

Wichita State University

Student Government Association

61st Session of the Student Senate

TITLE: SB-61-013: Legislative Review Constitutional Amendments

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1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate that:

2 **1. Amend Article I Section 4 of the Constitution to read:**

3 The authority granted to the Association in this section is derived from and shall be
4 subject to the authority of the Board of Regents and the President of the University.

5 The authority granted to student organizations, through a grant of official recognition, is
6 derived from and shall be subject to the authority of the Association and its representative
7 bodies.

8 The Association, in order that it might perform its duties effectively, shall have the authority
9 to delegate its legislative, executive, and judicial authority to representative bodies. These
10 bodies shall have the authority to:

11 A. Prescribe procedure for the election and/or appointments of the membership of the
12 said bodies of the Association;

13 B. Extend official recognition to groups of students seeking privileges of a ~~an official~~
14 *recognized* student organization (hereafter referred to as organizations);

15 C. Establish criteria and conduct a review for the granting and removal of said
16 recognition;

17 D. Levy reasonable penalties for Statutes;

18 E. Recommend to the ~~Dean of Students~~ *Vice President of Student Affairs or designee*
19 reasonable penalties for students who violate the Association's Statutes or University rules
20 and policies;

21 F. Reasonably provide for the execution of the Association's duties as prescribed in

22 Article I, Section 3, through the establishment of Statutes and the appointment of special or
23 regular committees with a specific grant of authority.

24 **2. Amend Article III Section 2 of the Constitution to read:**

25 The President and Vice President shall be elected on the same ballot, as a team, from the
26 Association at an election held during the month of April.

27 The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President, said appointment subject to two-thirds
28 (2/3) ratification of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats.

29 ~~If the nominee has and maintains a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, Secretaries shall~~
30 ~~take office upon nomination by the appropriate officer holder, subject to the consent of~~
31 ~~the majority of the Student Senators present and voting, and shall retain said office until~~
32 ~~the individual chooses to resign, loses student status, or is judged remiss or incompetent~~
33 ~~in the discharge of their duties by the current holder of the office which passed on during~~
34 ~~their Senate session, excluding vacated seats.~~

35 ~~The tenure granted by these provisions shall not apply to Secretaries hired on a temporary~~
36 ~~or emergency basis during the months when the Senate is not in session~~

37 **3. Amend Article III Section 5 of the Constitution to read:**

38 The President of the Association shall have the following powers and duties:

39 A. To enforce the Statutes and administer the Resolutions of the Association;

40 B. To execute the policies of the Senate and the decisions of the Court;

41 C. To act as the official spokesperson for the Association;

42 ~~D. To appoint the Court Justices as provided for in Article V, Section 1;~~

43 ~~E. To appoint Association members to positions in pursuit of purposes of the~~
44 ~~Association, subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Senate, unless otherwise~~
45 ~~specified;~~

46 ~~F. To recommend to the Senate any policy, which the individual considers to be in~~
47 ~~pursuit of the purposes of the Association;~~

48 G. To veto and invalidate any action of the Senate within thirty (30) days which the
49 individual considers not in the interest of the Association. The Senate has seven (7) days in
50 which to act upon the President's veto. Said veto must be accompanied with a statement of

51 explanation in the form of an executive order;
52 H. Other duties as specified in the Association's Bylaws.

53 **4. Amend Article III Section 8 of the Constitution to read:**

54 The following will be grounds for removal of an Association officer:

- 55 A. The failure to maintain a 2.50 cumulative grade point average;
- 56 B. The failure to execute prescribed duties;
- 57 C. Others as established by the Code of Conduct and outlined in the Bylaws.

58 If an Association officer is charged with one or more of the grounds for removal, the
59 Senate shall review said officer's case, and may expel the officer by a two-thirds (2/3)
60 vote of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats.

61 Recall Election: The Senate must call a special election of the Association within thirty
62 (30) days if presented with a petition to recall an Association officer signed by a number
63 of the Association members equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of those voting in the last
64 Senate election. Such petition must be validated by the Association's ~~Executive Secretary~~
65 *Office Manager, or equivalent to*, prior to public exposure and presentation. If the
66 requisite number of signatures has not been obtained within thirty (30) days of said
67 validation and dating, the petition shall be null and void. If the requisite number of
68 signatures is obtained within thirty (30) days, the Association's ~~Executive Secretary~~
69 *Office Manager, or equivalent to*, must validate the signatures as those of members of the
70 Association.

71 **5. Amend Article IV Section 1 of the Constitution to read:**

72 All seats for ~~Senators~~ *members of Senate* shall be reserved according to the following
73 criteria:

- 74 A. Seats shall be reserved for three (3) persons designated by the Senate as Holdover
75 Senators.
- 76 B. One (1) seat shall be reserved for each of the officers *and Cabinet members* of the
77 Association, with the President and Treasurer being non-voting members.

78 **6. Amend Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution to read:**

79 All elective seats in the Senate shall be filled at an election held at the same time as the
80 election for Association officers. That number of candidates for at-large senatorial seats
81 who receive the largest totals of votes shall be declared elected.

82 **7. Amend Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution to read:**

83 The following will be grounds for removal of a Senator:

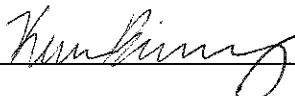
- 84 A. The failure to maintain a 2.50 cumulative grade point average;
- 85 B. The failure to fulfill prescribed *duties*.

86 **8. Amend Article V Section 5 of the Constitution to read:**

87 Such rules and procedures shall be filed in the office of the ~~Dean of Students~~ *Vice*
88 *President of Student Affairs or designee* and the Association's office and copies made
89 available to students.

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91 **APPROVED: 29nd Day of August, 2018**

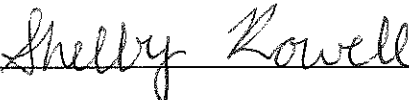


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