



Student Government

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**CONSTITUTION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE**

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Preamble

We, the Student Government of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, are established to represent the student body within and outside of the University. This organization and its programs and activities shall be available to all interested students without regard for race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental ability, or other factors covered by law.

Article I – Authority and Responsibility

The authority and responsibility of the Student Government is derived from the power of the Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to recognize constituency groups as provided in Article V of the Statutes of the Board of Trustees and in Chapter 3 of the Policies of the Board of Trustees.

The Student Government shall:

1. Promote campus life.
2. Further the interests of the student body.
3. Make recommendations on the allocation and use of student fees to SIUE student groups and organizations in the best interest of the student body.
4. Encourage students to develop leadership qualities.
5. Encourage students to exemplify qualities of responsible citizenship.
6. Function cooperatively with other constituent bodies to achieve the mission and purpose of the University.
7. Make recommendations on issues regarding the University.

Article II – Composition

The Student Government shall consist of three separate branches— the Legislative Branch, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch.

Article III – Legislative Branch

Section A:

Composition I – Criteria for Creation of New Seats

The Legislative Branch shall consist of senators who represent constituencies that:

- a. Constitute at least 5% of the student population over a period of 3 consecutive years and,
- b. Have experienced campus-wide occurrences that have triggered the formation of a caucus to petition for a seat on The Senate.

Composition II – Current Senate Composition

The Legislative Branch of the Student Government shall consist of 31 Senators broken down as follows:

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| 1. School of Pharmacy | 1 Senator |
| 2. School of Dental Medicine | 1 Senator |
| 3. School of Business | 2 Senators |
| 4. School of Nursing | 2 Senators |
| 5. School of Engineering | 2 Senators |
| 6. School of Education, Health, and Human Behavior | 2 Senators |
| 7. College of Arts and Sciences | 3 Senators |
| a. Arts and Communication | 1 Senator |
| i. Including the following programs: Mass Communications, Applied Communication Studies, English Language and Literature, Foreign Language and Literature, Music, Theater and Dance, and Art and Design. | |
| b. Sciences and Math | 1 Senator |
| i. Including the following program: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science Education, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, and Economics. | |
| c. People and Culture | 1 Senator |
| i. Including the following program: Criminal Justice Studies, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Social Work, Anthropology, Geography, and Liberal Studies. | |
| 8. Freshmen Senators | 2 Senators |
| 9. Graduate Senators | 2 Senators |
| 10. Non-Traditional Students | 2 Senators |
| 11. International Students | 2 Senators |
| 12. Senators at Large | 2 Senators |
| 13. Military and Veteran Affairs | 1 Senator |
| 14. Student Athletes | 1 Senator |
| 15. Students with Disabilities | 1 Senators |
| 16. Student Diversity Council | 5 Senators |

Section B: Term of Office

Senators shall take office on the Monday before spring semester finals week and serve for one year or until their successors are ratified.

Section C: Qualifications

I – General Qualifications

1. A student may not hold both an Executive position and a Senate position at the same time; with the exception of the Fee Commissioner Executive position.
2. A candidate for the office of Senator must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at the time of election or appointment. A Senator must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 throughout their term in office. Graduate and Professional Senators must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or be in academic good standing.

3. A candidate for the office of Senator must have completed 12 hours as a full-time undergraduate student or six hours as a full-time graduate student at SIUE.
4. Freshman Senators are excluded from this qualification requirement stated on Article III, Section C, Subsection 3, but must be enrolled full time in the fall and spring semesters and maintain full-time status.
5. Candidates for these positions must be currently enrolled full-time SIUE students in good disciplinary and academic standing.

II – Specific Qualifications

A. Academic School seats

1. All senators in these positions must meet all general qualifications listed in Article III, section C, subsection I
2. These seats include senators listed in Article III, section A, numbers 1 – 7. This is a total of 13 seats.
3. Senators occupying these seats must be a student in the school they represent.
4. Only students at each school will be able to vote for candidates running for their school seats.

B. Demographic and student experience seats

1. All senators in these positions must meet all general qualifications listed in Article III, section C, subsection I
2. These seats include senators listed in Article III, section A, numbers 8 - 17. This is a total of 18 seats.
3. The Freshman Senators are selected as outlined in the Bylaws.
4. Every other candidate for the remaining seats will be voted for by the General Student Body.
5. The Non-Traditional Student Senator must be able to identify as a transfer student or Non-Traditional Student as defined by the State of Illinois.
6. The international student senator must be an international student on an F-1/J-1 visa.
7. The Senator for Military and Veteran Affairs should be currently serving or have previously served in the Military. Those who do not meet this requirement will need to provide an endorsement from Military and Veteran Services.
8. The Student Athlete Senator must be a student athlete under Intercollegiate Athletics.
9. The candidates for the Student Diversity Council senate seats must provide at least two endorsements from an active multicultural and/or identity-based student organization registered on Get Involved.

Section D: Removal from Office

1. Absences and Tardiness (excused or unexcused)

Any Senator who is 15 minutes late or leaves 15 minutes before Pre-Meeting is finished will be subjected to receiving a possible ½ absence and must submit a completed tardiness form to the Vice President. Tardiness must be designated either excused or unexcused via a majority vote of the President, Vice President, and Head Justice. If deemed unexcused, the senator will receive a ½ absence. If deemed excused, the senator will not receive a ½ absence. Senators who are absent for two consecutive meetings or who accrue three absences (excused or unexcused) within a semester will be immediately removed from office. Extenuating circumstances will be considered. Removal from office shall be announced by the Vice President at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Grades

- a. If any Senator's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5, the senator will be immediately removed from office.
- b. If the senator is appealing their grades, they have four weeks from the beginning of the semester to complete the appeal process. Extraordinary cases will be judged on their own merit.

3. Recall

Any Senator may be subject to recall. Recall of a Senator shall be initiated upon the submission to the Senate of a petition signed by a number of currently enrolled students that is at least equal to twenty-five percent plus one (25% + 1) of those voting in the last general student body election. Upon receipt and validation of the petition, the Senate shall establish a special Recall Election Commission to manage a recall election. The recall election and the Recall Election Commission shall operate in a manner consistent with provisions of Article VIII, except for those provisions not appropriate to a recall election. The recall election shall be held within four working weeks of the validation of the petition and requires a simple majority of those voting to recall a Senator.

4. Impeachment

A Senator may initiate impeachment of another Senator based on charges of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of duties. If a Senator enrolls in a major that is inconsistent with their elected constituency, then they are subject to removal. Freshman, At-Large and Graduate Senators are exempt. A committee of three Senators, appointed by the Associate Director of the Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub, shall investigate the charges brought by the Senator(s) initiating impeachment. The committee will forward its recommendation to the Senate for action. Conviction to impeach a Senator requires a 3/4-majority vote of the total current membership

(present or not) of the Senate, excluding the senator being charged with impeachment. The Senator who is being charged with malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of duties shall not be able to vote on their impeachment charges.

5. Reappointments

A Senator who resigns or is removed or recalled may not be reappointed to any Senate or Executive Board position within Student Government for the remainder of the school year.

Article IV – Executive Branch

Section A: Composition

The Executive Branch of Student Government shall be called the Executive Branch and shall consist of the following officers:

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Trustee (non-voting member)

The Executive Board of Student Government shall be called the Executive Board and shall consist of the following officers:

1. Financial Officer
2. External Affairs Officer
3. Organization Relations Officer
4. Marketing and Communications Officer
5. Student Wellness and Equity Officer
6. Fee Review Commissioner (Spring Semester Only, non-paying position)

The Executive Board shall serve as a selective sounding board for the introduction of new policies and programs and serve as a communications network to the Senate. The Executive Board shall act in the best interests of the Senate when the Senate is not in session.

Section B: Term of Office

The President and Vice President shall take office on the Monday before spring semester finals week and serve for one year. The Student Trustee shall take office on July 1 and serve for one year. The Financial Officer, External Affairs Officer, Organization Relations Officer, Student Wellness and Equity Officer and Communications Officer shall take office the day after Senate approval. New chairs may serve unofficially in their office after the President has appointed them.

