

SENATE BILL F08-02
August 25, 2008

TITLE: Amending the Constitution to Comply with SORP

WHEREAS: The Student Organization Recognition Policy was put in place by Iowa State University over a year ago and this policy puts forth many restrictions for all students organizations to follow in their constitutions, and

WHEREAS: As the leading graduate and professional organization at Iowa State University, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate should comply with approved University policies, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution be amended as follows:

Insert the following as ARTICLE I, Section 2:

2. Eligibility. Any student enrolled at least half-time (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) in a graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program at Iowa State University may be elected as a Senator. Each graduate/professional program may create more restrictive rules for electing Senators if they choose.

Insert the following as ARTICLE I, new Section 5, Subsection i (President), item e:

- e. Assume risk management responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by the organization.

Insert the following as ARTICLE II, Section 3, Subsection iii:

- iii. Members of the Executive Council or nominees to be elected to the Executive Council must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 and meet that minimum cumulative GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
 - (b) Be in good standing with the University and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement during their term of office.
 - (c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

Insert the following as ARTICLE IV:

ARTICLE IV: ADVISER

1. Duties. The duties of the Adviser shall include:
 - i. Be available to provide advice to Senators and Executive Council members.
 - ii. Act as a liaison with the University Administration and in any other situation where a non-student spokesperson is needed.
 - iii. Maintain confidentiality on any information given or when advice is sought, except where violation of law or University policy is at issue.
 - iv. Sign all expenditures made by the organization.
2. Selection. The Adviser shall be selected through consultation between the President of the Senate and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost. A majority vote of the Senate shall be required to confirm the appointment of the Adviser.
3. Term. The term of the Adviser shall be ongoing until resignation or removal by a two-thirds vote of a 60% quorum of the Senate.

Insert the following as ARTICLE V:

ARTICLE IV. SUPREMACY OF RULES

1. The following shall be the order of supremacy of rules and policies of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate:
 - i. Constitution
 - ii. Articles of Cooperation
 - iii. Bylaws
 - iv. Acts of the Senate as passed through Senate Bill
2. All acts and rules of the Senate shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws as well as Iowa State University rules and regulations.

Add the following as the new ARTICLE VI (Finances), Section 2:

2. No dues shall be required for membership as a Senator.

Add the following as the new ARTICLE VII (By-laws, Amendments, Ratification), Section 4:

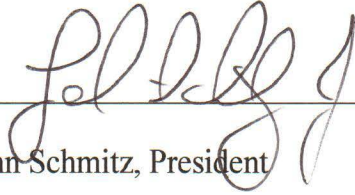
4. If the Constitution or Bylaws are amended, the Chief Information Officer shall send an updated copy of both to the Student Activities Center within ten days of the amendment.

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ENACTED: That all appropriate Articles and Sections of the Constitution be renumbered accordingly, and be it further

ENACTED: That all amendments listed above be formatted to conform to the present form of the Constitution.

SPONSORS: Ford, Myers, Stoerh, Meade, Peiffer, Kappes


John Schmitz, President


Greg Peiffer, Chair of the Senate

PASSED