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**A Bill Recommending Bylaw Amendment to Specify
Majors Covered by CAS Academic Senators**

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Whereas: There has been confusion in the past on which majors are represented in the physical and biological sciences and mathematics or the social sciences and humanities.

Whereas: It is important to lay out which majors are covered by which academic senator for election and representative purposes.

Therefore be it resolved: The Associated Student Government Bylaws formally altered to reflect the following changes:

ARTICLE I. The Student Senate

SECTION 101

The Student Senate shall be composed of the Speaker of the Student Senate, Speaker Pro Tempore, 51 Student Senators, an advisor, and the Executive Cabinet of Associated Student Government

101.A. The Chair of the Student Senate shall be the Speaker of the Senate of Associated Student Government.

101.B. There shall be seventeen on-campus Senate seats.



1. Sixteen students shall be elected by the students living in their district, to be determined by the Speaker of Student Student.
2. One student shall be a Resident Assistant representative who is elected by their fellow Resident Assistants.
3. On campus senator districts shall be appropriated under the guidance of the Speaker of Student Senate in consultation with the Secretary for On-Campus Affairs.

101.C. There shall be seventeen off-campus Senate seats.

1. Sixteen students shall be elected by undergraduate students living off campus.
2. One student should be the Commuter Senator. The Organization of Commuting Students shall determine the manner of electing this representative.
3. Off-Campus Senator districts shall be apportioned under the guidance of the Speaker of Student Senate in consultation with the Secretary for Off-Campus Affairs.
4. These districts will have no bearing on who can run for an off-campus seat; however, off-campus Senators shall be assigned to aforementioned districts following elections.

101.D. There shall be sixteen academic Senate seats.

1. Academic Senators are required to sit on the Academic Affairs Coalition chaired by the Secretary for Academic Affairs.
2. Academic Senate seats shall be apportioned under the guidance of the Speaker of the Student Senate, in consultation with the Secretary of Academic Affairs.
 - a. For the purposes of allocating Academic Senate seats, the College of Arts of Sciences shall be divided between the Biological & Physical Sciences and the Social Sciences & Humanities.
 - i. [Biological and Physical Sciences and Mathematics include: Analytics \(co-major\), Biochemistry, Biological Physics, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering Physics, Environmental Earth Science, Environmental Science \(co-major\), Geology, Mathematics, Medical Laboratory Science, Microbiology, Physics, Premedical Studies \(co-major\), Quantitative Economics, Statistics, Zoology.](#)
 - ii. [Social Sciences and Humanities include: American Studies, Anthropology, Black World Studies, Classical Humanities, Classical Languages \(Greek and Latin\), Comparative Media Studies \(co-major\), Comparative Religion, Critical and Classical Languages and Cultures \(co-major\), Diplomacy and Global Politics, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Economics, Energy \(co-major\), English/Creative Writing, English/Linguistics, English/Literature, English/Professional Writing, Film Studies \(co-major\), French, Geography, German, Gerontology, History, Individualized Studies, Interactive Media Studies \(co-major\), International Studies, Italian Studies, Journalism, Latin American and](#)



Latino/a and Caribbean Studies, Media and Culture, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Russian and East European and Eurasian Studies, Social Justice Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Strategic Communication, Sustainability (co-major), Urban and Regional Planning, Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies.

- iii. Any new or additional majors added will be added to the respective section under the discretion of the Elections Committee.

3. The responsibility of an Academic Senator remains with the college that they were elected to.

101.E. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected at the end of each academic year to serve their term as a non-voting student senator for the following academic year. This election is to take place after the election of Executive Cabinet.

101.F. The Parliamentarian shall be elected at the end of each academic year to serve their term as a voting student senator the following academic year. This election is to take place after the election of Executive Cabinet.

101.G. The Speaker of the Senate has the authority to reapportion and redistrict according to shifts in population when the Student Senate is not in session.

101.H. The advisor shall be from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

101.I. The members of the Executive Cabinet of Associated Student Government shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members of the Student Senate.

101.J. The two students selected to serve as nonvoting members of the Board of Trustees shall be nonvoting members of the Student Senate, and shall be required to attend the weekly meetings of the Student Senate as often as is necessary to keep the Student Senate informed of the Board's actions. Upon applying to be a Student Member on the Board of Trustees, candidates must sign a contract stating that they will attend meetings of Student Senate as required and keep Student Senate informed of the Board's actions.

101.K. The powers and privileges of the Advisor shall be to advise the Student Senate as needed.

SECTION 102

The Powers and Duties of the Speaker of Student Senate

102.A. To preside over the Student Senate.

102.B. To call the Student Senate into special session.

102.C. To place, as soon as possible, all appropriate proposals passed by the Student Senate on the agenda of either Student Affairs Council (SAC) or University Senate and act as the liaison for Associated Student Government in all legislative matters.

102.D. To sit as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of any council, committee, or board of the Student Senate.



103.E. To chair the Elections Committee, with assistance from the Pro Tempore, unless said officer is pursuing an elected position. In such cases, the committee shall select its chair from among the membership.

102.F. To sit as a member of the University Senate.

102.G. The Speaker of Student Senate shall act as the legislative liaison between the Executive Cabinet and the Student Senate.

102.H. To conduct multiple training sessions for Student Senators at the beginning of the first semester and Student Senators-elect.

1. The training should include instructions on how to put forth legislation, the responsibilities of being a Senator, an outline of the structure of ASG, University governance, parliamentary procedure, constituency relations, committee procedure, and attendance requirements or other commitments.

102.I. To appoint members to the standing Senate and Cabinet committees with the majority consent of the Student Senate.

102.J. To sit on the Elections Committee.

102.K. The Speaker of Student Senate shall have the sole responsibility of apportioning Senate districts.

102.L. The Speaker shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Cabinet.

102.M. The Speaker of Student Senate shall be paid according to the formula outlined in Article II, Section 217 using as a base the FY 2017 salary of \$5,075.

SECTION 103

The power and duties of the Speaker Pro Tempore, beyond these required of him/her as an elected representative of the Student Senate, shall be:

103.A. To chair the Oversight Committee and vote only in the event of a tie.

103.B. In the absence of the Speaker of the Senate, or in the event that the Speaker of the Senate wishes to speak from the floor, to serve as Chair of the Student Senate.

103.C. To sit as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of all Student Senate committees.

103.D. To assist the Speaker of Student Senate in the Elections Committee.

103.E. To assign senators on a weekly basis to maintain a professional office environment with responsibilities of said senators to include: emptying all waste receptacles, cleaning all desks and tables, reporting any damages to the Armstrong Student Center Staff, and keeping the office in clean, presentable condition at all time.

103.F. To vote in Student Senate only in the event of the tie.

103.H. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be paid the minute-taking stipend as defined by Miami University.

SECTION 104



The power and duties of the Parliamentarian, beyond these required of him/her as an elected representative of the Student Senate, shall be:

104.A. To chair the Administrative Committee and to vote only in the event of a tie.

104.B. To review and manage the bylaws, making appropriate changes and documentation.

104.C. To ensure parliamentary procedure is followed by all members of the Student Senate.

SECTION 105

Student Senate shall:

105.A. Approve, by a majority vote, and regulate the standards of recognition for student organizations.

105.B. Approve a projected budget of Associated Student Government, as submitted by the Secretary of Student Organizations (see the appropriate section of the Associated Student Government Bylaws), to enact the budget of Miami Activities Programming (hereafter referred to as "MAP") and to approve funding authorizations for the summer.

1. MAP must fulfill the requirements. An informed representative (or informed representatives) of MAP must present their annual budget to the Student Senate at least a month prior to the end of the fiscal year for approval for the following year.

105.C. Approve any further allocations of the general budget.

105.D. Have the sole power of impeachment of any officer or justice of Associated Student Government.

105.E. Elect, by the third Senate meeting, two Student Senators to sit as voting members of the Executive Council.

105.F. Elect the Speaker of the Senate for the following academic year.

SECTION 106

The Powers and Duties of the Student Senators, in addition to those set by the district that they represent, shall be:

106.A. To attend a training session to be conducted by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.B. To attend all regularly scheduled and called meetings of the Student Senate, to vote on all initiatives, bills, budgets or proposals before the body, and to draft appropriate legislation as the member shall deem necessary.

106.C. To hold, for at least one hour a week, regularly scheduled office hours in the ASG office as assigned by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.D. To communicate the ideas and concerns of their constituents through the proper channels and to inform their constituents of the Student Senate activities.

1. Within one week of their elections to notify all their constituents of their election and to indicate where they will be available to their constituents.
2. Commuter Senators are to report to the Organization of Commuting Students, giving and receiving information and feedback concerning the Student Senate.



SECTION 107

The Standing Committees of the Student Senate shall be:

107.A. An Oversight Committee shall oversee work being done by all representatives of Associated Student Government and review violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and any other standing piece of legislation, including attendance, by any member of Associated Student Government.

The powers of this committee shall include, but are not limited to:

1. To recommend to the Student Senate, after investigation, the removal of a Student Senator from a position of Committee Chair, citing due cause.
2. To recommend to the Student Senate, the censure, impeachment, or other penalty, of any ASG officer having found just cause to do so.
3. To have the power to, by majority vote, compel any officer of ASG to appear before the Committee in regards to a suspected violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, or any piece of legislation in addition to the mandatory meetings occurring twice a semester.
4. To meet with each member of Executive Cabinet, Chief Justice of the Student Court, and Committee Chairs twice a semester to receive a report of current projects, accomplishments, and goals. Based on these meetings, prepare a brief report for Student Senate to be presented at the end of the quarter.
5. To judge the effectiveness of Ad hoc Committees, and recommend to the Student Senate as to the necessity of their continued existence.
6. To hear any request from a member of the Diversity Affairs Council Executive Board regarding the censure, impeachment, or other penalty of the Secretary for Diversity Affairs.
 - a. These requests will be taken due to the close nature of the relationship between the Secretary for Diversity Affairs and the DAC Executive Board, and the need for external oversight.

107.B. The Administrative Committee shall monitor and update the Constitution and any other governing procedures of Associated Student Government, review the progress of proposals passed by the Student Senate, oversee the constitutionality of actions emanating from Associated Student Government, and assist Senate and/or any Executive Cabinet officer in the fulfillment of duties not specified within the duties of other officers.

107.C. The Elections Committee shall establish rules governing election campaigns, subject to the approval of the Student Senate. The Committee shall have the responsibility for all campus-wide elections and shall ensure the enforcement of the rules governing said election campaigns.

107.D. The Safety Committee shall address issues involving campus safety and health, including but not limited to infrastructure involving safety, wellness, interpersonal violence, and sexual assault. A Senator shall be chosen by the Speaker to chair the committee. The Secretary of Infrastructure and



Sustainability, the Secretary for On-Campus Affairs, and the Secretary for Off-Campus Affairs shall sit as ex-officio members of this committee.

1. A Senator within this committee shall be chosen to work with the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator on campus education and prevention.