Section C: Qualifications

1. President, Vice President, and Student Trustee

- a. The Candidates must have completed two academic terms as full-time students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville at the time of taking office. At the time of the election

candidates must be currently enrolled full time at SIUE and maintain full-time status throughout their term. **Candidates for Student Trustee must be current residents of the State of Illinois.**

b. Candidates for President and Vice President must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 at the time of filing to run and must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 through the election and during their terms in office. Candidates for Student Trustee must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 at the time of election. The Student Trustee must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 during their term in office.

c. Candidates for these positions must be enrolled at SIUE full-time during the fall and spring semesters when they hold office. If the candidate for President is not enrolled during summer term, they are obligated to fulfill their duties during the summer without pay. If the candidate for Vice President is not enrolled during the summer term, they are not obligated to fulfill their duties during the summer. If the candidate for Vice President is enrolled during the summer term, they are obligated to fulfill their duties. Candidates must be enrolled during the summer term in order to be on payroll for the term.

d. Candidates for these positions must be currently enrolled full-time SIUE students in good disciplinary standing.

e. Candidates for these positions must have previously been members of Student Government's Senate, Executive Board, or Finance Board. If all candidates fail to meet this requirement, or in the event that a candidate is unopposed, the positions become available to all students without previous Student Government experience. All other qualifications must still be met.

2. Financial Officer, External Affairs Officer, Organization Relations Officer, Communications Officer, Student Wellness and Equity Officer, Fee Review Commissioner.

a. Candidates for these positions must have completed one academic semester as full-time students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

b. Candidates for these positions must be currently enrolled full-time SIUE students in good disciplinary standing.

c. Candidates for these positions must have cumulative GPAs of at least 2.5 at the time of their application for position. Candidates for these positions must maintain cumulative GPAs of at least 2.5 during their terms in office.

d. Candidates must be enrolled full time at SIUE for the fall and spring semesters of their terms in office. These positions are considered a Student Employment Paid position. A candidate need not enroll during the summer semester and may work without pay.

Section D: Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

1. Elected Positions

The duties and responsibilities of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Student Trustee shall be defined in the Bylaws pertaining to each respective position.

2. Appointed Positions

The duties and responsibilities of the Financial Officer, External Affairs Officer, Organization Relations Officer, Communications Officer, Student Wellness and Equity Officer, Fee Review Commissioner shall be defined in the Bylaws pertaining to each respective office.

Section E: Removal from Office

1. Absences

Any Executive Board member who is 15 minutes late or leaves 15 minutes before Senate and Executive Board meetings are finished will be subjected to receiving a possible ½ absence and must submit a completed tardy form to the President. Tardiness must be designated either excused or unexcused via a majority vote of the President, Vice President, and Head Justice. If deemed unexcused, the Executive Board member will receive a ½ absence. If the President, Vice President, or Head Justice is up for review of tardiness, the Student Trustee will become an *ad hoc* voting member by replacing the respective executive officer for that specific tardiness review. If the Vice President is up for review of tardiness, the completed form should be submitted to the President.

2. Grades

- a. If the cumulative GPA of the President, Vice President, or Student Trustee falls below a 2.6, they will be immediately removed from office unless they are appealing said grade(s).
- b. If any appointed Executive Board member's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5, they will be immediately removed from office unless they are appealing said grade(s).
- c. If the President, Vice President, Student Trustee, or appointed Executive Board member is appealing said grade(s), they have four weeks from the beginning of the semester to complete the appeal process. Extraordinary cases will be judged on their own merit.

3. Recall

The President, Vice President and Trustee may be subject to recall. Recall of any one of these elected members shall be initiated upon the submission to the Senate of a petition signed by a number of currently enrolled students that is at least equal to twenty-five percent plus one (25% + 1) of those voting in the last general student body election. Upon receipt and validation of such a petition, the Senate shall establish a special Recall Election Commission to manage a recall

election. The recall election and the Recall Election Commission shall operate in a manner consistent with provisions of Article VIII, except for those provisions not appropriate to a recall election. The recall election shall be held within four working weeks of the validation of the petition. An officer shall be recalled from office if the number of votes cast in the recall election is at least equal to fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of those voting in the previous general student body election, and if a majority of the ballots cast in the recall election supports his/her recall.

4. Impeachment

A Senator may initiate impeachment of the President, Vice President, or Trustee based on charges of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. A committee of three Senators, appointed by the Associate Director of the Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub (or their designee), shall investigate the charges brought by a Senator(s) initiating impeachment. The committee will forward its recommendation to the Senate for action. Conviction to impeach an elected Executive Board member shall require a 3/4 majority vote of the total current membership (present or not) of the Senate.

5. Appointed Positions

The President may remove any appointee from an appointed position. Upon the removal of an appointee, the President must provide the Senate and Executive Board with written documentation of the reason(s) for removal at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Reappointments

An Executive Board member who resigns or is removed or recalled may not be reappointed to any Senate or Executive Board position within Student Government for the remainder of the school year.

Article V-Judicial Branch

Section A: Composition

The Judicial Branch shall be composed of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members composed as follows:

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| 1.) Head Justice | 1 Member |
| 2.) Associate Justices | Minimum of 2, Maximum of 4 |

Section B: Term of Office

a. The Head Justice shall take office on the Monday before spring semester finals week and serve for one year.

b. Associate Justices shall be appointed and take office by the 2nd week of the Fall Semester.

- c. All Justices are appointed for a one-year term. (Head Justice and Associate Justices)

Section C: Qualifications

- a. The Candidates must have completed two academic terms as full-time students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville at the time of taking office. At the time of the appointment candidates must be currently enrolled full time at SIUE and maintain full-time status throughout their term.
- b. Candidates for Head Justice must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 at the time of application and must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 through the appointment process and during their terms in office. Candidates for Associate Justice must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 at the time of application and must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 through the appointment process and during their terms in office.
- c. Candidates for these positions must be enrolled at SIUE full-time during the fall and spring semesters when they hold office
- d. Candidates for these positions must be currently enrolled full-time SIUE students in good disciplinary and academic standing.

Section D: Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

1. Appointed Positions

The duties and responsibilities of the Head Justice and Associate Justices shall be defined in the Bylaws pertaining to each respective position.

Section E: Removal from Office

1. Absences

If the Head Justice is 15 minutes late or leaves 15 minutes before Senate and Executive Board meetings are finished, they will be subjected to receiving a possible ½ absence and must submit a completed tardy form to the President. Tardiness must be designated either excused or unexcused via a majority vote of the President, Vice President, and Student Trustee. If deemed unexcused, the Head Justice will receive a ½ absence.

2. Grades

- a. If any Judicial Branch member's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5, they will be immediately removed from office unless they are appealing said grade(s).

b. If any Judicial Branch member is appealing said grade(s), they have four weeks from the beginning of the semester to complete the appeal process. Extraordinary cases will be judged on their own merit.

3. Impeachment

Any Student Government member may initiate impeachment of the Head Justice, or any Associate Justices based on charges of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. A committee of three Senators, appointed by the Associate Director of the Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub (or their designee), shall investigate the charges brought by a member(s) initiating impeachment. The committee will forward its recommendation to the Senate for action. Conviction to impeach any Judicial Branch member shall require a 3/4 majority vote of the total current membership (present or not) of the Senate.

4. Appointed Positions

The Head Justice may remove any appointed Associate Justice from their Judicial Branch position. Upon the removal of an appointee, the Head Justice must provide the Senate and Executive Board with written documentation of the reason(s) for removal at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. Reappointments

Any Judicial Branch member who resigns or is removed or recalled may not be reappointed to any position within Student Government for the remainder of the school year.

Article VI – Advisor/Fiscal Officer

The advisor for Student Government is the Associate Director of the Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub. The fiscal officer for Student Government is the Associate Director of the Morris Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub.

Article VII – Meetings

Section A: Senate Meetings

- a. Regularly scheduled Senate meetings shall be held bi-weekly.
- b. All meetings of the Senate shall be open to the public except when closed by a majority vote of the membership and in accordance with public law (executive session).
- c. Any active Senator shall have the privilege of designating, in writing, another Senator as their proxy. Proxy statements must be presented to the Student Body Vice President prior to the meeting. A proxy statement shall address only a specific motion concerning a specific issue and shall clearly state the intention of the Senator regarding the vote and said issue.

