online voting, the student must agree to a disclaimer stating they are voting by secret ballot before proceeding to the voting ballot.

K. Ballots
   a) The Student Senate Program Assistant shall publish a list of all candidates, referenda, initiatives, and recall questions placed on the election ballot and will post the list in a public manner one week prior to the start of each election.
   
   b) If paper ballots are used, all ballots must be validated (stamped on the back) by an election poll worker. If any ballot is not validated, it shall not be counted but will be kept and stored with all the other ballots. The daily tabulated elections results shall only be known by the Program Assistant and the Student Senate Advisor until the polls are closed on the last day of elections at which point the members of the Elections Committee student court will be notified of the results. (If online voting is used, the same is true, although the Chair of the Elections Committee, chief justice of the student court by virtue of being an administrator of the polling program, will also have access to the results.) As many ballots as possible will be tabulated by Test Scoring Services, otherwise, the Elections Committee student court will count those that Test Scoring cannot count, which would include ballots for write-in candidates. If paper ballots are used, all candidates will be allowed to observe the sorting and counting of the ballots as long as they do not interfere with this process.
   
   c) If paper ballots are used, all counted ballots and petitions must be kept in storage until the next Student Senate election; at that time the old ballots can be destroyed. If electronic voting is used, a copy of the results must be kept until the next Student Senate election.
   
   d) If online voting is utilized, only the Student Senate Program Assistant, the Student Senate Advisor, and the Chair of the Elections Committee, chief justice of the student court will have administrative access to the online ballot.
   
   e) If there is an administrative issue with voting while the polls are open or supposed to be open, the administration of the ballot, in conjunction with the Elections Committee student court, shall be solely designated to resolve the situation.

L. Notification of Results
a) Upon finalization, the results must be posted outside of the Student Senate office and must include the vote totals for all candidates appearing on the ballot and all write-in candidates. Recounts may only take place within one week of the exact time the polls closed for the election. After any recounts are completed, election winners may take office, excluding the President and Vice President who take office the third meeting after the general elections according to Article III, Section 2, Paragraph C of the Student body Constitution.

b) Since elected senators take office the Monday following elections, it shall be the responsibility of all candidates to become informed of the results of the election before that time.

c) The chief justice of the student court Elections Committee Chair will certify the results of the election and shall ensure that the results of the election are posted as soon as possible, but no sooner than the closing of the polls.

M. Campaign violations

a) Campaign violations shall be defined as any activity committed by or given prior approval by a candidate contrary to the Election and Campaign Procedures, which are given to prospective candidates at the time a petition is taken out for an elected Student Senate position, as well as any and all university policies.

b) Write-in candidates shall be responsible to know and adhere to all election and campaign rules.

N. Expenses

a) Expense reports

1) Both members of an Executive ticket and senatorial candidates must submit expense reports.

2) All receipts for campaign expenses must be attached to the submitted expense report. These expense reports shall be kept until the final date of the next Student Senate election and then they may be destroyed.

3) Failure to submit the completed expense report within the one-week time limit will constitute a campaign violation and be treated as such by the Election and Campaign Procedure Grievance Committee.

b) Spending

1) A presidential ticket may not exceed $1,500 in spending for an election unless all presidential tickets agree to waive the cap. The Executive ticket(s) who wish to exceed the cap must make their request to the Elections Committee student court by the same day that the Executive candidate petitions are due. The place and manner in which the separate Executive tickets shall vote whether to exceed the cap is up to the discretion of the student court Elections Committee.

2) A senator may not exceed $500 in spending for an election.

3) Failing to stay below these limits will constitute a campaign violation and be treated as such by the Election and Campaign Procedure Grievance Committee.

Section 7: Grievance Procedures and Penalties

A. All complaints concerning elections and violations of the Election and Campaign Procedures shall be submitted in writing to the Student Senate Program Assistant no later than three school days after the alleged violation.

B. The complaint must include a description of the evidence, or the names of witnesses of the alleged violation.

C. All violations shall be submitted in writing on the official Election-Campaign-Violation form approved as to form by the Student Senate.

D. The Elections Committee will not act on a verbal complaint.
E. The Elections Committee will investigate all written complaints and submit a written and signed recommendation and report to the Senate regarding the alleged violation or complaint.

F. Any accused candidate will be given a copy of the written complaint prior to a hearing before the Elections Committee.

G. The Report and Recommendations of the Elections Committee will be open to the public.

H. Members of the Elections Committee may not publicly discuss any grievances before the Report and Recommendations regarding the grievance has been submitted to the Senate.

I. The Report and Recommendations of the Elections Committee must state the belief regarding the validity of the complaint and its status as a campaign violation.

J. The Elections Committee may recommend:
   a) Dropping the case.
   b) Holding a formal hearing by the Senate.

K. Following the recommendation of the Elections Committee, the Senate shall consider the report and recommendations.

L. Following a formal and public hearing, the Senate may, if it votes to, take the following actions:
   a) Make the student ineligible for commission membership for a certain time period.
   b) Make the student ineligible to run for any elected Student Senate position for a certain time period.
   c) Make the student ineligible to hold an executive position (including Executive Board) for a certain time period.
   d) May request the University Investigating to require restitution for damages under Chapter 17 of the University of Wisconsin Administrative Code.
   e) Recommend a formal meeting with the President and Vice President regarding the alleged violation.
   f) Make a motion for the removal of the person from Student Senate office.
   g) Write a resolution regarding the alleged violation.
   h) Any other disciplinary action approved by the Senate.

M. The Elections Committee and the Student Senate may not penalize an executive or senatorial candidate with the subtraction of votes.

N. If the Elections Committee or entire Student Senate finds the alleged violator innocent of a campaign violation, the matter should be immediately dropped.

O. All grievances and the Reports and Recommendations of the Elections Committee should be kept for a five-year period to aid the Elections and Campaign Procedures Review Committee.

Section 8: Elections and Campaign Procedures Review Committee

The Internal Affairs Committee shall review the Elections and Campaign Procedures after each general election. The Internal Affairs committee shall do the following: review any and all grievances filed since the last review; review any other problems that may have arisen since that time; and recommend changes to the Elections and Campaign Procedures if necessary. This review shall be reported to the Student Senate in a presentation and any applicable legislation no later than the second to last meeting of the Fall Semester.

ARTICLE 5: SENATORS

Section 1: Appointments

A. Appointment of Senators filling a Vacancy
   a) 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.
B. Definition and Process of Senate Confirmation or Advice and Consent
   a) After the appointments list has been read by the President, only Senators can motion to object. Once a motion to object has been made, the Senator is given one minute to state the reasoning of the objection. After the Senator states the reasoning for the objection, the Senate will immediately vote as to whether the objection will be heard with a majority vote in the affirmative needed to proceed. A speakers list is then opened and exhausted using the same parliamentary procedure as a resolution. Once the speakers list is closed, a vote must eventually be taken on whether to uphold the objection with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative to negate the appointee from receiving the position.

b) If a person’s appointment is successfully stopped, that person may not be put up for appointment in that position for the remainder of the session.

c) Objections should predominately entail experience, qualifications and nothing of a personal nature.

Section 2: Removals
A. Only Senators (aside from the President) may initiate the removal process.

B. Removal is a very serious matter that must entail a violation of a person’s duties as assigned in the Student Senate Bylaws or Student Body Constitution. Personal matters are not ground for removal.

C. Any member of Student Senate is subject to removal from their position.

D. Removal by the President
   a) The President may remove any appointed Director or Executive during a session by including the removal, reasoning, and vacancy in his or her report.

   b) The President may not remove Senators, Chairs, or Commission members without following the same process that a Senator would need to facilitate.

E. Removal by a Senator
   a) A senator wishing to remove another member needs to draft a resolution to be submitted in the primary week and debated in the next week. It needs a simple majority to pass.

   b) This resolution must have the allegations of wrong-doing referring only to the description of his or her position/office as in the Student Senate Bylaws and Student Body Constitution and only taking place in the current session.

   c) If the criterion in Section 2, Paragraph E, subparagraph b is not met in the judgment of the Parliamentarian, then the resolution is immediately withdrawn. If the resolution implicates or is about the Parliamentarian, the judgment of the Vice President is used.

   d) If the resolution is passed, the meeting is immediately suspended for 15 minutes. When the meeting resumes, the defendant will be given a 10 minute rebuttal at the podium with the Executives receding to the gallery. After the rebuttal, a ballot vote will be taken as to whether to vote upon removal or vote upon censure. A majority in the affirmative will initiate a vote of censure. A majority in the negative will initiate a vote of removal.
e) If the ballot vote is a majority in the affirmative, the Senate will immediately move into a roll call vote. Two-thirds of eligible voting members (not simply members present) are needed to vote in the affirmative for the defendant to be removed. If the ballot vote is a majority in the negative, the Senate will immediately move into a roll call vote. Two-thirds of eligible voting members (not simply members present) are needed to vote in the affirmative for the defendant to be censured.

F. Removal due to Attendance
   a) If a Senator has not met attendance obligation as outlined in Article 5, Sections 3 and 4, then the president has the discretion to place his or her resignation on the appointments list.

   b) If the Senator’s resignation is motioned for objection, the advice and consent process does not go into effect. Instead, the matter will be taken to the Executive Board for a vote on whether to uphold the motion to object. In the Executive Board, the Senator in question is required to give a statement on their attendance and the objection in question. After the statement, he or she will leave the room and a speakers list will be opened and exhausted. A vote of 2/3rds is needed to uphold the motion to object.

   c) If the motion to object is upheld, the Senator retains his or her position and his or her resignation may only be added to the appointments list if new violations in attendance policy occur.

G. Removal due to Academic Eligibility
   a) Any member of Senate not meeting the academic eligibility requirements as set in Article III, Section 1, Paragraph A of the Student Body Constitution shall be removed by announcement of the presiding officer under personnel matters the following meeting upon clerical confirmation of the academic ineligibility. A motion of objection may be made, but only on the grounds that the clerical information is false.

Section 3: Attendance
A. Definition
   Senate attendance is defined as presence from Roll Call through Adjournment.

B. Requirements
   a) Senators are required to attend all Senate meetings, office hours, Differential Tuition hearings, Finance Commission budget hearings and deliberations (following the equation of Article 5, Section 4), and Student Technology Fee budget hearings.

   b) If a student is elected after running from "abroad," his/her absences at meetings are excused while the student is away.

C. Absences
   a) A senator is allowed five (5) unexcused absences. A senator who has more than five (5) unexcused absences may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Senate.

   b) If a member of the Student Senate wishes to have an absence excused, they must submit a written explanation, email, or speak directly to the Treasurer by 4:00 p.m. the day the member wishes to be absent, as to why they will be absent from the meeting. Excused absences include those absences related to official senate business, illness, and conflicting academic obligations and are at the discretion of the Treasurer.

   c) Process for removal
1) Once a Student Senator has reached five total unexcused absences, the President will proceed according to Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph F.

2) The Student Body President and Vice-President should make an effort to resolve meeting attendance issues with the Student Senators to avoid a contested removal process.

Section 4: Responsibilities

A. Commission Membership
   a) Each senator shall, within two Senate meetings following their election or appointment, join and thereafter maintain membership in at least one commission provided for in Article 9 and be appointed to an administrative committee (applications available in the Student Senate office).

   b) For failing to so join or thereafter maintain membership in a commission and membership of a committee, a senator may be removed from office by following the procedures outlined in Article 5 Section 2.

B. Office Hours
   a) Each senator shall post and maintain one permanent office-hour per week during semesters, exclusive of registration and final examination weeks. Each missed office-hour shall be considered the equivalent of one unexcused Senate absence, unless the Senate by majority vote grants an exemption within one week of the missed hour.

   b) The Treasurer shall post a permanent office-hour sheet at the beginning of each semester and shall post weekly office-hour sheets. Each senator shall indicate his/her permanent office-hour on the permanent office-hour sheet and shall sign the weekly office-hour sheet in the appropriate slot each week. Senators will serve their office hour during regular business hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) with any exceptions being left to the decision of the Treasurer.

C. Finance Commission Budget Hearings and Deliberations
   a) Annually, each senator shall attend at least two Organized Activity Budget presentations during formal hearings for the Finance Commission. Furthermore, at least one of the two budget presentations, attended by each senator, shall be Health Services, Athletics or Recreation. During the week with formal hearings, senators shall not be required to maintain an office hour.

      1) Two missed presentations shall be the equivalent of one unexcused Senate absence. The Finance Director shall keep record of senator attendance at all presentations and report same to the president and Executive Board.

   b) Annually each senator, the President and Vice-President shall attend at least one hour of budget deliberations by the Finance Commission.

      1) If a senator misses the budget deliberations, they shall receive the equivalent of two unexcused Senate absence. The senator may make up the unexcused absences by listening to a recording of the session, or proving to the President that they understand the issues that were discussed in each of the Organized Activities. The Finance Director shall keep record of senators’ attendance at the budget deliberations and report same to the President and Treasurer.

D. ITC Budget Hearings
   a) Annually, each senator shall attend at least two hours of presentations during the
formal hearing for the ITC Commission. During the week with formal hearings, senators shall not be required to maintain an office hour. Missing the one hour requirement shall be the equivalent of one unexcused Senate absence.

b) The ITC director may choose, with the consent of the President, to substitute these hearings with a presentation at a full Student Senate meeting. If the director elects to present at a Student Senate meeting, senators must complete their regular office hours.

E. Differential Tuition Hearings
   a) Annually each voting member of the Student Senate shall attend the Differential Tuition Hearings. During the week of the formal hearings, Senators shall not be required to maintain an office hour. Missing the formal hearings shall constitute the equivalent of one unexcused senate absence.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS
(For information on the Residence Hall Council Liaison, see Article 10.)

