

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STUDENT SENATE
FALL TERM TWO-THOUSAND SEVENTEEN**

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-106-03

AUTHORED BY President Smith

SUPPORTED BY The Bylaw Commission

A PROPOSAL TO: AMEND THE BYLAWS TO REFORM SENATOR MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 Bylaws state in Section 2.1.1:

“Senators shall complete the following assignment(s) based on assigned committee:

Internal Affairs Committee: Assist in training newly elected or appointed Senators on the governing documents and parliamentary procedure, and complete four campus engagements;

Political Action Committee: Complete three hours of committee related activity as assigned by the Chair and complete two campus engagements;

Business and Finance Committee: Meet 25 minutes before each Committee meeting to review the budget, review allocation applications, and make plans for the day's allocations as well as attend one (1) event funded through the Student Government allocation process as agreed as a Committee per calendar month. Requirements are subject to the discretion of the Director of Business and Finance.

Student Services Committee: attend the meetings of two different student organizations, complete two campus engagements, and attend one community service event as approved by the chair,”

NOTING, that this system of senator monthly requirements has historically failed to achieve its goal of creating a Student Body Senate that is engaged, proactive, and productive,

FURTHER NOTING, that section 2.1.3 of the Bylaws states that: “Senators shall maintain involvement in committees by way or [sic] projects, attendance, and participation,” and senators in years past have failed to meet this expectation,

FINALLY NOTING, that the reforms needed to rectify these issues require adjustments to the duties of the Speaker of the Senate and the Parliamentarian,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following shall be adopted into the Bylaws, immediately preceding Section 2.1.1, effective upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

“Senators, except for the Speaker of the Senate and the Senate Parliamentarian, shall complete the following assignments:

- a) Submit a written proposal describing a general plan for actions they will take to address issues affecting the student body to the Speaker of the Senate and the Parliamentarian within the first month of each academic semester or their first month sitting with the senate, pursuant to the specifications of the Speaker of the Senate,
- b) Submit a written proposal describing a general plan for actions they will take to advance the objectives of whatever committee to which the senator was assigned, except for senators assigned to the Business and Finance Committee, to the director of that committee within the first month of each academic semester or their first month sitting with the senate, pursuant to the specifications of the director of the committee,
- c) Submit a written report describing steps taken toward fulfilling the objectives described in their proposal(s) and plans for next steps by the end of each subsequent calendar month to the Speaker of the Senate and Parliamentarian, pursuant to the specifications of the Speaker of the Senate,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 2.1.1 of the Bylaws be amended as follows, effective upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

“Senators shall complete the following assignment(s) based on assigned committee:

Internal Affairs Committee: Assist in training newly elected or appointed Senators on the governing documents, parliamentary procedure, and best practices within Student Government, and deliver brief oral reports, as necessary, updating the committee on any progress toward fulfilling the objectives described in their proposal to the committee director at each committee meeting;

Political Action Committee: Deliver brief oral reports, as necessary, updating the committee on any progress toward fulfilling the objectives described in their proposal to the Director of Political Action at each committee meeting and collaborate with committee members to meet the committee objectives of facilitating and improving student participation and knowledge of external issues and public affairs that affect the student body;

Business and Finance Committee: Attend the meetings of two different student organizations, to educate their members on funding policies, review allocation applications, review aspects of the University budget as deemed necessary, or attend a meeting of one student organization to educate their members on funding policies and attend one event funded through the Student Government allocation process,

Student Services Committee: Deliver brief oral reports, as necessary, updating on the committee on any progress toward fulfilling the objectives described in their proposal to the Director of Student

Services at each committee meeting and collaborate with committee members to meet the committee objectives of advocating on behalf of students on campus issues and policies, and working to enhance the student experience,”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 2.3.2 of the Bylaws be amended as follows, upon the inauguration of the 106th senate:

“The Speaker shall, while serving in that position, retain his/her position as a Senator and be bound by all of the same rules and duties as Senators, except for submitting proposals and reports to the Speaker of Senate. Instead, the Speaker shall provide personal feedback on senator proposals and reports within fourteen (14) days of receiving them and shall evaluate whether the quality of the report constitutes the fulfillment of monthly Senate requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 2.3.4 of the Bylaws be amended as follows, upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

“While the Senate is in session, the Speaker shall hold at least six (6) office hours per week during weekdays 8am-8pm;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following shall be adopted into the Bylaws, immediately preceding Section 2.3.7(d), effective upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

“Provide personal feedback on senator proposals and reports within fourteen (14) days of receiving them,’

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 2.3.7(C) of the Bylaws be amended as follows, upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

“Draft and make publicly available specifications for senator proposals and monthly reports;”

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Section 2.3.8 of the Bylaws be amended as follows, upon the inauguration of the 106th Senate:

INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE: (Date)

COMMITTEE VOTE: (Pass/Fail/Bypass)

AYES ____

NAYS ____

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: (Date)

SENATE VOTE: (Pass/Fail)

AYES ____

NAYS ____

ABSTAIN ____

AUTHORIZE____ **VETO**____

CLERK OF THE SENATE

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT