

# SIU Southern Illinois University



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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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#### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this document shall be referred to as the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The USG Bylaws are considered to be a governing document of the USG. The USG Bylaws are an extension of the USG Constitution which supersedes the Bylaws. The Bylaws contain more specific information on the duties of the USG.

### ARTICLE III - DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, & WAGES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

# **SECTION 1 – Presidential Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. Represent the undergraduate student body and will perform all duties required by the office including providing for the faithful execution of all USG guidelines and policies.
- 2. Forward all passed legislation to the proper office within two business days of a bill being signed.
- 3. Appoint members of the Executive Branch and one member to the Judicial Branch. Appointed positions must be confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Senate.
- 4. Propose an annual USG budget to the Senate.
- 5. May convene a Special Senate meeting.
  - a. The Senate will be informed at least 48 hours in advance.
  - b. The Senate will be informed as to the nature of the business to be conducted.
  - c. The Vice President will preside over the meeting.
- 6. Between the spring and fall semesters (summer), the President will have the power to recognize Registered Student Organizations (RSO). All recommendations are subject to ratification by the Senate within the first full two months of the Fall Semester.
- 7. Inform the Senate on RSOs that have been approved between the Spring and Fall during the first scheduled Senate meeting of the Fall Semester.
- 8. Has the authority to make executive expenditures from the USG account. All expenditures made by the Executive Branch will be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
  - a. Executive Expenditures shall be limited to \$10,000 per academic year.



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- b. The President may request to spend an additional \$5,000 at the discretion of the USG Advisor.
- 9. Has the power to establish Ad Hoc Committees as there is a need for additional committees need to be formed.
- 10. Determines the duties of student employees (secretaries) for the Executive Branch and may assist the Office of Student Engagement in hiring as deemed necessary.
- 11. Has the power to veto all legislative action.
  - a. During the last meeting of each spring semester, the President must decide if they are going to execute veto privileges during that Senate meeting. This will be announced during the meeting, and the Senate may vote to overturn the veto during that same meeting.
- 12. Shall not serve on the Legislative or Judicial Branch.
- 13. May serve on USG committees as an ex-officio member.

### SECTION 2 – Executive Vice-Presidential Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. Assumes the duties of the President if the office becomes temporarily vacant.
- 2. Chairs the executive committees as requested by the President.
- 3. Presides over the Senate Meetings.
- 4. Sits on a campus committee as a representative of USG.
- 5. Oversee and advise the Governing Documents Committee.
- 6. Establish the meeting agenda to be viewed by the senate before the scheduled meeting.

### **SECTION 3 – Vice-President of Student Affairs**

- 1. Responsible for creating awareness for all prominent student issues and affairs on campus and in the community.
- 2. Provides assistance, support, and representation to student groups as requested or deemed necessary by the Senate, constituency groups, and/or the Executive Board.
- 3. Presents a bi-weekly report at each Senate Meeting regarding student outreach conducted.
- 4. Act as an advocate for all students, thus foregoing personal opinion during Executive Board meetings.
- 5. Advises and give recommendations to the President on matters that concern student well-being and success.
- 6. Chairs the executive committees as requested by the President.



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- 7. Is the representative for USG on the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee.
- 8. Chairs the Constituency Organization & Umbrella Committee.
- 9. Preside over the Senate Meetings in the absence of the Executive Vice-President.

### **SECTION 4 – Chief of Staff Duties**

- 1. Chairs executive committees as requested by the President.
- 2. Sits on at least one campus Search Committee.
- 3. Ensures that all Senators, current and in-coming, are up-to-date on information. The Chief of Staff will hold meetings on an as-needed basis for incoming Senators.
  - These meetings will consist of a briefing on Senate rules and procedures and requirements for new Senators.
- 4. Maintains social media and communication outlets.
- 5. Receives all Senate nominations and Senate petitions, review the petitions and inform the Senate petitioner if there is an error on the petition, and informs the petitioner of the next steps.
- 6. Shares Senate nominations and Senate petitions with USG Advisor(s); so petitioner's academic and judicial standing can be verified for eligibility.
  - a Informs the petitioner if they are not eligible due to academic and judicial standing.
- 7. May only turn down Senate petitioners due to the unavailability of the position for which the Senate petitioner requested.
- 8. Oversees and advise the External Affairs Committee.