Section 1: Executive Board
A. The Executive Board shall have the following responsibilities:
   a) Function as the primary advisory body to the president.
   b) Hear ethics and election complaints against officers, senators, commission members, and candidates, and recommend disciplinary action(s) to the president or Senate, as appropriate.
   c) Consistent with Article III, Section 1 of the constitution, apportion Senate seats between the on-campus and off-campus communities, and schedule general and special elections.
   d) Perform such other duties as the Senate or president may direct.

B. Membership
   a) The president shall chair the Executive Board unless he/she designates in writing another board member as chair.
   b) Membership of the board shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, webmaster, and commission directors

Section 2: Appointments
A. Appointment of the Board of Directors
   a) The President will appoint the Board of Directors by the third week after a change in session by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

B. Appointment of Chairs, Commission and Committee Membership
   a) The President will appoint all Chairs and members of Commissions and Committees with the recommendation of the respective Director or nomination process by including the appointees on the appointment list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

C. Appointment of United Council
   a) The President shall appoint the Director of United Council, in the years in which the student body chooses to be a part of the organization, by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.
   b) The President shall appoint the United Council Campus Chapter members, in the years in which the student body chooses to be a part of the organization, with the recommendation of the Director of United Council, by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.
D. Appointment of the President and Vice President
   a) The President and Vice President shall be appointed in the manner detailed in Article III, Section 1, Paragraph E of the Student Body Constitution.

E. Definition and Process of Senate Confirmation or Advice and Consent
   a) After the appointments list has been read by the President, only Senators can motion to object. Once a motion to object has been made, the Senator is given one minute to state the reasoning of the objection. After the Senator states the reasoning for the objection, the Senate will immediate vote as to whether the objection will be heard with a majority vote in the affirmative needed to proceed. A speakers list is then opened and exhausted using the same parliamentary procedure as a resolution. Once the speakers list is closed, a vote must eventually be taken on whether to uphold the objection with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative to negate the appointee from receiving the position.
   b) If a person's appointment is successfully stopped, that person may not be put up for appointment in that position for the remainder of the session.
   c) Objections should predominately entail experience, qualifications and nothing of a personal nature.

Section 3: Removals
   A. A Director’s removal due to attendance will follow the format of Article 5, Section 2.
   B. Any member of Student Senate is subject to removal from their position.

Section 4: Attendance
   A. All officers and directors of the Senate will be required to attend the general Senate meetings from Roll Call through Special Reports. Officers that are senators will be required to stay through adjournment.
   B. Student Senate officers are to be in attendance when legislation is brought out of, or directly relates to, their commission or committee.
   C. Chairpersons must attend the first meeting of every month from roll call to special reports.

Section 5: Offices and Responsibilities
   A. Parliamentarian
      a) 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.
      b) The parliamentarian shall also serve as the Internal Affairs Chairperson and the Election Chairperson.
      c) The Parliamentarian shall be in charge of all absentee voting procedures including sending electronic ballots to students who request them and keeping accurate records in order to keep students from voting both electronically and at the booth on campus.
      d) The parliamentarian should only speak and author legislation on matters of parliamentary procedure and constitution or by-law procedure.
      e) The parliamentarian shall not hold the position of senator.
   B. Secretary
      a) A secretary shall be appointed by the president subject to Senate confirmation.
b) The secretary of the Senate shall keep the minutes of Senate meetings and be responsible for the distribution of minutes, bills, resolutions, and reports to all senators and officers and such other related duties as the president, vice-president and chief of staff may direct.

C. Treasurer & Chief of Staff
   a) A treasurer shall be appointed by the president subject to Student Senate approval.
   b) The Chief of Staff position is limited to individuals who have been active in the previous session.
   c) Has the responsibility in formulating, with the President, the Student Senate General Operations budget and the Legal Services budget.
   d) Review the financial records of the Student Senate and shall be a member of Student Senate Finance Commission.
   e) Has budgetary discretion, along with the President, for purchases at or below $50.
   f) Monitor attendance of Senators through, among other things, the minutes and with the Treasurer to enforce the attendance set forth in Article 5, Sections 3 and 4.
   g) Plan the Executive Board and general Senate's retreat as well as both end of the semester banquets.
   h) Plan at least one activity a semester for general Senate.
   i) Has the responsibility to attend the budget processes of the Academic Affairs Commission, Finance Commission, and Information Technology Commission.
   j) Hold weekly meetings with the President and Vice-President to discuss current issues and concerns both they and directors have.
   k) Arrange regular meetings between the President, Vice-President, Chief of Staff, and the individual directors.
   l) Hold at least two office hours a week in order to be accessible for Directors to express concerns.
   m) Meet annually with the Finance Director and Information Technology Director, prior to formation of the Student Senate Operations and Legal Services Budgets to discuss and plan for the costs of the technology rotation for the upcoming fiscal year.

D. Webmaster
   a) A Webmaster shall be appointed by the President subject to Senate confirmation.
   b) The Webmaster and the Senate shall maintain and update weekly the Student Senate website. He/she will report to and serve as a resource to the Executive Board. His/her weekly obligations are to attend the weekly Executive Board meeting and give a report.
   c) The Student Senate Webmaster will report directly to the President and Vice President and work closely with the Public Relations Commission Director and the Information Technology Commission Director to ensure a website of high quality.
E. **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.

F. **Directors**
   a) One director each for Academic Affairs, Finance, Information Technology, Intergovernmental Affairs, Organizations, Public Relations, Student Life and Diversity, Student Services, United Council and UAC Programming (under the UAC Programming director, one deputy director each for Communications and Public Relations) shall be appointed and may be removed or replaced in a manner detailed in Article III, Section 1. Unless provided in these bylaws, no other director shall have a deputy.

   b) Each director, by virtue of office, shall serve as chairperson of his/her jurisdiction's respective commission and shall, under the supervision of the president and consistent with Senate and Commission policies, be responsible for the proper performance of the managerial functions of planning, organizing, directing, and controlling within his/her jurisdiction. Each director shall have the right to vote in his/her respective commission at all times.

   c) Except for the UAC programming director and the two deputy directors, the terms of office of directors shall be as provided in Article III, Section 2 of the constitution. The terms of the programming director and his/her two deputy directors shall be from the first Senate meeting of March to the first Senate meeting of March of the next year or until a successor is appointed and confirmed, whichever occurs first.

   d) All directors and chairpersons must submit a revised copy of their prospective handbooks by the second Monday in February. Each commission shall evaluate and provide recommendations to the Student Senate. Changes may be made with Senate approval.

**Section 5: Stipends**

A. The President shall receive a stipend on $5,000 per Senate term. It shall be paid equally over 26 weeks.

B. All stipends for other officers shall be a percentage of the President’s stipend. They shall be paid equally over 19 weeks.
   a) The Vice-President shall receive an amount equal to 75% of the President’s stipend ($3,750)
   b) The Treasurer shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend ($2,500)
   c) The Secretary shall receive an amount equal to 20% of the President’s stipend ($1,000)
   d) Directors shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend ($2,500)
e) The Parliamentarian shall receive an amount equal to 25% of the President’s stipend ($1,250).
f) The Chief Justice of the Student Court shall receive an amount equal to 25% of the President’s stipend ($1,250).
g) The Webmaster shall receive an amount equal to 20% of the President’s stipend ($1,000).

ARTICLE 7: SENATE SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

Section 1: Senate Sessions
A. A session of the Senate shall run annually from the start of the first executive board meeting after the Student Senate elections to the executive board meeting after the Student Senate elections the following school year.

B. A flag of the United States of America shall be present at all regular meetings of the Student Senate.

C. In an emergency situation, a special Student Senate meeting may be called for by ten senators of Student Senate, or may be moved for in a regular meeting of Senate. The motion to hold a special meeting shall be a majority.

Section 2: Order of Business
A. The order of business for Senate meetings shall be as follows:
   I. Call to order by presiding officer
   II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
   III. Roll Call by the Secretary
   IV. Open Forum for 15 minutes
   V. Approval of Minutes
   VI. Report of the President
   VII. Report of the Vice President
   VIII. Report of the Treasurer
   IX. Departmental Reports
   X. Special Business
   XI. Unfinished Business
   XII. New Business
   XIII. Personnel Matters
   XIV. Announcements
   XV. Adjournment

B. There may be a time when it is necessary to dispense with reports. This can be done by moving to suspend the rules so that Senate can move directly to Unfinished Business. This motion requires a 2/3 vote to carry. All directors shall still turn their reports in to the secretary.

Section 3: Debate and Motion Privileges
A. The Senate extends the privileges of debating and introducing motions on the Senate floor, but not voting, to the treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, webmaster, directors, deputy-directors, and chairpersons.

B. The Senate, while asserting its own autonomy and recognizing the autonomy of the Residence Hall Association and the University Senate, extends the privileges of debating and introducing motions, but not voting, to the President of Residence Hall Association and the
Chairman of the University Senate, respectively, for all such time as the Residence Hall Association and University Senate, respectively, shall extend these same privileges to the president of the student body.

C. Student Senate allows two speaking turns of 10 minutes each on main motions and two turns of 10 minutes each per amendment. (They are not transferable except to members of the gallery). The author of a bill is allowed an introduction plus the two speaking turns.

a) A speaker who wishes to yield his or her speaking turn to a member of the gallery must begin his or her speaking turn with the phrase, "I reserve my right to act procedurally."

b) Using the phrase, "I reserve my right to act procedurally" allows speakers to make motions within their speaking turns without having to yield the floor. Making a motion within a speaking turn ends that speaking turn.

D. Members of the Gallery can speak if called upon directly by the presiding officer or if a speaking turn is transferred to them from a member of Student Senate.

Section 4: Roll Call Votes
A roll call vote may be requested by any member of Student Senate. The presiding officer may deny the request or any Senate member may object the consideration of the roll call at which time the presiding officer must rule on the matter. If the roll call vote is denied by the presiding officer, a vote of 1/3 in the affirmative shall carry the roll call.

Section 5: Special Rule for Budget Deliberations in Senate
A. Rules for the Organized Activities Budget
a) During Senate deliberations on the Organized Activities Budget the following special rules shall go into effect. During deliberations on these matters, the Finance Commission Director shall be given ten minutes to introduce the bill. During debate, all those present shall have the opportunity to speak no more than five times on the main motion with each turn not to exceed ten minutes.

b) Speaking time on amendments shall be limited to three turns for each person present wishing to speak, which shall not exceed five minutes each time. Votes on all amendments to the Organized Activities Budget shall be roll call votes and passed by a majority.

c) The final vote on the Organized Activities Budget shall be a roll call vote and passed by a majority.

d) In the event the budget bill does not receive a majority vote, it will be immediately referred back to the Finance Commission for reconsideration with the intention that the budget bill will be re-introduced by the last Senate meeting in February.

B. Rules for ITC Budget
a) During Senate deliberations on the ITC Budget the following shall go into effect. During deliberations on these matters, the ITC Director shall be given ten minutes to introduce the bill. During debate, all those present shall have the opportunity to speak no more than five minutes on the main motion.

b) Speaking time on amendments shall be limited to three turns for each person present wishing to speak, which shall not exceed five minutes each time. Votes on all amendments to the ITC Budget shall be roll call votes.
c) The final vote on the ITC Budget shall be a roll call vote.

C. Rules for the Differential Tuition Recommendations
   a) During Senate deliberations on the Differential Tuition recommendations regarding
      ranges or allocations, the following special rules shall go into effect. During
      deliberations on these matters, the Academic Affairs Commission Director shall be
      given ten minutes to introduce the legislation. During debate, all those present shall
      have the opportunity to speak no more than five times on the main motion.

   b) Speaking time on amendments shall be limited to three turns for each person present
      wishing to speak which shall not exceed five minutes each time. Votes on all
      amendments to the Differential Tuition recommendations regarding ranges or
      allocations shall be roll call votes.

   c) The final vote on the Differential Tuition recommendations shall be a roll call vote.

ARTICLE 8: LEGISLATION

Section 1: Authoring
   The Student Senate extends the privilege of authoring legislation to the president, vice-president,
   directors, deputy-directors, chairpersons, senators, treasurer, webmaster, parliamentarian, and
   secretary.

Section 2: Numbering
   Each piece of legislation and every amendment shall be assigned a number upon preparation.
   The number for main motions shall first indicate the Senate session number, followed by a dash,
   a letter indicating its form ("R" for Resolution, "B" for Bill, "M" for Motion), and finally a number
   indicating its chronological order for the session. Amendments shall be chronologically numbered
   when prepared and shall indicate the number of the main motion which they amend.

Section 3: Form
   The presiding officer shall rule out of order any bill or resolution not submitted in appropriate
   written form to senators and officers at least 24 hours prior to Senate consideration unless, in the
   opinion of the presiding officer, an emergency condition exists or the Senate votes to suspend
   this rule by a two-thirds vote.

   The presiding officer shall also rule out of order any resolution of a personal matter which could
   more appropriately be dealt with in the form of a letter. Letters on behalf of the Senate shall be
   brought up through a motion on the floor. These letters shall be authored by the maker of the
   motion, the vice-president and all concerned parties.

Section 4: Amendments
   No amendments, other than editorial, may be made to a bill during the first reading unless the
   Senate suspends this rule by a two-thirds vote.

Section 5: Distribution
   A. A copy of each piece of proposed legislation shall be distributed to each senator and officer in
      accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

   B. A copy of each piece of legislation adopted by the Senate shall be distributed to the
      Chairman of the University Senate and, as appropriate, to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or
an Assistant Chancellor of the University.

Section 6: Referral
Any bill already coming out of a commission does not need to be referred. However, if there is an objection, then the bill must be referred to the appropriate committees or commissions.

Section 7: Expiration
Any piece of legislation not adopted by the end of the session in which it was introduced shall expire.

ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 1: Meetings
Each commission shall meet at least twice a month during the Senate session and only during the spring and fall academic sessions. Each director shall set a regular day and time for commission meetings and special meetings, with 24-hour notice to members, may be called by the appropriate director or by a majority of the commission.

