

# Wichita State University

## Student Government Association

### 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Senate

**TITLE:** SB-61-076: Constitution Readjustment Act  
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**FIRST READ:** Mar 6, 2019  
**SECOND READ:** Mar 20, 2019 (Expected)

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1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate that:

2 **1. Amend Article III Section 5 of the Constitution to read:**

3 G. To veto and invalidate any action of the Senate, *excluding Senate Resolutions*, within ~~thirty~~  
4 ~~(30)~~ *fourteen (14)* days which the individual considers not in the interest of the Association.  
5 The Senate has seven (7) days in which to act upon the President's veto. Said veto must be  
6 accompanied with a statement of explanation in the form of an executive order;

7 **2. Amend Article III Section 6 of the Constitution to strike:**

8 If the Vice President is absent, a temporary chairperson, a Senator, will be designated by the  
9 Vice President to preside;

10 **3. Amend Article III Section 9 of the Constitution to strike:**

11 The following will be the succession procedure for the offices of President and Vice  
12 President:

13 A. Should the position of President become vacant, for reasons of death, removal from  
14 office, or prolonged absence, the Vice President of the Association shall become the  
15 President of the Association, with all rights and responsibilities thereof, for the remainder of  
16 the term of the vacated position.

17 B. Should the position of Vice President become vacant, for reasons of death, removal  
18 from office, prolonged absence, or succession to the Presidency, the President shall  
19 nominate an eligible Senator, excluding appointees but not excluding Holdover Senators, to  
20 be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate excluding vacant seats, to the  
21 position of the Vice President of the Association, with all the rights and responsibilities  
22 thereof, for the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

23 **4. Amend Article IV Section 9 to strike:**

24 If a senatorial quorum is not present at a regular session, the President may in good faith  
25 call a special session of the Senate after the convening of which the duties and authority  
26 of the Senate shall be vested in the President and those present until a senatorial quorum  
27 is present at a regular or special session of the Senate.

28 The President may call a special session of the Senate if they attempt in good faith to  
29 notify all Senators more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for the session.

30 **5. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to add:**

31 2.4 During a meeting, a Senator may motion to place any Association officer,  
32 member of cabinet, or committee chair on temporary suspension.

33 2.4.1 The text of the motion shall be presented in writing, written in the  
34 format of a Senate Resolution, so that the motion can be stored in the Association's  
35 records and so that the reasoning behind the order of suspension is included in the  
36 motion.

37 2.4.2 The text of the motion shall include the length of the temporary  
38 suspension. A temporary suspension cannot be more than 30 days in length.

39 2.4.3 The motion shall require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

40 2.4.4 Should the vote pass, the order will go into immediate effect and will  
41 not require a signature from an executive officer or cabinet member.

42 2.4.5 Once an order of temporary suspension has been passed, the  
43 individual in question shall be recused from their position for the duration of the  
44 suspension. Their position shall be considered vacant but cannot be permanently  
45 filled. An individual on temporary suspension can be subject to Senate Review Board  
46 as outlined in S061.

47 2.4.6 An individual cannot be placed on temporary suspension in the same  
48 session for the same reason as a previous suspension.

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50 **6. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to add paragraph 1.3.1 which reads:**

51 The President may call a special session of the Senate if they attempt in good faith to  
52 notify all Senators more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for the session.

53 **7. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to read:**

54 1.2.1 ~~If present, the Chief of Operations shall serve as the Chairperson should the~~  
55 ~~Vice President be absent, or have a conflict of interest regarding the specific piece of~~  
56 ~~business being discussed by the Senate, unless that individual also has a conflict of interest.~~  
57 If the Vice President has a conflict of interest regarding a piece of business currently on the  
58 Senate floor, the Vice President may consider their position temporarily vacated so that the  
59 first successor, per Article III, Section 7.3 of the Bylaws, can serve as an unbiased Acting  
60 Vice President chairing the meeting until the bill leaves the floor.

61 **8. Amend Bylaws Article I, Section 1 to strike:**

62 1.2.2 Should both the Vice President and Chief of Operations be absent or have a  
63 conflict of interest regarding the specific piece of business being discussed by the Senate, the

64 Senate shall nominate one of their own to serve as Chairperson for the current piece of  
65 legislation, confirming said nomination with a two thirds (2/3) majority vote.

66 **9. Amend Bylaws Article III to add Section 7, entitled Succession of Power,**  
67 **which reads:**

68 7.1 The line of succession to the Presidency shall be comprised of the Vice  
69 President and a first and second successor. The first and second successor  
70 must meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Constitution.

71 7.1.1 At the beginning of a new session of the Association, the positions of  
72 first and second successor shall be considered vacant, the Senate will  
73 nominate according to the Robert's Rules of Order nomination  
74 process to fill the vacant first and second successor. The Senate shall  
75 decide the procedure by which the nominations shall be made.

76 7.1.2 If any position in the line of succession becomes permanently vacant,  
77 the Senate must pass a bill appointing the vacant positions within the  
78 first three (3) official meetings following the vacancy. The bill shall  
79 require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

80 7.1.3 Any member of the Association's executive or legislative branch who  
81 is not already President or Vice President shall be eligible to be  
82 appointed as a successor.

83 7.2 Should the position of President become vacant, the Vice President shall  
84 assume the mantle of President of the Association, with all rights and  
85 responsibilities thereof.

86 7.3 Should the position of Vice President become vacant, the first successor shall  
87 assume the mantle of Vice President of the Association, with all rights and  
88 responsibilities thereof.

89 7.3.1 As the first successor steps into the role of Vice President, the  
90 second successor shall likewise move up one place in the line of  
91 succession.

92 7.4 A vacancy in the position of the President and/or Vice President, can either be  
93 permanent or temporary.

94 7.4.1 A vacancy shall be considered permanent if the cause of the  
95 vacancy is death, removal from office, or prolonged absence of thirty  
96 one (31) days.

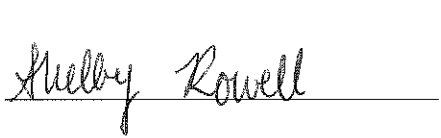
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7.4.2 In permanent successions the succeeding individual shall remain in their position for the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

7.4.3 A vacancy shall be considered temporary if the cause of the vacancy is temporary suspension by Senate or a temporary absence of thirty (30) days or less.

7.4.4 In temporary successions the succeeding individual shall remain in their position for the duration of the temporary vacancy, and shall afterwards return to their original position.

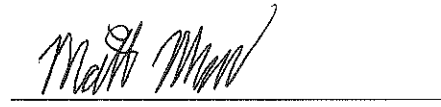
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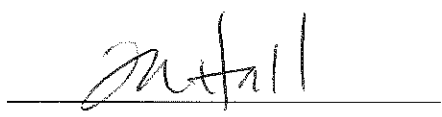
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