



Pre-1945

Students were represented by the University Student Body - including a Student Assembly and Student Senate. Membership was restricted to men in fraternities.

1949

University President Colgate Darden delegates judicial powers to Student Council.

1954

After negotiations with Student Council, President Darden restores its judicial powers and vests them in the newly created University Judiciary Committee.

1969

James Roebuck, now a Pennsylvania State Representative, is elected as the first African-American Student Council President. Under his leadership, an updated constitution, still in use today, was written and passed.

May 10, 1970

After a week of protests, known as May Days, President Shanon concedes to the demands.

1976

The conservative student organization Young Americans for Freedom unsuccessfully attempts to revoke Student Council's power as the appropriator of Student Activities Fee funding, arguing, among other things, that the money was being used to fund liberal organizations like the Gay Student Union.

Fob James, Conservative Student Council Representative, publicly challenges openly gay student Bob Elkin's right to be a Resident Advisor.

2015

Student Council begins a series of initiatives and reform efforts to democratize itself and diversify its membership, including amending its bylaws to require public and widely publicized membership applications.

April 25, 1945

After a University-wide referendum passed its constitution the year prior, Student Council convenes in Madison Hall to hold its first meeting.

1954

President Darden revokes Student Council's judicial powers following "overly harsh" punishments to students found guilty of a multiple-assailant rape.

1957

The University Judiciary Committee forms its own constitution and separates from Student Council to become an independent organization.

May 5, 1970

The Virginia Strike Committee, comprised mostly of Student Council members, announces its anti-war demands to University President Edgar Shanon in response to the Kent State shootings.

1973

Larry Sabato, now a University professor and Pavilion resident, is elected Student Council President. Under his leadership, Student Council successfully lobbied the General Assembly for the construction of Clemons Library.

1977

Student Council passes a resolution to add "effectual or sexual orientation" to its nondiscrimination clause.

1984

Carole Kirkland is elected as the first female Student Council President. Under her leadership, Student Council engaged in increased sexual assault prevention programs and survivor support resources.