Section 2: General Commission Membership Guidelines
A. Members of all commissions shall be appointed and may be removed or replaced by the president subject to Senate confirmation.

B. All commission members and all members of standing committees of the University Activities Commission must meet upon appointment and thereafter maintain the eligibility requirements provided in Article III, Section 1, of the constitution.

C. Unless otherwise provided for in the constitution or these bylaws, no commission shall have ex-officio members.

D. Each commission, except for the University Activities Commission and Finance Commission, shall consist of no less than four and quantity is up to the director’s discretion. The commission director, however, can set a number of members within this range.

E. A majority of the appointed voting membership of a commission shall constitute a quorum to conduct business, but a lesser number shall suffice to adjourn or recess from time to time.

F. Attendance policies for each commission shall be established in writing and distributed to members by the respective directors.

G. Commission members may be removed upon a majority vote of the Senate.

H. Resignations of commission members shall be submitted in writing to the president or appropriate director and announced at the next Senate meeting. Unless specified, resignations become effective upon receipt by the president or appropriate director.

I. Terms of commission members shall be concurrent with eligibility.

Section 3: Commission Structure
A. Except for the University Activities Commission, a vice chairperson and a secretary for each commission shall be appointed and may be removed or replaced by the appropriate director. Consistent with the jurisdiction of the respective commission and from among the membership of that commission, other commission officers may be appointed, removed, or
replaced by the appropriate director to positions created by the respective commission or
director.

B. Consistent with the jurisdiction of the respective commission and except as provided in
C below, committees from among a commission’s membership may be created or abolished by
that commission or the appropriate director, and members to such committees may be
appointed, removed, or replaced by the appropriate director.

C. Upon the creation or abolishment of any committee within a commission upon the
appointment, removal, or replacement of any commission officer or committee member, the
appropriate director shall in writing notify the President and Senate’s Program Assistant of
such action.

Section 4: Standing Commissions
The Senate shall have the following commissions with respective responsibilities as indicated:

**A. Academic Affairs:**
This commission shall:

a) Review and examine how academic policies proposed by the University Senate
Academic Policies Committee and the University of Wisconsin System Regents affect
students and the commission shall take appropriate action.

b) Collaborate with the Provost and Academic Affairs Staff to evaluate the previous
years’ Differential Tuition expenditures as well as determine the Differential Tuition
ranges and allocations per category and present to the Student Senate for approval.
For further information regarding the procedures, process, and timeline of Differential
Tuition, see Section A-5 of the Student Government Handbook.

c) Monitor the library resources and policies including the hours of operation.

d) The Director of Academic Affairs shall recommend the appointment to the President
of a chairperson for Graduate Affairs and General Education and for the following
colleges: (a) Arts and Sciences, (b) Business, (c) Nursing and Health Sciences, and
(d) Education and Human Sciences.

e) Work with the University Senate’s Faculty Awards Committee to run the nomination
process for the Excellence in Advising Award. The process will be as follows:

1) By mid-February, an email goes out to the student body for nominations.
2) By early March, the Academic Affairs Commission will meet and discuss the
nominations. The Academic Affairs Commission will narrow the nominations
to five faculty or staff nominees. The nominee’s names will be submitted to
the Faculty Awards Committee.
3) The Faculty Awards Committee then will proceed with surveying all the
nominees’ advisees. The Faculty Awards Committee will then select a
winner from the group nominees based upon the results of the survey sent to
the nominees’ advisees.
4) By the end of the spring semester, the Faculty Awards Committee will
contact the Academic Affairs Commission Director and Academic Affairs
Commission with the Excellence in Advising Award Recipient.

**B. Finance:**
This commission shall:

a) Annually recommend to the Senate in bill form all Segregated Fee allocations for
Organized Activities and projected minimum allocations for those Organized requiring
them at the first meeting of the spring semester.

b) Recommend to the Senate procedures for Senate consideration of Special requests.

c) Review and provide recommendations to the University administration on the general operations and auxiliary enterprises budgets of the University.

d) Refer to Finance Commission By-Laws packet for specific details regarding the policies and procedures of the Finance Commission.

e) Meet annually with the Information Technology Director and Treasurer, prior to formulation of the Student Senate General Operations and Legal Services Budgets discuss and plan for the cost of the technology rotation for the upcoming fiscal year.

f) Finance Commission shall have no more than 15 members and no less than 11. This includes the director. The majority of Finance Commission members must be student senators.

C. **Information Technology:**

This commission shall:

a) Act as a resource for students on UWEC information technology services.

b) Convey information between students and UWEC administration concerning information technology.

c) Convey information between the students and Learning & Technology Services.

d) Serve as a liaison between student organizations, Student Senate, Learning and Technology Services, and the administration on technology issues and services, including providing advice and counsel regarding the allocation of the student technology fee.

e) Coordinate information from the various administrative committees that deal with information technology.

f) Annually coordinate the Student Senate technology rotation to ensure that no Student Senate owned computer or printer exceeds four years of age.

g) Meet annually with the Finance Director and Treasurer, prior to formulation of the Student Senate General Operations and Legal Services Budgets, to discuss and for the cost of the technology rotation for the upcoming fiscal year.

D. **Intergovernmental Affairs:**

This commission shall:

a) Research and provide recommendations to the Senate regarding existing and proposed public policies affecting or of interest to students in local, state, and federal governments outside the University.

b) Appoint liaisons to legislative bodies and/or neighborhood associations, such as City Council and Eau Claire County Board, as the Director deems necessary with the advice and consent of the Commission.

c) Include the Director of United Council within its membership. The United Council Campus Chapter members are highly encouraged to become Commission members, as effective communication is necessary if the Campus Chapter is to properly represent the student body. In return, the Campus Chapter members should openly communicate what they have learned to the Commission.

d) Inform, educate, and involve students in the electoral and legislative process of the city, county, state, and federal governments.

e) Review pieces of legislation regarding the functions of city, state and national governments before Bills and Resolutions go before the general Senate. The Commission will discuss and then vote on the legislation. The passing or failing of the legislation by the commission is not an official vote. The review and vote will merely help to expedite the Senate deliberation process.
E. **Internal Affairs:**
This committee shall:

a) Meet at least once per semester, and when the committee deems it necessary, to provide Senate with a review of what aspects of Senate it believes are beneficial and what aspects of senate it believes should be changed.

b) The committee shall consist of six members including the parliamentarian (chairperson), one on-campus senator, one off-campus senator, the Organizations Director, an executive board member, and one Student Senate member at large.

F. **Organizations:**
This commission shall:

a) Recommend to the Senate policies regulating the formation and structure of campus organizations.

b) In conjunction with the University Office of Activities and Programs, define, grant, and, when necessary, revoke status which extends to certain temporary privileges to campus organizations in the process of forming.

c) Review and recommend to the Senate action on campus organization constitutions and amendments thereto.

d) Advise and monitor existing campus organizations concerning compliance with applicable Senate policies.

e) Include the Director of United Council within its membership. The Campus Chapter members are encouraged to become Commission members, as effective communication is necessary if the Campus Chapter is to properly represent the student body.

f) Attend grassroots conferences and disseminate information through workshops visiting organizations, and any other means necessary. These presentations include handouts and be given to campus organizations upon request.

g) The Organizations Commission Director shall function as a resource in grassroots organizing skills.
   1) The Director is responsible for meeting with the head of different campaigns and committees to aid them in organizing.
   2) The Director will make sure campaigns have goals that are clear and concise, attainable and challenging.

h) The Organizations Commission Director shall hold a mandatory meeting once a semester for new or relatively new student organizations. The meeting will discuss the fundamentals to writing a student constitution outlined in the “Handbook for Student Organizations and Advisors” and give an overview of rules that affect student organizations on the UWEC Campus.

G. **Public Relations:**
This commission shall:

a) Promote awareness of and participation in Student Senate activities, monitoring student feedback and enhancing the many channels of communication.

b) Recruit Student Senators to ensure a full and representative body.

c) Promote awareness of absentee voting for all students when online voting is not utilized by:
   1) Creating literature for the National Student Exchange and Study Abroad orientation packets to be distributed to all participants.
   2) Advertising absentee voting in the campus media, along with other election information.
   3) Sending out an informational email to all students the first day petitions for office are available.
4) Promoting voting the week of elections.

d) The Public Relations Commission Director shall appoint a Media Relations chair (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires):

5) Chairperson is responsible for enhancing communication between Student Senate and campus and local media. Chairperson is also responsible for promoting the general awareness of area events, developments and decisions which impact the UW-Eau Claire campus.

6) Chairperson is responsible for press releases and communicating relevant weekly Student Senate agenda items to campus media and the News Bureau.

e) The Public Relations Director shall appoint a Graphic Design and Visual Arts Chair (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires):

1) Chairperson is responsible for designing effective promotional materials for Student Senate and its commissions, using various mediums and formats.

f) The Public Relations Commission Director shall encourage a liaison from all campus media and any other campus and community-wide news media to sit on the Commission.

H. **Student Life and Diversity:**

The commission shall:

a) Monitor and provide recommendations to the Student Senate on policies, programs and services affecting the campus living and learning environment.

b) Monitor and provide recommendations to the Student Senate on policies, programs and services affecting the physical and mental well being of the student body.

c) Monitor and research environmental issues and concerns, educate students, promote environmental awareness on campus although the Environmental Affairs Chairperson (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

d) Assess and provide recommendations on diversity and multiculturalism through the Multicultural Affairs Chairperson. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

e) Review policies and make recommendations affecting issues through the Women’s Issues Chairperson. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

f) Monitor Non-traditional student affairs through the Non-traditional Student Affairs Chairperson. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she so desires.)

g) Research and assess Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender issues including, but not limited to, legislative concerns, educational programming, and resources on campus through the LGBT Affairs Chairperson. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires).

h) Maintain and manage the Diversity Resource Center, focusing on, but not limited to, coordinating with other Resource Centers in the UW System, planning programs for classes and other events on campus, and the upkeep of the Equality Resource Center collections, through the Equality Resource Center Chairperson. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

i) Monitor and provide recommendations on any other issues affecting students with special needs such as students with disabilities.
j) Monitor and assess international student issues including, but not limited to, working with the Center for International Education to help and promote various activities and programs regarding international students and create more awareness on and off-campus of international students’ needs.

k) Monitor and assess male issues including, but not limited to, working with Counseling Services to provide the best services for males on campus (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires).

I. **Student Services:**

This commission shall:

a) Be concerned with the services to students provided by the Student Senate and the University.

b) Work actively to inform students of already active services.

c) Seek out advice and suggestions from the student body on needed services.

d) Inform students of their legal rights and responsibilities and, consistent with Senate and University policies, shall provide legal counseling to students through the services of a retained licenses attorney.

e) Provide recommendations on improving student safety to the Senate and appropriate Public Safety authorities and inform and educate students on matters of safety through the transportation/safety affairs chairperson. (Chairperson may form committee if he/she desires.)

f) Also through the transportation/safety affairs chairperson, deal with the issues of transportation which could include, but are not limited to the transit system, parking and bicycle regulations.

g) Inform, educate and assist students with questions and problems regarding landlord-tenant relations and off-campus housing and represent student-tenant interests to area organizations and governmental units through the Tenant Affairs Chair.

h) Address issues facing the Athletics & Recreation Departments and the needs and rights of students through the Athletics/Recreation Affairs Chair. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

i) Address issues facing the Student Health Service and the needs and rights of students through the Health Services Chair. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)

j) Inform, educate and assist students with questions, concerns, and problems regarding disability issues including but not limited to accessibility, education, awareness, and other services through the Students with disabilities Chair.

k) Monitor and assess food service issues including, but not limited to, working with the current University food provider in order to help students receive nutritious and balanced meals at affordable price rates, as well as serve as a bridge of communication between students and the University’s food service provider.

J. **United Council:**
During those years the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a member of the United Council of Wisconsin students, the Director of United Council shall:

a) Make all logistical arrangements in preparation for United Council functions and events.

b) To run in the UC Board of Directors election during the May Convention. If elected, the Director of United Council will serve as a Board Member from the Comprehensive Caucus at all UC Board Meetings.

c) To chair the UC Campus Chapter at UWEC, working closely with the UC Field Director on selected statewide campaigns.

d) To make a weekly report to both the Student Senate and the Executive Board under agenda item VIII, letter J.

e) The United Council Director shall be considered in all pertinent matters as a Director of the Student Senate and shall bear those responsibilities and obligations.

f) Duties pertaining to the Campus Chapter Chair shall be:
   1) To seek out and retain a consistent delegation of students to attend UC Conventions and Events. This delegation should consist of members of the Student Senate as well as other leaders across campus.
   2) To organize and manage a campus wide recruitment drive for the annual Building Unity Student Empowerment Conference.
   3) Organize and manage UC campaigns in conjunction with the UC Field Director instruction. Campaigns shall include:
      i. Referendum campaigns that occur on campus.
      ii. Campaigns that involve the state biennial budget, as well as voter registration drives.
      iii. Any campaigns requested by the student body that align with United Council and Student Senate’s policy platform and organizational mission.

g) Duties pertaining to the members of the Campus Chapter shall be:
   1) To attend on-campus UC meetings, Conventions and United Council events.
   2) To serve as the grassroots coordinators for the United Council campaigns previously mentioned, and others the Director deems appropriate and necessary.
   3) To remain in contact with the Director of United Council.

h) United Council Referenda: The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire shall, in conjunction with the regular election, run a referendum every other year, in order to renew membership in United Council. In accordance with University of Wisconsin System Regent Policy Document 30-4, the question shall be limited to the following language:

   The students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire agree to support United Council with a mandatory refundable fee of ________ per _________ and ________ per summer session. The amount plus postage is refundable upon written request to the United Council Executive Director postmarked within 45 days of the first day of class. If this referendum passes, it will come up for reconsideration at least every two years. The fee may be adjusted between referenda by the Board of Regents.
K. University Activities:
This commission shall:

a) Plan, organize, promote, and present programs and activities for the entertainment and education of students.

b) The University Activities Commission shall be divided into five standing committees. Each committee will have one chair or two co-chairs selected by its members and appointed by the President pending a majority vote of the University Activities Commission’s executive board.
   1) Cabin:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for providing entertainment in an intimate atmosphere. Committee members shall select performers, schedule performances, create publicity materials, and work at scheduled events.
   2) Concerts:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for planning and facilitating concerts in University venues. Committee members shall select performers, schedule performances, create publicity materials, and work at scheduled events.
   3) Festivals:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for organizing and implementing campus-wide festivals.
   4) Films:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for planning and facilitating a film series for each semester. Committee members shall select films to be shown, develop publicity materials, and work as ushers.
   5) Higher Ground Programming:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for providing entertainment in a club setting. Committee members shall select performers, schedule performances and activities, and create publicity materials.
   6) Special Events:
      A committee within the University Activities Commission which is responsible for planning events in the categories of lectures, novelty events, performing arts, and trips and tours. The committee may also organize other events outside the jurisdiction of the other committees. Committee members shall schedule, publicize, and facilitate these events.

c) All members of standing committees of the University Activities Commission must meet upon appointment and thereafter maintain the eligibility requirements provided in Article III, Section 1, of the constitution.

d) The University Activities Commission’s executive board shall consist of the Programming Director, the Deputy Directors for Communications and Public Relations, and the chairs of the commission’s standing committees. Other committee members shall be considered non-voting members of the University Activities Commission.

e) For the University Activities Commission, the Deputy Director for Communications shall serve as commission vice chairperson and secretary.

f) Chairpersons of the University Activities Commission’s standing committees shall serve under the supervision of the Programming Director and shall have terms of office from December 1 to December 1 of each year.
Section 5: **Special and Select Committees**
The Senate may constitute any special or select committees by specifying its powers, duties, and terms of existence in a bill. Select committees shall consist of senators and/or Senate officers, and special committees shall consist of eligible members of the student body who need not be senators or officers. Members, including a chairperson, of such committees shall be appointed and may be removed or replaced by the President subject to Senate confirmation.

**ARTICLE 10: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Section 1: **University Student Liaisons**
The President of the Student Body or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the University Senate and Residence Hall Association. The Vice President or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the University Senate Student Life Committee. The Academic Affairs Director or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the University Senate Academic Policies Committee. These liaisons shall report to the Senate any committee discussions or activities which they view as being of possible interest to the Senate.

Section 2: **Residence Hall Council Liaison**
A. The Residence Hall Council Liaison will communicate with individual residence halls through email and setup meeting times for any questions or concerns that may rise throughout the session.

B. The Residence Hall Council Liaison will report on hall council and Residence Hall Association activity in the form of a monthly report during the Student Senate Executive Board meeting and at the Student Senate general meeting.

C. The Residence Hall Council Liaison will report to the President and Vice President of Student Senate.

Section 3: **University Senate Committees**
The Vice-president or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the University Senate Student Life Committee and The Academic Affairs Director or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the University Senate Academic Policies Committee. These officers shall report to the Senate any committee discussions or activities which they view as being of possible interest to the Senate.

**ARTICLE 11: REFERENDUM**

Section 1: An original referendum must be voted on by the Student Senate at least 30 days prior to voting on the referendum.

Section 2: 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).

Section 3: 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 administration 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 chair of the Elections Committee Chief Justice of the Student Court shall be the Referendum administrator. The 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 4: The Chair of the Election Committee (as defined by Article 4, Section E of the Student Senate Bylaws) will follow the line of succession (as outlined in Article 4, Section B). In the case that a grievance is filed on a referendum, the grievance procedure outlined in Article 4, Section 7 of the Student Senate Bylaws will apply.
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Student Court Bylaws

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**Article 1: Name & Purpose**

**Section 1.01 Name**
The title of the judicial branch of Student Senate shall be hereafter known as the “Student Court”. The Chief Justice of the Student Court shall facilitate the meetings, and the other members of the court shall be known as “Associate Justices”. There shall be four associate justices and one Chief Justice.

**Section 1.02: Function:**
The Student Court shall provide fair hearings and decisions working on behalf of the students of the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. Its responsibilities will include; conducting an annual review of Student Senate election procedures and serve as an independent adjudicator for any election grievances filed; handling any internal disputes of student organizations as referred to by the Student Senate Organizations Director; offer mediation services for students referred by the Dean of Students Office; and handle appeals from Organized Activities.

Student Court members shall be prohibited from being members of any student senate commissions, however they may sit on University approved committees.

**Article 2: Procedures**

**Section 2.01: Meetings**
Meetings of the Student Court will be conducted weekly, if necessary, to handle all business before the Court. Notice of all meetings will be posted in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. It will be the duty of the Chief Justice to prepare and distribute notice and/or meeting materials to Associate Justices and advisors. Any topic which is requested to appear before the Court in a regular meeting must be submitted to the Chief Justice, in writing, three business days before the weekly meeting. Meeting minutes will be taken by the Associate Justices in a rotating order.

**Section 2.02: Court Hearing Procedure**
In any issue that is brought before the Student Court, both involved parties must submit a brief to the Chief Justice, including all points of their argument to the Court three business days prior to Oral Arguments. No new information may be presented in Oral Arguments that was not included in the party’s brief. Each party involved will be allowed two representatives to participate in Oral Arguments. Parties will be given ten minutes of Oral Argument and an optional five minute rebuttal if requested. The Student Court members will then be allotted no more than fifteen minutes for questioning.
Section 2.03: Deliberation
The conversation and subject matter of all Student Court deliberations is to remain confidential, however the final vote of each justice shall be a matter of public record. When deliberating, the members of the Student Court shall take into account each party’s brief, oral arguments, and any other relevant items including University policy and applicable law.

Section 2.04: Decision
The Chief Justice shall submit in writing and electronically, the official decision of the Student Court. The Chief Justice shall, if voting in the majority, issue the decision of the court and rationale behind said decision. The decision shall include the vote of each justice. If the Chief Justice is not in the majority, the next senior associate justice who is in the majority shall write up the decision on behalf of the court. All formal decisions shall be transmitted to all appropriate parties and the Student Body President.

Section 2.05 Record Keeping
All documents pertaining to Student Court proceedings will be kept on file indefinitely after a decision has been rendered. These records will be secured in the Student Senate office. An electronic copy of all materials and information pertaining to each case will be held on the campus server indefinitely.

Article 3: Organization of Student Court and Duties of Members

Section 3.01: Membership
Composition and appointment procedures shall follow the student body constitution under Article IV Section 1.

Section 3.01.1 Requirements of Associate Justices
Members of the Student Court must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and be enrolled in at least six credits, exclusive of summer and winter sessions. Associate Justices are expected to be at every court meeting. If Associate Justices accumulate four unexcused absences, the Chief Justice shall notify the Student Body President who will remove the justice with the advice and consent of the Student Senate.

Section 3.01.2 Requirements of Chief Justice
In addition to the requirements outlined in these bylaws, the Chief Justice must facilitate every Student Court meeting. The Chief Justice will also be responsible for:

- Keeping attendance for the court
- Prepare all minutes and agendas
- Writing up the official opinion
- Schedule meeting times to accommodate all parties and court members
- Ensure all members keep with the rules outlined in these bylaws
- Serve as chief elections officer

Section 3.02: Appointment and Removal Process
Justices of the Student Court shall follow the appointment and removal processes of the Student Body Constitution under Article IV section 1, H & I.

Section 3.03 Quorum
The Student Court shall retain full membership at all times. If in the case of a vacancy or removal of a justice, the President may appoint a temporary designee to serve until a replacement may be made and confirmed. This appointment cannot last longer than one month from the date of appointment. The Senate may oppose this temporary appointment with a majority vote. If there is a circumstance where there is more than one vacancy on the Student Court, the Court shall not hold session until said vacancies are filled.

Section 3.04: Advisors
The court shall have two advisors, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and an advisor with a legal/law background. Advisors shall assist the Student Court members by offering counsel, but may not partake in voting, but may offer clarification questions at the discretion of the Chief Justice.

Article 4 Elections

Section 4.01: Procedure
The Student Court shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the elections process including, but not limited to, setting up the polls, finding poll workers, and investigating any grievances that are filed. The court and the Public Relations Commission will also be responsible with supervising the production of non-partisan advertisements including the location and dates of the elections.

Section 4.02: Election and Campaign Procedures
In accordance with the Student Body Constitution (Article IV Section 1,D) in the beginning of the fall semester, the Student Court shall do an election and campaign procedure review. Any changes recommended by a simple majority of justices, must be taken to the Student Senate in bill form, and be approved by a 2/3 majority.

The election and campaign procedures shall be posted on the Student Senate website. The Student Court shall use these rules and hold all candidates to their standards.
Section 4.03: Grievances

The Student Court will be the primary adjudicator of any grievances filed in regards to Student Senate elections or referendum questions. All complaints shall be submitted in writing to the Student Senate Program Assistant and Chief Justice of the Student Court. The following items are the procedures that the Student Court shall follow in the case of the filing of a grievance:

A. The complaint must include a description of the evidence, or the names of witnesses of the alleged violation. The Student Court webpage shall have a complaint form template to assist any individuals with filing a grievance. All violations shall be submitted in writing on the official Election Campaign Violation form.

B. Any accused candidate will be given a copy of the written complaint prior to a hearing before the Student Court.

C. The Student Court will investigate all written complaints, following the proper procedure in Article 2, Section 2.02 of these bylaws. The Court shall submit a written and signed decision and report to the Student Senate regarding the alleged violation or complaint at the earliest possible convenience.

D. Members of the Student Court may not publicly discuss any grievances before the decision regarding the grievance has been submitted to the Student Senate.

E. The Student Court may:
   a) Drop the case.
   b) Assess a penalty if appropriate including but not limited to
      i. Make the student ineligible for commission membership for certain time period.
      ii. Make the student ineligible to run for any elected Student Senate position for a certain time period.
      iii. Make the student ineligible to hold an executive board position for a certain time period.
      iv. May request the University Investigation to require restitution for damages under Chapter 17 of the University of Wisconsin Administrative Code.
      v. Recommend a formal meeting with the President and Vice President regarding the alleged violation.
      vi. Make a motion for the removal of the person from Student Senate office.
      vii. Write a resolution regarding the alleged violation.
      viii. Any other disciplinary action approved by the Student Senate.

F. If the Student Court finds the alleged violator innocent of a campaign violation, the matter will be immediately dropped.

G. After the Student Court makes a decision, the Chief Justice or his or her designee shall present said decision to the Student Senate. The Student Senate may overrule the decision with a 3/4 vote.
Section 4.04: Certification
The Chief Justice of the Student Court will certify the results of the election and shall ensure that the results of the election are posted as soon as possible, but no sooner than the closing of the polls.

Article 5: Segregated University Fee Allocation Appeals (SUFAC)

Section 5.01: Procedure
The Court shall hear any appeals by groups regarding funding decisions made by the Finance Commission and the Student Senate. Organized activities aggrieved by a student fee funding decision may request a review of said decision where it is alleged that viewpoint neutrality was violated and the funding decision was based on an organized activity’s extracurricular speech or expressive activities. Procedural disputes may also be considered by the Student Court.

Appeals can only be heard by the Student Court after the organized activity has exhausted their appeal to the Finance Commission and/or the Student Senate.

The court will first determine if the individual or organized activity requesting the appeal has sufficient standing to be heard. If, in the court’s view, there is sufficient standing a hearing shall be convened following the procedures of Article 2 Section 2.02. If there is insufficient reasoning, the court shall reject by a vote of a simple majority of justices the appeal. The Court shall gather all necessary information in a timely manner, and shall then either a. overturn the decision in question, or b. affirm the Finance Commission’s or Student Senate’s decision. The Court shall not determine financial need or specific allocation amounts. If needed, allocations may be remanded to the Finance Commission or Student Senate for allocation changes based on court decisions.

Any organized activity that does not agree with the response of the Senate and the Student Court may request that the Chancellor or designee review the decisions. A written request must be provided to the Chancellor within seven days after the response of Student Court was issued that articulates with specificity the disagreement with the decision. This request can only be made after both remedies (review by the Finance Commission and by the Student Court) have been exhausted. The Chancellor will review the appeal and provide a decision no later than fourteen days after the Chancellor’s review was requested. The Chancellor’s decision shall be final unless the matter is brought before the Board of Regents in accordance with Regent Policy documents 86-4 and 86-6.
Article 6: Independent Review

Section 6.01: Conflicts of Interest
Justices of the Student Court shall not participate in cases in which they have a direct conflict of interest. If there is a dispute whether an associate justice has a conflict of interest in a case, the Chief Justice in consultation with the Student Court advisors shall have the final say. If the Chief Justice is the court member with the conflict, he or she shall temporarily appoint an Associate Justice to serve as Acting Chief Justice and step down as Chief Justice.

Section 6.02: Review Outside of Bylaws
The Student Court will work with Student Senate, Student Organizations, the Chief Judicial Affairs Officer, the Dean of Students office, Housing and Residence Life, and others to render impartial decisions on matters that include student conduct, disciplinary actions or policies which hold implications for the larger student body. The Court will provide an impartial review to assist in any appropriate manner as requested.

Article 7: Additions to Student Court Bylaws

Section 7.01 Authority to Change Bylaws
In accordance with Article IV, Section 1, G, the Student Senate shall have the authority to edit the bylaws of the Student Court with a 2/3 majority approval. These edits shall be submitted to the Student Court for review, to ensure that they are not in violation of the Student Body Constitution. If such a violation is found, the particular clause shall be omitted from the Student Court bylaws.