STUDENT GOVERNMENT

BY-LAWS

SECTION 404   NO. 01

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SUBJECT: Composition of Senate

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I. The Student Senate shall be composed of thirty-nine members. Thirty-four of those members will be undergraduates duly-elected in the General Election in April, and an additional five members will be recommended by the First Year Student Selection Committee and approved by the Executive Board. Senators must represent the college in which their major is housed with an exception being students seeking a degree in secondary education which may run in the college in which their major is housed or the College of Education, but not both. Three members will be appointed by the President of Student Government and approved by the presiding Senate, thus securing their seats. Only those thirty-nine seats will be held to count towards a quorum. The thirty-nine seats shall be apportioned as follows by districts:

Districts:
5 elected from College of Liberal Arts
5 elected from College of Business
5 elected from College of Education
5 elected from College of Science, Technology and Agriculture
5 elected from College of Health and Human Performance
3 elected from School of Visual and Performing Arts
3 elected from School University Studies
5 reserved for First Year Student Senator
(3 committee chair appointed by the President of Student Government and approved by the presiding Senate.)

A. No Senator can hold two voting positions within Student Government at the same time.

II. Any unfilled position within any district, either unfilled after the elections or vacated by resignation or removal, that remains unfilled for two weeks while school is in session shall be filled from the list of remaining candidates from the district where the vacant position exists. These candidates will be appointed to the Senate as they appear in order of votes received on the tallied election ballot. If there are no remaining candidate left in the district, the empty seat will be filled by the following procedure:

A. Any student from the district of the empty seat wishing to fill the vacancy must file a statement of candidacy. After filing, the student will come before the Senate and make an oral statement of candidacy. The Senate shall reserve the right to elect the student to the Senate.

B. If the vacant seat is still unfilled for any reason, it will remain empty until it becomes necessary to hold a special election.

III. Any Senator who changes districts before Special Elections in any semester must forfeit their position of the Student Senate. These Senators may run for positions in their respective colleges during Special Elections if open positions exist. Any Senators who change districts after Special Elections may retain their positions until the end of the current semester only. Afterwards, they must follow the procedure outlined above.

IV. There shall be five non-voting student representatives that sit on Student Government Senate. They shall consist of:

1. Residence Hall Association/National Residence Hall Honorary

1. International Students Association

1. Student Activities Council

1. Student Athlete Advisory Committee

1. Student Representative of the Board of Regents

A. All non-voting representatives shall be elected directly from their respective groups.