



# SMU Student Senate

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## Updating the Student Senate Bylaws Article 1

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**WHEREAS**

The Southern Methodist University Student Senate chooses to update the bylaws as follows. Article 1 Section 2 #3 The Senate meeting shall adjourn no later than 5:00 P.M., an exception can be made at the Speaker’s discretion to extend to 5:30 P.M. before or after a break or cancellation of classes due to weather etc. No senator will be counted absent if they have a class or significant prior commitment that will be recorded by the Student Body Secretary, and the meeting can only vote if the quorum is maintained.

**WHEREAS**

Article 1 Section 3 #1 part b, Senators are required to engage with their community which can be fulfilled by attending 2 hours of senate-sponsored events ie. tabling, HOR or a senate-funded event in which you are acting in your capacity as a senator each quarter of the year (two checks per semester). Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in an absence which will be recorded by the Student Body Secretary quarterly.

**WHEREAS**

Article 1 Section 3 #1 part c, Senators are required to meet with their respective deans if they are representing one of the six colleges on campus. Each Senator is required to host an event that represents their constituents ie. Cox Senators tabling in the Cox building, Hispanic Senator organizing or assisting in the facilitation of an event with their community, etc.



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Article 1 Section 3 #2 part b, The Cabinet will meet twice during the semester and attendance is mandatory.

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Article 1 Section 3 #2 part d, Chairs should update the Chief of Staff on their committee progress monthly in a detailed report via email, slack, or in-person

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Article 1 Section 3 #2 part e, Chairs are required to take attendance of all Student Senators and General Members at their respective committee meetings. They must submit these records the Student Body Secretary by a 11:59 PM Sunday prior to chamber.

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Article 1 Section 3 #4 part c, Student Body Officers will fulfill all duties outlined in the governing documents.

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Article 1 Section 4 #1, Senators, Chairs, Student Senate Officers, and Student Body Officers shall be counted absent upon missing the roll call by the Student Body Secretary during regular Senate meetings

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Article 1 Section 4 #2, Senators, Chairs, Student Senate Officers, and Student Body Officers shall be counted tardy upon arriving 10 minutes past the start of the chamber and misses the roll call by the Student Body Secretary during regular Senate meetings.

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Article 1 Section 4 #7-10, A request to excuse an absence for chamber must be submitted on to the Student Body Secretary via Slack prior to the beginning of the meeting for which the absence will occur.



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66 Absences can be approved at the discretion of the  
67 Student Body Secretary. Attendance by proxy is  
68 prohibited. A request to excuse an absence for a  
69 committee meeting must be submitted to the  
70 Committee Chair or Vice Chair prior to the beginning  
71 of the meeting for which the absence will occur.

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73 **WHEREAS** Article 1 Section 6 #6, Recording (audio or visual)  
74 during a chamber or committee meeting without the  
75 consent of the governing body by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote  
76 taken before such recording has taken place may  
77 result in the removal of a senator or visitor from the  
78 chamber or committee meeting. A member of the  
79 Communications Committee will be permitted to  
80 record for Senate purposes during each chamber or  
81 committee meeting.

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84 **ACKNOWLEDGING** The need to update the Student Senate Bylaws.

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

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90 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** That the Student Senate wishes to update the bylaws  
91 in accordance.

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93 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** The 110<sup>th</sup> Student Senate is in agreeance in updating  
94 the Student Senate bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Senate Parliamentarian