



SMU Student Senate

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Updating the Student Senate Bylaws Article 2 and 4

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WHEREAS

The Southern Methodist University Student Senate chooses to update the bylaws as follows. Article 2 Section 1 #1, The Student Senate Advisor is responsible for verifying the compliance with the requirements for office as outlined in Article IV, Section 4 of the Student Body Constitution, and reporting students for failing to meet those requirements to the Student Senate Membership Chair for further action. This verification by the Senate advisor will occur once before each semester to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

WHEREAS

Article 2 Section 2 #2 part b, The Senate Membership Committee shall interview candidates for any vacant or additional seats and make recommendations to the Student Body President, except when those vacancies or additional seats are in or allocated to the delegations from the Law School or the School of Theology whose own governing councils shall have the power and ability to elect, appoint, or otherwise fill those vacancies. The committee is encouraged to include all members of Senate in the process.

WHEREAS

Article 2 Section 3 #1, Each Senator must be a member of at least one Student Senate committee or be designated as a Project Senator.

WHEREAS

Article 4 Section 1, #1 and #5, The Legislative Clerk is appointed by the Parliamentarian during the second chamber of each term. One Legislative Clerk serves on each topic committee. They must be a Student Senator. 5. In the case of vacancy or removal, the Speaker will select a new Legislative Clerk

WHEREAS

Article 4 Section 2 #2-part c, The Director of Sustainability will be in charge of helping lead initiatives for sustainability



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WHEREAS

across campus to help reduce SMU's carbon footprint. They should promote and advocate for organizations on campus promoting sustainability to the student body and chamber.

Article 4 Section 2 #2-part d, The Director of the House of Representatives (HOR) is responsible for organizing multiple HOR meetings throughout the semester to ensure organizations are aware of new changes across campus and update the leaders on the progress of the Senate. They should promote the events via Slack, email, and other social media platforms to ensure good attendance. They should assign someone on their committee to record senator attendance.

WHEREAS

Article 4 Section 2 #2-part e, The Director of Civic Engagement oversees voter-friendly events and initiatives throughout the year. During an election year, they should coordinate voter registration events, and other events to ensure the SMU Student Body is civically engaged. They should promote other organizations on campus with similar ideals and initiatives to the student body and chamber.

ACKNOWLEDGING

The need to update the Student Senate Bylaws.

RECOGNIZING

The need for the chamber to be updated on current procedures and policies that have been in occurrence but not in the bylaws.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

That the Student Senate wishes to update the bylaws in accordance.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

The 110th Student Senate is in agreeance in updating the Student Senate bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Senate Parliamentarian