

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY  
THE NINETY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE  
WINTER TERM TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-98-011

AUTHORED BY President McGadney  
SUPPORTED BY

A RESOLUTION TO: DIVIDE THE SENATE BASED ON POPULATION

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the current electoral division of the Senate disproportionately favors certain colleges

NOTING, the new system would ensure more equitable representation of the student body

BE IT RESOLVED, Article III, clause 2 of the Constitution shall read as follows:

2. Senate Composition. The Student Senate shall contain 30 seats. The seats shall be divided based on population of the colleges, graduate students as a whole, and at-large seats for undecided students. ~~All Senators shall be elected at large from the Student Body during the General Election.~~ In addition to the 30 senate seats, there are *five (5)* delegates from each of the following organizations: the Residence Hall Association, the Commuter Student Association, ~~the Graduate Student Association,~~ the International Student Association, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps or military veteran, and the Disabilities Resource Center. The number of delegates is limited to eight (8). ~~No more than 10 seats filled by Senators shall be for those that maintain contact with and represent the Colleges of Eastern Michigan University, evenly divided among them. All other seats shall be comprised of Senators that maintain contact and represent the Student Body at large.~~ One (1) Senator shall be the Speaker of the Senate, who shall oversee all divisions

*A. Calculation. To determine the apportionment of Senate seats, the total student population shall be divided by 30. The total undergraduate population for each of the five (5) colleges, students who are not a member of any college, and the total graduate student population, irrespective of college, shall be divided by the resulting quotient. If the numbers produced are not whole, they shall rounded up or down as mathematically appropriate. If this formula fails to result in 30 seats, the remaining seats shall be added to the divisions with the largest totals, in descending order. No division shall have less than two (2) seats.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Constitutional amendment will not be passed until Student Government governing documents reflect the change in the Constitution.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: 4/10/12

COMMITTEE ACTION:

VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS: 15:2:3

PASS

FAIL

SILENT CONSENT

AUTHORIZE  VETO

  
CLERK OF THE SENATE

  
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT