

THE BYLAWS of
THE WORLD CAMPUS STUDENT GOVERNMENT
at THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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The following rules shall remain in effect for the remainder of this administrative term and will guide the Assembly and Associations' activities to assure constitutionality. These rules empower the Speaker of the Assembly with sole parliamentary authority and orders them to preside in a manner of high ethics and conduct. Having been adopted by the Assembly, the following standing rules for the Assembly and Association are in effect:

Article I. Voting authorities and procedures of the Assembly

1. General Resolutions

- 1.1. Any and all resolutions not pertaining to; the financial affairs of the Association, constitutional effects and invocations, discipline matters, or matters of high importance may be adopted by simple majority voice vote.
- 1.2. Time for consideration and debate
 - 1.2.1. Each full member of the Assembly may debate the resolution before the Assembly for up to two minutes.
 - 1.2.1.1. The Speaker of the Assembly may waive this time limit if they find it to be pertinent for the matter at hand.
 - 1.2.2. Each full member has the right to rebuke another members' remarks on the matter at hand if the member is directly mentioned by another member, or they are listed as a Sponsor on the resolution at hand.
 - 1.2.2.1. Rebuttals may last up to forty-five seconds, and the Speaker of the Assembly does reserve the right to waive this time limit if the rebuttal is pertinent to the matter at hand.

2. Budget Resolutions

- 2.1. Any and all resolutions pertaining to; the financial affairs of the Association, financial allocations and disbursements from the general account, and requests of financing from a university entity must be adopted by a roll call vote taken by the Secretary.
- 2.2. Time for consideration and debate
 - 2.2.1. Each full member of the Assembly may debate the resolution before the Assembly for up to five minutes.
 - 2.2.1.1. The Speaker of the Assembly may waive this time limit if they find it to be pertinent for the matter at hand.

2.2.2. Each full member has the right to rebuke another members' remarks on the matter at hand if the member is directly mentioned by another member, or they are listed as a Sponsor on the resolution at hand.

2.2.2.1. Rebuttals may last up to one minute-thirty seconds, and the Speaker of the Assembly does reserve the right to waive this time limit if the rebuttal is pertinent to the matter at hand.

3. Procedure and powers for effect, and Presidential veto

3.1. The Speaker of the Assembly shall be compelled to report all adopted resolutions to the Association President for signature within forty-eight hours of adoption.

3.2. The President of the Association must sign an adopted resolution into effect within five days of being reported by the Speaker of the Assembly.

3.2.1. Within this timeframe, the President may veto any resolution by returning it unsigned and marked as vetoed with an explanation of such action.

3.2.2. If not signed within this timeframe, the resolution expires and does not go into effect.

4. Constitutional matters

4.1. Any and all resolutions pertaining to; the constitutional affairs of the Association must be adopted by a roll call vote taken by the Secretary.

4.2. Time for consideration and debate

4.2.1. Each full member of the Assembly may debate on matters at hand before the Assembly for up to five minutes.

4.2.1.1. The Speaker of the Assembly may waive this time limit if they find it to be pertinent for the matter at hand.

4.2.2. Each full member has the right to rebuke another member's remarks on the matter at hand if the member is directly mentioned by another member, or they are listed as a Sponsor on the resolution at hand.

4.2.2.1. Rebuttals may last up to forty-five seconds, and the Speaker of the Assembly does reserve the right to waive this time limit if the rebuttal is pertinent to the matter at hand.

5. Rights of members

5.1. Each full member of the Assembly has the right to object matters at hand before the Assembly.

5.2. Each full member of the Assembly has the right to seek a roll call vote for matters at hand.

5.3. Each member has the right to seek the presence of a quorum in order to carry out the business of the Association.

Article II. Rules of Recognition within the Assembly

1. Executive Reports

1.1. Each Executive Board member will be granted four minutes to deliver reports to the General Assembly.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Each Committee Chair member will be granted three minutes to deliver reports to the General Assembly.

