

ARTICLE V. THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

1. Power

In general, the responsibility of the Student Senate shall include but not be limited to matters in the area of student government, student organizations, and student publications. The Student Senate shall also exercise an advisory role on matters of student behavior and student academic integrity.

2. Membership

a. The Student Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the 50 elected student members

(2) the 10 elected members of the Student Consultative Committee who shall serve as ex officio voting members

3. Student Senate Officers

The officers of the Student Senate shall be a chair and a vice chair.

4. Student Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Student Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the chair of the Student Senate. Special meetings of the Student Senate may be held upon the call of the chair, the Student Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Student Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

b. At any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum. Any student eligible to vote for senators may be admitted to Student Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Student Senate. Only elected Student Senate members (or their designated alternates), Student Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote.

5. Student Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each Student Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Student Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Senate or any Senate member.

b. Committees and Student Senators shall submit items for action to the Student Consultative Committee at least two weeks before the Student Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Student Delegation

The Twin Cities student members of the University Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The Student Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities Student Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The Twin Cities Student Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the Chair of the Student Senate, Student Senate Consultative Committee or upon written request of ten members of the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The officers of the Student Senate shall serve as the officers of the Twin Cities Student Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the University Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities Student Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the Student Senate Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Student Delegation.

7. Committees of the Student Senate

The Student Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on all Student Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees.