



Student Government Resolution 118.020

A Resolution Amending the Constitution and the Standing Rules of Student Government: Revising the Procedure for Selecting the Student Representative to the Board of Governors Sponsored by Adam Barker, Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair; Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair; and Sam Tillman, Secretary

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
- There are currently ambiguities and problems within the Standing Rules and Constitution regarding the selection process for the Student Representative to the Board of Governors; and
- The selection process of the Student Representative to the Board of Governors is relevant much more to Student Government than to the student body as a whole; and so, its logical placement should be in the Standing Rules, not the Constitution;

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 in the Spring Election of 2019, 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; and

¹ See appendix I.

- By approving this resolution, the Student Senate is approving the proposed changes² to the Standing Rules, which shall take place contingent on the passing of the proposed changes to Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

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

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 14, 2019



Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association.

² See appendix II.

Appendix I (Constitution)

Section 4: Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Clause 1

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall serve as an intermediary between the Student Government, the Student Association, and the Board of Governors.

Clause 2

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors should attend and participate in as many full body meetings of the Student Government and Executive Committee meetings as possible.

Clause 3

The search for a new Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be conducted by a secret, all-student committee chosen by the President of the Student Association and the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors. **The membership function of this committee shall be detailed in the Standing Rules.**

~~a. The selection committee shall be chaired by the President of the Student Association and comprised of the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors, a voting member of the Student Senate, a residential life representative, a member of the Student Activities Board or the Funds Allotment Council, a campus media representative, a representative from the Multicultural Affairs Center or International Office, and a student at large.~~

~~b. The committee must be selected prior to applications for the position are made available.~~

~~c. The committee will strive to be fair and unbiased in its search for a new Student Representative to the Board of Governors, doing its best to widely promote the position and reserve potential biases when discussing candidates.~~

~~d. Once the committee has chosen three final candidates, a slate of the names shall be sent to the Student Senate for confirmation by a closed session, majority vote. Should the Student Senate not confirm the slate, the committee shall form a new slate to send to the Student Senate by the following week. During discussion of the slate, the members of the committee need no longer remain secret.~~

~~e. After a slate has been confirmed, the names shall be sent to the Governor of Missouri by a date specified in the Standing Rules.~~

~~f. Upon approval by the Missouri Governor, the new Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be sworn in at the next full body Student Government meeting in a manner consistent with that in the Standing Rules.~~

Clause 4

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors may not hold any position within Student Government aside from their own.

Appendix II (Standing Rules)

Section 3: Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Clause 1

A secret selection committee of students chosen by the President of the Student Association and the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall select a slate of two or three candidates to send to the Student Senate for approval during the fall semester.

Clause 2

The selection committee shall be chaired by the President of the Student Association and comprised of the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors, a voting member of the Student Senate, a residential life representative, a member of the Student Activities Board, ~~or a member of the Funds Allotment Council~~, a campus media representative, a representative from either the ~~Multicultural Affairs Center~~ Center for Diversity and Inclusion or the Center for International Students International Office, and a student at large.

Clause 3

The committee must be selected prior to when applications for the position are made available.

Clause 4

The committee will strive to be fair and unbiased in its search for a new Student Representative to the Board of Governors, doing its best to widely promote the position and reserve potential biases when discussing candidates.

Clause 5

Once the committee has chosen two or three final candidates, a slate of the names shall be sent to the Student Senate for confirmation by a closed session, majority vote. If any person on Student Government is on the slate, they shall be required to leave for closed session. If that person is a voting member, they shall have the opportunity to submit a vote by secret ballot before leaving the room. If any member of Student Government present at the meeting applied for the position but did not make the slate, they shall disclose this information to the body.

Clause 6

Should the Student Senate not confirm the slate, the committee shall form a new slate to send to the Student Senate by the following week. During discussion of the slate, the members of the committee need no longer remain secret.

Clause 6

After a slate has been confirmed, the names shall be sent to the Governor of Missouri by the date set by the Governor of Missouri's office.

Clause 7

The selection committee shall remain in existence until the Student Senate confirms two or three individuals to be forwarded to the Governor of Missouri for selection.

Clause 8

Upon approval by the Missouri Governor, the new Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be sworn in at the next full body Student Government meeting ~~in a manner consistent with that in the Standing Rules.~~

Clause 1

~~The slate of names nominated by the selection committee must be presented to the Student Senate for confirmation at least one month before the date set by the Governor of Missouri's office.~~

Clause 2

~~The selection committee shall remain in existence until the Student Senate confirms three individuals to be forwarded to the Governor of Missouri for selection.~~

Clause 3

The ~~student representative~~ **Student Representative to the Board of Governors** shall be called on before voting members to register an opinion in roll call votes.

Clause 4

The ~~student representative~~ **Student Representative to the Board of Governors** shall have the opportunity to report at each regular meeting of the Student Senate.

Clause 5

The ~~student representative~~ **Student Representative to the Board of Governors** is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.