Section B: Executive Meetings

The President in conjunction with the Office Manager shall establish bi-weekly meeting dates and times of the Executive Board with the advice and consent of the members of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall meet during fall and spring semesters.

Section C: Teleconferencing

Student Government members who are unable to attend a Senate meeting or Executive Board meeting due to reasonable circumstances may be considered present through teleconferencing. However, they will not be considered towards quorum. Student Government members who wish to teleconference must notify the President and Vice President 24 hours in advance. However, if the entire platform of the meeting is via teleconference, attendance does count towards quorum.

Article VIII – Quorum

Section A: Fall and Spring Semesters

Quorum during the fall and spring semesters shall consist of 50% the membership of the Senate plus one. Senators shall not be required to wait longer than 15 minutes past the regularly scheduled meeting time to establish quorum.

Article IX – Rules of Order

Meetings will be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order—Newly Revised*, except where inconsistent with this Constitution or the Bylaws.

Article X – Elections

Section A: Regular Elections

The general student body election of the Student Government shall be held no later than the 12th week of the spring semester.

Section B: Voter Eligibility and Privileges

- a. Only SIUE students enrolled for course work at the time of a Student Government election or referendum are eligible to vote in the election or referendum.
- b. Each student voting may cast only one vote each for Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Student Trustee candidate. Each student may cast only one vote on each question that is placed on the ballot for a referendum or a recall election. Each student may vote for the allotted number of Senators in their respective constituencies. Each student may also vote for up to two senators representing the At-Large population.

Section C: Election Commission

The duties and responsibilities of the Election Commission shall be defined in the Bylaws. All duties of the Election Commission have been relegated to the Judicial Branch.

Section D: Ratification of Election

The Judicial Branch shall submit to the Senate its final report setting forth and validating the election rules before the last Senate meeting of the spring semester.

The election results shall become official and final once the Judicial Branch's final report is ratified by a simple majority of the Senate.

If the Judicial Branch's final report is not accepted and ratified by the Senate, the Senate shall determine what action to take regarding the election and election results.

Section E: Oath of Office

I, (name), solemnly promise to perform my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability while preserving the mission and values of the University. I also vow to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of SIUE Student Government while striving for the betterment of the University for all students, faculty, and staff.

Article XI – Vacancies

Section A: Senate Vacancies

If a Senate seat becomes vacant, the Vice President shall appoint, an eligible student, as defined in Article III, Section C, to complete that vacated term. The appointment must be made within two Senate meetings or four working weeks of the vacancy. Such appointments are subject to the consent of two-thirds of the current total membership (present or not) of the Senate. If the appointment is not made within four working weeks of the vacancy, the Senate shall appoint a Senator with a two-thirds vote of approval.

Section B: President

If the presidency becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the office.

Section C: Vice President

If the vice presidency becomes vacant, the Senate shall, within two working weeks of the vacancy, elect a new Vice President from among its members with a two-thirds vote of approval. In the event the Senate does not elect one of its own, the Senate shall have two working weeks to select a representative from Student Government's internal committees with a two-thirds vote of approval. In the event no candidate is selected from within Student Government, the Senate shall within four working weeks select a student-at-large with a two-thirds vote of approval. In the event of this occurrence, Article IV: Section C: Subsection 1: Clause e does not apply.

Section D: Student Trustee

If the Student Trustee position becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by a campus-wide student election. The election shall be governed by the provisions of Article X. The election shall be held within 12 working weeks of the vacancy.

Article XII – Bylaws

Bylaws of the Constitution of the Student Government may be enacted or amended by the approval of two-thirds of the total Senate membership or by the approval of a majority of those students voting in a referendum.

Article XIII – Referendums

Section A

The Senate will hold a campus-wide referendum following either an action by the Senate authorizing a referendum or the receipt by the Senate of a petition specifying the question(s) to be placed on the referendum and signed by a number of currently enrolled students at least equal to twenty-five percent plus one (25% + 1) of those voting in the last general student body election. The referendum shall be held during the next general student body election, except for a referendum to ratify amendments to this Constitution, which shall be governed by the provisions of Article IX.