### **SECTION 5 – Vice-President of Finance**

- 1. Oversees and control the general operations of the Department of the Treasury.
- 2. Serves as Chairperson of the Student Funding Board.
- 3. Regularly report to the Executive and Legislative Board.
- 4. Hosts Funding Hearings bi-weekly while the senate is not in session.
- 5. The Hearings will not take place during the summer intercession or official university holidays.

### **SECTION 6 – Executive Assistant**

1. Maintains the USG website, Microsoft Teams, and other secretarial applications.



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- 2. Acts as a direct assistant to the President and aid other executive members in execution of their duties as needed.
- 3. Oversees and advises the Constituent Connection Committee.
- 4. Keep meeting minutes and keep an up-to-date roster.
- 5. Administer roll call during meetings.

# **SECTION 7 – Executive Wages**

- 1. The President will receive a wage not exceeding \$2,500 per semester.
- 2. The Executive Vice-President will receive a wage not exceeding \$1,800 per semester.
- 3. The Vice-President of Student Affairs will receive a wage not exceeding \$1,800 per semester.
- 4. The Vice-President of Finance will receive a wage not exceeding \$2,000 per semester.
- 5. The Chief-of-Staff will receive a wage not exceeding \$1,500 per semester.
- 6. Other executive appointments will receive a wage not exceeding \$1,200 per semester.

### ARTICLE IV – DUTIES & RIGHTS OF A SENATOR

### **SECTION 1 – Duties & Rights**

- 1. A Senator is entitled to one vote.
- 2. A Senator will represent the undergraduate students from their designated constituencies.
- 3. Senators are required to attend one USG hosted town hall a semester.
- 4. A Senator is required to attend every USG Senate session unless the Senator has found a proxy to take their place and the proxy has been approved by the Executive Vice-President or majority of the Senate. If the Senator cannot find a proxy or the proxy has not been approved, the Senator can request an excused absence.
  - a. Proxies must be approved by the Executive Vice-President on or before the day of the meeting at their convenience.
  - Proxies must meet the same requirements as a Senator for the USG, as outlined in Article IV VI,
     Section. 2
  - c. Senators are only allowed two excused absences per semester.

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- i. Excused absences include: At least 24-hour prior notice to the USG Email and approval from this email as such, or by majority consent of the senate.
- ii. Senators are allowed one unexcused absence.
- iii. Unexcused absences include: tardiness to a meeting, missing a meeting without communicating to the USG Email, leaving a meeting early.
- iv. If a Senator has more than two excused absences in a semester, the Senator will be subject to impeachment unless waived by the President.
- v. Senators are required to be on time to Senate meetings and to remain in attendance for the duration of said meetings. Senators who are late to meetings will be considered absent and unexcused.
- a. Senators are required to attend meetings in business casual attire. Business casual is defined as blouses, skirts, dresses, slacks, dress shoes such as loafers, flats, or heels.
- 5. Senators are expected to communicate efficiently and effectively with the USG Executive Branch Members, Advisors, and their constituents.
- 6. Senators are required to serve on at least one USG Committee as a member or chair.

### **SECTION 2 – Referendum**

- 1. The Undergraduate Student Body reserves the right to submit a Referendum.
  - a. A Referendum is a SIU or USG policy change proposed by a USG Senator or the student body that will be presented on the USG Presidential Election Ballot.
- 2. Referendums dealing with powers of the USG will be binding upon the USG.
- 3. Placement of a referendum on the USG President ballot requires one of the following prior to the election petition deadline:
  - a. Legislation approving the referendum passed by the Senate and signed by the President.
  - b. A petition containing the signatures of ten percent of the undergraduate student population on file with the legislation.



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### **SECTION 3 – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Senate and Senate
committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this
constitution or Standing Rules and Procedures the Senate or Senate committees may adopt.

#### ARTICLE V – DUTIES & PROCEDURES OF JUSTICES

### **SECTION 1 – Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. Hears "Funding Process Appeals."
  - a. Relinquishes the right to vote or sit in on Funding Hearings, "Recommendation Funding Appeals" that are in front of the senate, or any processes related to the Treasury Department.
- 2. Assists in overseeing Senator, Committee, and Executive impeachments with IAC.
- 3. Facilitates the USG Presidential Election and the SIU Student Trustee Election.
  - a. Relinquishes the rights to campaign for Executive Offices or have any affiliation candidates during the USG President Election and the SIU Student Trustee Election.
- 4. Collaborates with the Governing Documents Committee (GDC) on the Elections Removal Guidelines.
  - a. Assists the GDC in any Violations Forms that relate to Funding, Elections, and Impeachments.

## **SECTION 2 – Procedures**

- 1. Upon the convening of the first meeting, the Judicial Board will choose to retain or amend the procedural rules from the previous year.
- 2. Maintains records of its proceedings.
- 3. Reports their decisions to all relevant parties including the Legislative and Executive Branches within two business days.
- 4. Will not generate its own cases. Plaintiffs must file an Impeachment Violations Form, Elections Violations Form, or an official email in regards to Funding Processes with the Judicial Board explaining the reasons of appeal.
- 5. The Judicial Board may choose not to hear cases.



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- i. The Judicial Board must contact the plaintiff within three business days upon receiving the Writ of Certiorari informing the plaintiff of the decision on whether the Judicial Board will hear the case. If the Judicial Board will hear the case, the notice must contain a date for the first hearing and this notice must also be sent to the defendants.
- 6. Meets when necessary to hear cases.
- 7. No case, upon being accepted by the Judicial Board, will remain unheard for longer than one semester.
- 8. Each Justice will write an opinion for each case to be kept on record.
- 9. If any rule is violated by the Judicial Board or its officers, grievances must be submitted to the Senate to be reviewed for possible impeachment.

### **SECTION 3 – Rights of the Involved Parties**

- 1. All parties involved in cases brought before the Judicial Board reserve the rights outlined by University Policies.
- 2. Either party will be entitled to receive at least one continuance; any further continuances will be at the discretion of the Judicial Board.

### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1 – Meeting Authority**

- 1. The Executive Vice President will preside over the senate meetings as the chairperson.
- 2. Meetings are to be conducted using USG's version of Robert's Rules of Order.

# **SECTION 2 – Meeting Outline**

- 1. This section provides an outline for the agenda and the structure of meetings.
  - a. The meeting will be called to order at the designated time and date.
  - b. Roll call will be conducted by the Executive Assistant.
  - c. Swearing in of any new Senators will be conducted by the President.
  - d. Amendments and approval of the previous meeting's minutes and current agenda.
    - i. The previous meeting's minutes and the current agenda may be amended and must be approved by the Senate before conducting new business.

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- ii. The Executive Assistant must write the previous meeting's minutes.
- iii. The agenda must be provided to the Senate at least 24 hours prior to a meeting.
- iv. The Executive Vice-President can alter the agenda at their discretion.
- 2. Amendments and approval of the agenda.
  - a. The previous meetings agenda need to be amended and approved by the senate.
  - b. The agenda will be made in collaboration with the Executive Board, but it is the responsibility of the Executive Vice President to create and provide the agenda to the senate.
  - c. The agenda will be provided at least 24 hours prior to a meeting.
- 3. Executive reports will be given.
- 4. Advisor Reports will be given.
- 5. Student Trustee report will be given.
- 6. Senator reports will be given.
- 7. Justice reports will be given.
- 8. New business will be conducted.
- 9. Old business will be conducted.
- 10. Executive closing comments will be given.
- 11. Advisor closing comments will be given.
- 12. Student Trustee closing comments will be given.
- 13. Time for public comments.
  - a. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for public comments.
  - b. One minute is allotted for each comment.
    - i. The Senate may make a motion to individually extend each comment period.
    - ii. If a comment is to exceed one minute, then the person should be invited to the next senate meeting and added to the next meeting's agenda.

### 14. Adjournment

#### ARTICLE VII - USG COMMITTEES

 USG committees are designed to focus on the specific needs of USG and the students at Southern
 Illinois University Carbondale. Boards may be formed and dissolved based on relevancy of their focus.
 Any new board (whether forming or dissolving) requires a majority vote from the Senate.



