



Student Government Resolution 117.0025

**A Resolution Amending the Constitution of Student Government: Procedural Matters
Sponsored by Keaton Leppanen, Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Chester
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Voting Senator**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- The position of Senior Senator should be open to individuals who have significant commitment to and experience serving on Student Government; and
- The position of Senior Senator helps to ensure experienced members of Student Government are given the opportunity to maintain their involvement in Student Government; and
- The position of Senior Senator helps ensure potential new members of Student Senate do not have to run against some incumbent members of Student Government; and
- The ability to create ad hoc committees which span multiple sessions of Student Government holds many complications and the potential for abuse; and
- There is vagueness as to who has the privilege of bringing forth legislation to the Student Senate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- By approving this resolution, the Student Senate is approving the proposed changes¹ to the Constitution and consenting to put these changes up to a vote of the Student Association; and
- When the constitutional changes come up for a vote by the Student Association, the ballot language shall be: “A vote ‘yes’ on this measure shall be considered approval for the changes proposed to the Student Government Constitution; and, a vote ‘no’ shall be considered a vote against the suggested changes to the Student Government Constitution. Attached, there are copies of both the current Student Government Constitution and the suggested, amended version.”; and
- Upon approval by the Student Association, the proposed changes to the Constitution shall immediately take effect.

¹ See appendix.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Janet Gooch; Vice President of Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent 4/8/2018



President of the Student Association, Kyra Cooper

APPENDIX

ARTICLE I: STRUCTURE

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Section 3: Committee Structure

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Clause 5

Ad hoc committees are temporary committees that shall exist for a defined time and purpose. **These committees shall expire at a time stated upon their creation, or at the spring transitional meeting, whichever comes first. The new President shall have the ability to motion to renew the existence of an ad hoc committee at the spring transitional meeting for the upcoming year, subject to a majority vote of the Student Senate. These committees shall exist either for a period stated or until the spring transitional meeting.**

Ad hoc committees shall be created in order to address a temporary, though pertinent, issue facing the Student Association that cannot be addressed within the existing primary or secondary committees.

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ARTICLE II: THE STUDENT SENATE

Section 1: Legislative Power

Clause 1

The legislative power of the Student Government shall be vested in a Student Senate.

Clause 2

The power to bring forth legislation for the consideration of the Student Senate shall rest solely with the membership of the Student Government.

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ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

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Section 5: Senior Senator Eligibility

Any student meeting the necessary requirements for office shall be eligible to run for senior senator if they have served for two terms as an elected member of the Student Government, two academic years as an appointed member of the Student Government Executive Committee, or one term as an elected member of the Student Government and one academic year as an appointed member of the Student Government Executive Committee.

***NOTE: Although not explicitly reflected in this appendix, inherent in these proposed changes is the updating of the table of contents and relevant article and clause numbers.