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USG general bylaws.

(d) All elected and appointed officials, with the exception of those appointed by executive order, must take the oath of office prior to the start of their term. All appointments made by executive order must take an oath of office by the next regularly scheduled senate meeting.

(e) No individual may hold more than one ~~compensated~~ membership position within USG simultaneously.

(3) Directional leadership team (DLT) officers.

(a) The DLT officers include the president, vice president, senate chair, vice senate chair, chief justice, and executive justice.

(b) Non-voting members of the DLT include the ~~advisors~~ advisor(s), ~~and~~ chief of staff, and the director of finance.

(c) The DLT responsibilities are outlined in the USG general bylaws.

(4) ~~Advisors.~~Advisor(s).

USG shall have at least one full-time employee as its advisor. Further requirements and duties are outlined in the USG general bylaws.

(5) Accountability.

(a) In the event that individuals fail to maintain USG membership requirements set forth in any one of the documents listed in this paragraph, a summons can be written which would require the individual to meet with one representative from each branch's leadership and the full-time advisor:

(i) USG constitution.

(ii) General bylaws.

(b) Potential ~~Action~~action taken against the member ~~is limited to, but~~ in no particular order, is limited to:

(i) Oral warning.

(ii) Written warning.

(iii) Move for impeachment.

(c) Warnings given to a member must state exactly the failure made by the member, the reason why the action was wrong, and what the member can do to correct the failure.

(d) Progress meetings shall be held at least once a semester for all members of the

USG. All other progress meeting stipulations shall be outlined in the USG general bylaws.

(6) University council.

Student representatives to the university council are chosen through the process outlined in the USG general bylaws, consistent with the university council bylaws.

(7) Faculty senate.

Faculty senate seat elections and stipulations of the faculty senate student representatives are outlined in the USG general bylaws in accordance with faculty senate bylaws.

~~(8) Student organizations.~~

~~(a) USG has the authority, by a simple majority vote of all members, to convene a special meeting with registered student organizations to address campus-wide issue(s). Organizations will be given a minimum of two weeks' notice for a scheduled meeting.~~

~~(b) Each organization shall be required to send at least one representative to special meetings and shall receive one vote per organization.~~

~~(9)~~ (8) Finances.

There shall be no dues required for membership in USG. USG shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the university of Akron. The main source of funding for this organization shall be the extracurricular activities fund ("EAF").

~~(10)~~ (9) Nondiscrimination clause.

USG shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, handicap, veteran status or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state law allows for such exceptions.

~~(11)~~ (10) Student development clause.

USG shall maintain a current registration form including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the USG advisor, and the most recently amended constitution within the department of student life.

~~(12)~~ (11) Rules for organizational procedure.

Ultimate authority is vested within the USG constitution. Subsequent authority shall be vested in the USG general bylaws and the USG election rules which will be binding with full authority unless an explicit contradiction is found within the constitution. If a contradiction is found, the judicial branch has the power to review the matter and issue an opinion.

~~(13)~~ (12) Authority/jurisdiction.

All functions, powers, and responsibilities designated in this constitution are subject to policies enacted by the legal authority of the university of Akron board of trustees, city and county ordinances, Ohio state law, and federal law. USG shall represent all undergraduate students enrolled at the university of Akron. The specific powers and authorities are delegated to the officers and branches by the provisions found in this constitution.

(D) Legislative branch.

(1) Powers.

The legislative powers herein granted by the constitution and the general bylaws shall be vested in the senate of USG.

(2) Senate meetings shall be held weekly, unless circumstances warrant otherwise.

(3) Senate membership.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the senate chair, ~~senate~~ vice senate chair, and senators. The composition and number of seats in the senate shall be defined in the general bylaws. Within the composition, at ~~At~~ least two senate seats shall be reserved for first year students.

(4) Election of the senate chair and vice senate chair.

The senate chair and vice senate chair shall be elected by a majority vote of senate at the last regular senate meeting of the academic year by the newly elected incoming senate. The senate chair and vice senate chair must be members of the incoming senate.

(5) Legislative duties.

The duties of the senate chair shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Attending DLT meetings.

(b) Appointing standing committee chairs and members. Appointments to these positions do not require the approval of the senate.

(c) Presiding over weekly senate meetings, unless circumstances warrant otherwise.

(d) Managing the general operations of the senate.

(e) Maintaining all records of weekly senate office hours and accountability forms.

(6) Budget and goals.

The president shall present USG's annual operating budget before the senate no later

than four weeks from the date of receiving the financial information from the university

university president, or the university president's designee, for final disposition within a mutually agreed upon time frame.

(i) All impeachments must be finalized within seven days of approval. Approval may be construed as either the USG president's signature or a senate override of a veto.

(ii) All appointments do not have to go through final disposition but take effect immediately after approval. Approval may be construed as either the USG president's signature or a senate override of a veto.

(e) Only the university president or the university president's designee shall have the authority to send final approved legislation to the board of trustees. Examples of legislation that may be forwarded include, but are not limited to legislation having campus wide implications and all-encompassing facility usage. If any legislation is not approved by the board of trustees, the USG DLT members shall meet with the vice president for student affairs or his or her designee to discuss the proposed legislation.

(E) Executive branch.

(1) Powers.

The executive powers herein granted by this constitution and the general bylaws shall be vested in the executive branch of USG.

(2) Executive branch membership.

The executive branch shall be composed of the president, vice president, chief of staff and the executive cabinet. Additional executive branch positions shall be outlined in the general bylaws.

(3) Executive officer duties.

(a) The president shall be the chief executive officer and the official spokesperson for ~~the~~ USG. These powers and duties include, but are not limited to the following:

(i) Presiding over the DLT meetings.

(ii) Attending all senate meetings and submitting an activity report at all senate meetings.

(iii) Approving or vetoing bills or resolutions passed by the senate as previously outlined in paragraph (~~C~~D)(8)(c) of this rule.

(iv) Serving in person or by his or her designee, as the representative of the undergraduate student body to all university boards, committees, or commissions to which he or she may be appointed.

(v) Maintaining all records of executive cabinet member office hours and executive cabinet member accountability forms.

(b) Further descriptions of executive officer duties shall be outlined in the general bylaws.

(4) Undergraduate student organization funding.

USG shall determine the undergraduate student organization funding policy in accordance with processes outlined in the USG general bylaws.

(5) Executive orders.

(a) The president shall have the authority to write executive orders, which are directives issued by the president in order to respond to issues requiring a prompt or immediate action. Such orders are effective immediately upon their issuance. At the time of issuance, the president shall provide a rationale and justification for the executive order. All presidential appointments shall be written as executive orders.

(b) For an executive order to continue in effect, it must be approved by a simple majority of the senate at the next senate meeting immediately following the order's issuance. Such orders only need to be read at one senate meeting before being brought to a vote at the same meeting.

(F) Judicial branch.

(1) Powers.

The judicial powers herein granted by this constitution and the general bylaws shall be vested in the judicial branch of USG.

(2) Judicial membership.

The judicial branch shall be composed of the chief justice, executive justice and associate justices. The number of associate justice seats shall be defined in the general bylaws.

(3) Judicial duties.

(a) The chief justice shall be the chief administrator of the judicial branch. The powers and duties of the chief justice include, but are not limited to:

(i) Attending all senate meetings to address any questions concerning the USG constitution, general bylaws, or parliamentary procedure.

(ii) Submitting weekly activity reports concerning the conduct of the judicial branch at all senate meetings.

(iii) Calling a special session, at his or her discretion, of the judicial branch. The chief justice must notify involved branch members of the nature of and

reason for the special session at least ~~forty-eight~~twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

(b) Further descriptions of judicial office duties shall be outlined in the general bylaws.

(4) Cases and hearings.

(a) The chief justice, or the executive justice when designated by the chief justice, shall preside over and conduct all judicial branch cases.

(b) The judicial branch shall hear any case initiated by undergraduate students. Such cases include, but are not limited to the following:

(i) The removal of elected and appointed members of USG.

(ii) Constitutional questions that include petitions submitted under paragraphs ~~(H)(4) and~~ (J)(~~2~~4)(a) of this rule.

(iii) Constitutional or bylaw questions, including, but not limited to, all legislation and executive orders.

(iv) Constitutional dispute resolutions involving non-academic university complaints, unless the case has jurisdiction within another university process. Constitutional dispute resolution cases shall be outlined in the general bylaws.

(v) University parking appeal, per rule 3359-46-01 of the Administrative Code.

(5) Members of the judicial branch may not participate in any case or hearing in which they are involved or have an interest.

(G) Term limits.

(1) Associate justices shall serve a term until resignation, graduation, failure to meet USG membership requirements, or removal from office.

(2) The term of the office of the president shall be from the time of oath of office at the last senate meeting of the spring semester until the last senate meeting of the following spring semester.

(3) All appointments made to the executive branch and the office of vice president, chief justice, and executive justice shall serve a term concurrent with that of the office of the president.

(4) Senators shall serve a term concurrent with that of the office of the president.

(H) Appointments.

(1) All appointments must follow the hiring procedures as outlined in the general bylaws.

(2) Appointments to the legislative branch.

(a) The senate shall vote on appointment legislation written by the senate chair to the legislative branch. All such legislation shall require a simple majority vote of senate for approval.

(b) In the absence of the senate chair, the temporary line of succession for presiding over the senate meetings shall be the vice senate chair, followed by the senior-most member on the senate, based on the start of service in office.

(c) Any person temporarily filling the duties of senate chair shall have suspended appointment powers. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the position of senate chair, a new senate chair shall be elected at the next senate meeting to finish the term.

(3) Appointment to the executive branch.

(a) In the case of a permanent vacancy in the office of the president, the vice president shall be the successor to the pr

(1) Executive sessions.

(a) In order to move into an executive session:

(i) A specific motion must be made by a member with the reason for which the executive session is being called, which will be reflected in the minutes for that meeting.

(ii) The motion must then be seconded by a separate member.

(iii) A roll call vote must be called, with a two-thirds majority of the members voting in favor of the motion in order for the motion to carry.

(b) Reasons for executive session:

(i) Discussions regarding confidentia