Section B

Questions submitted to referendum shall be adopted if approved by a majority of those voting on the question.

Article XIV – Personal Leave

Section A

1. A Senator and/or Executive Board member may be granted one personal leave of no longer than five weeks in duration during their term in office.
2. Personal leave for Executive Board members must be submitted to the President in writing and requires approval by the President. Once approved by the President the matter must be approved by the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
3. Personal leave for Senators must be submitted to the Vice President in writing and requires approval by the Vice President. Once approved by the Vice President, the matter must be approved by the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Section B

A Senator or Executive Board member on personal leave is not a representative of the student body and therefore is not responsible for their constitutional duties and may not vote in Senate meetings or Executive Board meetings during their leave. A Senator or Executive Board member on personal leave shall not be considered in the determination of quorum.

Article XV– Standing Boards

Section A: Finance Board

The Finance Board shall make recommendations to the Senate regarding the allocation of funds to support annual allocations for student organizations, student travel, and student programming. The board shall exercise fiscal responsibility in establishing recommendations and will work with all organizations in developing a sound approach to program budgeting. The board shall have the power to establish subcommittees subject to a majority approval of the Senate.

Section B: Fee Review Commission

The Fee Review Commission shall be responsible for reviewing and researching all student fee changes in accordance with the fee review process. The commission will propose recommendations in fees to the Senate for approval.

Section C: External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee shall be responsible for all activities outside of Student Government, including lobbying efforts and community involvement. The committee shall have the power to establish subcommittees subject to a majority approval of the Senate.

Section D: Student Organization Advisory Board

The Student Organization Advisory Board shall be responsible for overseeing and making recommendations for space distribution, as well as approving or revoking any student organization's constitution. The board also shall be responsible to interpret and have knowledge of the Student Government Constitution and shall inform the Executive Board and the Senate of any violations of the Student Government Constitution. This board will also make recommendations on the status of student organizations and review the criteria for an organization's recognition, which includes reviewing and recommending revisions to the *Student Organization Handbook*. The board shall have the power to form subcommittees subject to a majority approval by the Senate.

Section E: Marketing and Communications Committee

The Marketing and Communications Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Marketing and Communications Officer with developing creative, innovative ideas to promote Student Government's presence and outreach to the campus at large. The committee will be responsible

for attending meetings scheduled by the officer in which they brainstorm and strategize the best ways to use current, effective techniques to accomplish goals associated with marketing Student Government.

Section F: Student Diversity Council

The Student Diversity Council shall be responsible for assisting the Student Wellness and Equity Officer with the creation of recommendations for university governing bodies, work to improve communications between university administration and students from diverse groups promote diversity and inclusion programming at SIUE, and shall assist the efforts of both the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub

Section G: Legislation Review Committee

The Legislation Review Committee shall be responsible for reviewing Bills and Resolutions except for legislation from Finance and SOAB before the sponsor(s) present(s) them to the Senate to ensure that all Bills and Resolutions are constitutional and will produce effective change. The Legislation Review Committee will assist the Head Justice in helping authors make effective and meaningful Bills and Resolutions that reflect the will of the student body.

Section H: Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee

The Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee will assist the Judicial Branch in ensuring that the Governing Documents are reflective of the needs of both Student Government and the student body.

Article XVI – Ratification of the Constitution

Ratification of the Constitution requires the approval of two-thirds of the total current Senate membership (present or not) or by the approval of a majority of those students voting in a referendum. The Constitution is subject to approval by the Chancellor of the university.

Article XVII – Amendments to the Constitution

Section A: Submission of Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate. Amendments may be submitted by a Senator or by a student bearing a petition calling for amendment(s) and signed by 25 or more eligible student voters.

Section B: Voting

An amendment may not be voted upon at the Senate meeting at which it is first presented.

Section C: Ratification of Amendments

Ratification of an amendment(s) requires the approval of three-fourths of the total current senate membership (present or not) or the approval of two-thirds of those voting in a campus referendum. Such a referendum will be held by the senate within four working weeks of receipt of a petition calling for amendment(s) and signed by a number of students at least equal to fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of those voting in the previous general student body election.

Amendments to the Constitution must be sent to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for review.

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