3. Liaison Reports

3.1. Each Liaison member present will be granted two minutes to deliver reports to the General Assembly.

4. Dress Code

4.1. The standard dress code will be business attire for members of the executive board, committee chairs, and liaisons.

4.2. The Speaker is authorized to issue warnings to those members who do not comply with this expectation.

5. Attendance requirements

5.1. The attendance of all Assembly members is required at the meeting of the general assembly.

1. If a member of the Assembly misses two meeting of the General Assembly, they may be removed at the discretion of both the President and the Speaker of the Assembly

5.2. The attendance of all Executive Board members and Committee Chairs are required to attend all leadership meetings scheduled by the President and Speaker of the Assembly.

Article III. Budget Process

1. Process

1.1. The Treasurer shall be the principal author of any resolution pertaining to the financial affairs, allocations, and transactions of the Assembly or Association.

1.2. The Treasurer is tasked to work in conjunction with the executive board, appropriate committee chairs, and university officials to create such proposals.

2. Distribution & Presentation

2.1. The treasurer must create and propose a yearly budget before the Assembly by the second meeting of the academic year.

3. Voting Protocol

3.1. Refer to Article II, Section 2 for voting procedures regarding financial affairs, allocations, and transactions.

Article IV. Executive & Committee Chair Meetings

1. Parliamentary authority

- 1.1. The Student Government parliamentary authority shall be these bylaws and the association's constitution, supplemented by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- 1.2. The current edition Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority over matters or questions that have not been addressed by the University regulations, this associations' constitution, or Bylaws.

2. Executive Board meetings

- 2.1.1. The President of the Assembly shall preside over all Executive Board meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over all Executive Board meetings.

3. Joint meetings of the Committee Chairs and the Executive members

- 3.1. The Speaker of the Assembly shall preside over all Committee Chairs and the Executive members meeting.
 - 3.1.1. In the absence of the Speaker, the Secretary shall preside over Committee Chairs and the Executive members meetings.

Article V. Continuity of this student government

1. Appointment of the Deputy Speaker

- 1.1. The Speaker of the Assembly may appoint any registered member to the position of Deputy Speaker.
- 1.2. The Deputy Speaker shall be the principal assistant to the Speaker.
- 1.3. In the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker shall assume the duties, powers, and responsibilities.
- 1.4. In the case of resignation or removal of the Assembly Speaker, the Deputy Speaker shall become the acting Speaker of the Assembly until a vote is held to appoint a new Speaker of the Assembly.

2. Secretarial responsibilities in case of absence

- 2.1. In the event of the Secretary's absence from official association business, the President shall assume secretarial responsibilities.

3. Instances of resignation or vacancy

- 3.1. In the case of Presidential resignation, the Vice President becomes the President for the remainder of the term.
- 3.2. In the case of the concurrent Presidential and Vice-Presidential vacancies; the Speaker of the Assembly becomes acting President, and the Deputy Speaker shall assume the powers of Acting Speaker of the Assembly.
 - 3.2.1. The acting President must appoint a deputy Speaker if vacant
 - 3.2.2. The Speaker of the Assembly assumes their original powers once a new President is appointed and confirmed by the Assembly.

Article VI. Emergency authorities

1. Authority and procedure to postpone

1.1. The Executive Board has the right to postpone any assembly meeting, via emergency declaration, up to forty-eight hours before its' scheduled convening.

1.1.1. 4/5^{ths} of the members of the Executive Board must vote in favor of such a declaration.

1.1.2. Such a declaration must be reported to all full and ex-officio members of the Assembly, detailing the reason for the declaration.

1.1.3. The Assembly meeting must be rescheduled to within ten days of the declaration.

2. Temporary removal of a member from a general assembly meeting

2.1. The Speaker of the Assembly reserves the right to remove any member from a meeting of the assembly for actions or activities that do not reflect the standards and values of the Assembly, the Association, or that of Penn State University.

2.1.1. Any removed member has the right to object to the removal, which will task the assembly to consider the action.

2.1.1.1. If a majority of the assembly votes to uphold the removal, the member will be removed from the meeting