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- 2. All USG committees are required to conduct business in a fair and unbiased manner. Each committee can determine the frequency to which they need to meet and require committee member attendance. In general Committees will be composed of a chairperson and several undergraduate students as determined by the Chairperson. The Chairperson is appointed by the majority vote of the committee members.
- 3. Members of this committee, except for the staff members, must be undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time at SIUC. A maximum of one staff member may be placed on each Committee. The staff member must be a SIUC faculty or staff member employed at least half-time at SIUC.
- 4. The President can appoint any new committees they see fit for the school year. These committees are temporary and will effectively end when there is a new president sworn in. However, temporary committees can be up for evaluation as to their permanent stance by the Governing Documents Committee (GDC).
- 5. The Senate can appoint new committees as they see fit for the school year with a motion from the floor and a majority vote. These committees are temporary and will effectively end when there is a new president sworn in. However, temporary committees can be up for evaluation as to their permanent stance by the Governing Documents Committee (GDC).

### **SECTION 1- USG Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. All USG Committees will have a chairperson.
- 2. The Chairperson will oversee and control all operations of the committee.
- 3. The Chairperson will regularly report to the Executive and Legislative Branches on the workings of the committee.
- 4. In the instance of a tie, the Chairperson serving on the committee may serve as the tie breaker.

### **SECTION 2 – Removal of USG Committee Members**

- 1. Committee Member Removal:
  - a. The chairperson can make the decision to place a removal request for a committee member to the Judicial Board.
- 2. Committee Chairperson Removal:



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a. The majority of the committee can place a removal request for the Chairperson to the Judicial Board.

### **SECTION 3 – Internal Affairs Committee**

- 1. Duties of the Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) are but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Reviews and inducts new, inquiring RSOs.
  - b. Handles all impeachment investigations.
- 2. Composition of the IAC
  - a. The Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) will be comprised of the following members.
    - i. IAC Chairperson
      - 1. The Chairperson shall be a Senator, who is nominated and elected by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
      - 2. The Chairperson will serve as a USG Judicial Board Member.
  - b. The Internal Affairs Committee will be composed of seven (7) members, one of which is the Chairperson.
  - c. The committee will appoint a secretary who will be responsible for keeping ongoing records of every IAC meeting.
  - d. The six (6) members will be nominated by the USG Senate and confirmed by a simple majority affirmative vote.

### **SECTION 4 – External Affairs Committee**

- 1. Duties of the External Affairs Committee (EAC) are but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Acts as an official point of contact for outside student media and the student body in relation to USG projects and initiatives.
  - b. Creates and maintains promotional materials and initiatives for USG.
  - c. Aids in legislative recruitment efforts and hosts campus outreach events.
  - d. Co-Manages with the Chief of Staff on USG communication platforms, including but not limited to; social media accounts, websites, constituent promotional emails.
  - e. Develops of strategies to better connect with students and generate awareness of USG initiatives and services.



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- f. Assists the Student Trustee, the College, Graduate, and Professional Councils with outreach and event advertisement.
- 2. Composition of the EAC
  - a. The External Affairs Committee (EAC) will be comprised of the following members:
    - i. The USG Press Secretary
    - ii. Six (6) External Affairs Committee Members
  - b. Press Secretary & Justice Duties and Responsibilities
    - i. Serves as Chairperson of the External Affairs Committee.
    - ii. Serves as a USG Judicial Board Member.
    - iii. Has direct oversight and will make final say so to any changes or decision made on behalf of the EAC.
    - iv. Regularly reports to the Executive and Legislative Branches on the workings of the committee.
    - v. Works with campus media and coordinates the USG's distribution of information on campus.
    - vi. Delivers press releases about USG activities to campus news media organizations.
    - vii. Markets USG Elections while maintaining viewpoint neutrality regarding all individual campaigns.
    - viii. Actively recruits USG members to run for Senate prior to the elections.
    - ix. Engages incoming freshman and transfer students during the semester.

### **SECTION 6 – Governing Documents Committee**

- 1. Duties of the Governing Documents Committee (GDC) are but are not limited to the following
  - a. Meets and reviews line by line every governing document of USG on a yearly basis by the end of the spring semester.
  - b. Edits governing documents as the need arises.
  - c. Presents their changes to each document at USG Senate Meetings.
  - d. At the following meeting, after it is presented, the committee will present the changes again, and take an approval or disapproval vote on the changes.
- 2. Composition of the GDC



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- a. Governing Documents Committee (GDC) will be comprised of 6 committee members and one of those members is the chairperson.
  - i. GDC Chairperson & Justice
    - 1. Shall be a member of the committee but will not receive a vote.
    - 2. Serves as a USG Judicial Board Member.
    - 3. Is nominated and elected by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
    - 4. Chairs the voting process during USG Senate Meetings on governing documents changes.
  - ii. Five Committee Members
    - 1. Five (5) members will be nominated by the USG Senate and confirmed by a simple majority affirmative vote of the Senate.

# **SECTION 8 – Constituency Connection Committee (CCC)**

- 1. Duties of the Constituency Connection Committee (CCC) are but are not limited to
  - a. Hosts an Open Forum that takes place the first Monday of every month within the school year unless there is a University Holiday or Closure.
    - The Open Forum will be an opportunity available to all members of the Undergraduate Student Body.
    - ii. In the case of a University Holiday or Closure, the Open Forum shall be moved to the following Monday available.
  - b. Open Forums will include the following:
    - i. A report of senate meetings that have happened since the previous Forum.
    - ii. Allowance of constituents to report concerns about the undergraduate student body and University Policy.
    - iii. Provide a suggestion slip that constituents may write their concerns, suggestions, and questions on.
      - 1. These slips will be reviewed by the committee and included in the Open Forum minutes presentation to the senate.
  - c. Writes a report and presents a report to the senate that includes the following:
    - i. Senators that attended the Open Forum.



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- ii. Number of Constituents that attended the Open Forum.
- iii. Summary of the Open Forum Minutes.
- iv. Suggestion Slip contents.

### 2. Composition of the CCC

- a. The Constituency Connection Committee (CCC) consists of six (6) committee members and one of those members is the chair.
  - i. The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the senate.
- b. The Executive Assistant will oversee the CCC but will not have a vote on any matters.
- c. Committee Chairperson Responsibilities:
  - i. Facilitates and moderates all Open Forums.
  - ii. Announces all scheduled Open Forums to the Senate by the second senate meeting of the semester.
  - iii. The Chairperson shall be a member of the committee but will not receive a vote.
  - iv. Drafts and presents Open Forum minutes to the senate at the USG meeting following the Open Forum.

# **SECTION 7 – Constituency Organization & Umbrella Committee (COUC)**

- 1. Duties of the Constituency Organization & Umbrella Committee (COUC) are but are not limited to
  - a. Oversight of new and current umbrellas and constituency organizations.
  - b. Assists with umbrella and constituency organizations funding processes.
  - c. Reads end of semester reports.

### 2. Composition of COUC

- a. It consists of five (5) committee members and one of those members is the chair.
  - i. The committee chair is the Vice-President of Student Affairs or the Director of Umbrella Organizations which is appointed by the President as a de-facto member.

### ARTICLE VIII - UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, COMPOSITION, AND DUTIES

### SECTION 1 – Vehicle Ticket Appeals & Transit Recommendation Board

1. The vehicle ticket appeals, and transit recommendation board will consist of five (5) senators.



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- a. The Board is responsible for hearing/reviewing appeals to University citations for parking and moving violations and deciding of legality according to traffic and parking rules and regulations.
- b. The board makes recommendations to the Chancellor for related parking and traffic concerns on campus.
- c. This committee advises and provides feedback for the Saluki Express.
- d. The Board meets at least three times during each semester.

# **SECTION 3 – Department of Public Safety Advisory Committee**

- 1. The Department of Public Safety Advisory Committee will consist of one (1) senator.
  - a. The committee serves as an advisory entity that reviews and provides feedback to the Director of the Department of Public Safety on matters related to public safety on campus and serves as a communication channel between students, faculty, and staff.

# **SECTION 4 – Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**

- 1. The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee will consist of two (2) senators.
  - a. One fulltime undergraduate student-in good standing from 2 nominees submitted by the Undergraduate Student Government and selected by the Chancellor.
    - i. The term of service of each student representative will be 1 year with the possibility of reappointment) The IAAC's primary function is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor. In addition, the Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.
    - ii. The Committee studies policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to athletics as they affect the athletes, the athletic staff, the University, the Alumni, and the general public. In addition, the Committee can be called upon to conduct studies, attend hearings, and serve in a variety of subcommittees, attending to the needs of the Athletic Department.
    - iii. Meetings are held each month during the academic year and at least once during the summer term. Contact: Leslie Mills



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### **SECTION 5 – Student Legal Assistance Board of Directors**

- 1. The Student Legal Assistance Board of Directors will consist of three (3) senators.
  - a. The Board of Directors shall oversee the policies and operation of the Students' Legal Assistance Office, including, but not limited to, recommending policy changes, reviewing annual report; advise and aiding in the preparation of the budget; and ensuring the compliance with university policies, Illinois Bar Association's guidelines, and code of ethics.
  - b. The board of directors shall take care that the funding is sufficient, and the duties of the office are met.
  - c. Meets once a semester.

### SECTION 6 – Student Center & Student Health Advisory Board

- 1. The Student Center & Student Health Advisory Board will consist of two (2) senators.
  - a. This committee advises and provides feedback for the Student Center and the Student Health Center.
  - b. The committee meets once a semester or as needed.

## SECTION 7 - Chancellor's Taskforce for Diversity and Inclusion

- 1. The Chancellor's Taskforce for Diversity and Inclusion will consist of two (2) senators.
  - a. The Diversity Council is the primary advisory committee to the university's chancellor on diversity planning, initiatives and issues, including the coordination of programs and identification and sharing of best practices.

# SECTION 8 - Alumni Association Board of Directors

- 1. The current President of USG is a de-facto member of the Alumni Associations Board of Directors.
  - a. At each meeting the USG President is asked to provide a bi-annual update for the constituency group.
  - b. The Board meets formally twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.



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# SECTION 11 - Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee

- 1. The Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee will consist of one (1) senator.
  - a. The Committee is advisory to the Chancellor and has the responsibility for reviewing all nominations for an Honorary Degree or Distinguished Service Award from nominations that are solicited from all recognized University constituencies and all other University-related organizations.
  - b. The decisions reached by the Committee are submitted to the Chancellor of the University for his/her action.
    - i. Meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

### **SECTION 13 – Library Affairs Board**

- 1. The Library Affairs Board consists of one (1) senator.
  - a. The Library Affairs Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from throughout SIU including faculty, staff, and students.
  - b. Senators work with the Committee which works collaboratively with and advises the Dean on current topics related to library activities, policies, collections, services, curricula, and strategic planning. The Committee assists and supports Library Affairs by stimulating understanding about its achievements, goals, and needs on campus.
    - i. The Committee meets monthly in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year

### SECTION 15 – Final Exam Schedule, Academic Calendar, and Naming University Facilities Committee

- 1. The Final Exam Schedule Committee and Academic Calendar Committee consist of two (2) senators.
  - a. The committee makes recommendations on the academic calendar and final exam schedules for campus.
    - i. The committee meets once a semester.

# **SECTION 16 – Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee**

1. The Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee consists of one (1) senator.



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- a. The committee advises the Chancellor on budgetary matters by creating a budget process that clearly identifies issues, incorporates planning into the resource allocation process, establishes accountability for the entire campus community, and provides follow-up reporting.
- b. The committee provides a forum for the exchange of information and discussion of issues that affect the planning, allocation and budgeting of University resources.

# SECTION 17 – Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board

- 1. The Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board consists of two (2) senators.
  - a. This committee meets to give advice to Recreational Sports and Services on campus.

# **SECTION 20 – Touch of Nature & Base Camp Committee**

- 1. The Touch of Nature & Base Camp Committee consists of one (1) senator.
  - a. This committee is responsible for making recommendations to Touch of Nature and Base Camp on how to serve students and ideas for new events.

### SECTION 21 - Access & Accommodations Board

- 1. The Access & Accommodations Board will consist of two (2) senators and (3) undergraduate students that do not need to be registered with USG.
  - a. Non-registered members of the committee will follow the guidelines that the Office of Access and Accommodations (OAA) set for them.
- 2. This committee will address campus issues, support upcoming projects, and gather student feedback on their experiences and recommendations.
  - a. Its goal is to improve the Office of Access and Accommodations and enhance the services available to students who rely on them.
- 3. Senators will aid in its leadership and help find three (3) undergraduate students to sit on the committee.



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### ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENT

This bylaws can be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the entire membership of the Senate upon being announced by the Governing Documents Committee one meeting prior to consideration and the signature of the President.

### ARTICLE X – UPDATE NOTICE

The Undergraduate Student Government in accordance with the Governing Documents Committee last updated the USG Constitution in April 2025. This Constitution has been published for the 2025-2026 SIU School Year.