

USG08111106 School Representation

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WHEREAS, the current system of representation does not provide the most effective means for the undergraduate student body to voice their concerns and be represented accurately by their representatives, and

WHEREAS, both the Residence Hall Association and the Undergraduate Student Government share a common interest in improving undergraduate student life by voicing the concerns of their constituents, and

NOTING that both the school governments and residence hall governments are systems currently in place that offer a means of listening and voicing these concerns, and

NOTING that a fall election cycle for senators will help keep the senate consistent with the changes of our constituency's residence,

BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Composition

A. The following entities of the University shall send representatives to the Student Senate

1) The Residence Hall Governments of the Residence Hall Association, which shall be recognized as follows:

- i. The Residence Hall Government for Butler House
- ii. The Residence Hall Government for Joesphine Louise House
- iii. The Residence Hall Government for Mayer Residences and Irby and Phelps Houses
- iv. The Residence Hall Government for Monroe Hall
- v. The Residence Hall Government for Paterson House
- vi. The Residence Hall Government for Sharp Hall
- vii. The Residence Hall Government for Wall Residential College
- viii. The Residence Hall Government for Warren House
- ix. The Residence Hall Government for Willow Residences, Aron Residences, and Modular Housing

2) The Community Government

3) The university school divisions, which shall be recognized as follows:

- i. The A. B. Freeman School of Business
- ii. The School of Liberal Arts
- iii. The School of Science and Engineering
- iv. The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- v. The School of Architecture

B. Apportionment

- 1) The Residence Hall Association shall send one (1) representative per Residence Hall Government, as recognized in Section 1A
- 2) The Community Government shall send three (3) representatives
- 3) Each university recognized school division shall send one (1) representative
- 4) The remainder of the ASB allocated seats shall be divided among the university recognized school divisions in accordance with the d'Hondt method, whereby successive quotients shall be calculated for each School Government Organization. The formula for these quotients shall be
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shall be the full-time undergraduate enrollment of a School as determined
allocated the number of seats already allocated to all schools, which shall be
initially zero (0) for all Schools. Whichever School shall have the largest quotient
shall have the next seat allocated and its quotient recalculated given the new
allocated, this process repeated until all seats shall have been allocated.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

- A. Prerequisites for seeking and retaining office
- 1) Eligibility under the rules and regulations of the division in which he or she is to represent or represents.
 - 2) Residence Hall Senators must reside in the residence hall which they represent, as defined by the office of Housing and Residence Life.
 - 3) Community Senators must reside off-campus or be classified as commuter students, as defined by the office of Housing and Residence Life.
 - 4) School Senators must have their primary major declared in the school which they represent, as defined by the Registrar.
 - 5) No person shall serve on more than one of the following Executive Boards: Undergraduate Student Government, Residence Hall Association, A.B. Freeman School of Business, The school of Liberal Arts, The School of Science and Engineering, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, or the School of Architecture.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII, Section 1, subsection A of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

Section I. Procedures for Elections

- A. Supervision of:
- 1) Officer elections shall be conducted by the USG Awards and Elections Committee (AEC).
 - 2) Residence Hall Senator elections shall be conducted by the USG Awards and Elections committee (AEC)
 - 3) Community Senator elections shall be conducted by the USG Awards and Elections Committee (AEC).
 - 4) School Senator elections shall be conducted by the USG Awards and Elections Committee (AEC).
 - 5) The USG Awards and Elections committee (AEC) shall make a legitimate effort to coordinate Senate elections with their respective Residence Hall, school, or community government(s).

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII, Section 1, subsection B of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

- B. Dates:
- 1) Officer elections shall be held no earlier than the fourth week and no later than the eighth week of the Spring Semester.
 - 2) All Senator elections shall be held no earlier than the first week and no later than the third week of the Fall Semester and all Senators-elect shall take office upon a date specified by the USG AEC.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII, Section 1, subsection D of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

D. The Electorate:

- 1) All students who are members of the USG, as defined in Article I, Section 2, shall be eligible to vote for Executive Officers.
- 2) All students who reside on-campus, as defined by the office of Housing and Residence Life, shall be eligible to vote shall be eligible to vote for the Residence Hall Senator in the residence hall in which they reside.
- 3) All students who reside off-campus or are classified as commuter students, as defined by the office of Housing and Residence Life, shall be eligible to vote for Community Senators.
- 4) Students shall be eligible to vote for the School Senator(s) in the school in which their primary major is declared, as defined by the Registrar.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII, Section 3, subsection B of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government shall be amended to read as follows:

- B. Senators: following the certification of their election by the USG AEC and shall continue until the end of the Spring Semester.

BE IT RESOLVED that a "Creation of a Community Government" ad hoc committee shall be formed and that this committee shall be chaired by Senators McCoy and Levenson. The purpose of this committee shall be to oversee the creation of a Community Government during the Spring 2009 Semester.

BE IT RESOLVED that these changes take place no earlier than the 2009-10 academic year.

BE IT RESOLVED that these changes take place no earlier than the 2009-10 academic year, and that this legislation will be sent to referendum after the following issues are resolved: possible changes to: AEC bylaws, Finance Bylaws, USG Constitution, and the creation of: an Off-Campus Government Constitution, RHG Election Code, and possible changes to: the School Government's constitutions and the RHA Constitution.