

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE NINETY-NINTH STUDENT SENATE
FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-009

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: REVISE SEVERAL BYLAWS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, due to several changes that Student Government has undergone and, in some cases,
due to typographical error, seven bylaws changes pertaining to the Department of Business
and Finance need to be processed to update our rules and procedures,

NOTING, the bylaws are an important guide to our organization and should reflect current practice,

NOTING, for the sake of efficiency and at the request of multiple members of Student
Government, these seven bylaw changes will be introduced to the Senate in one resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate ratifies S.Res-99-***A-G, attached.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: 12/4/12

COMMITTEE ACTION:

VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS: unanimous

PASS

FAIL

SILENT CONSENT

AUTHORIZE VETO

CLERK OF THE SENATE

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-*A**

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: CLARIFY THE MONETARY LIMIT TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE CAN APPROVE ALLOCATIONS FOR A SINGLE STUDENT ORGANIZATION WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE SENATE

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, due to a typographical error, the bylaws at Chapter 05, Section I, Clause 4, Item D, as shown below, do not adequately define the limit to which the Committee of Business and Finance can approve allocations for a single student organization without the approval by the Senate:

- D. **Funding Limit.** Allocation totals made to a campus group may not exceed \$1000.00 per semester year. Any requests beyond this limit shall be passed to the Senate, which must approve any extra amounts required.,

RECALLING, the current practice requires the Senate to approve allocation amounts above \$1,000.00 per allocation, with no regard to the number of allocation requests approved by a single organization per semester,

NOTING, this practice circumvents the original intent of the bylaws, which is to reduce the discretion that the Business and Finance Committee exercises to provide funding to any single organization,

URGING, the current practice be modified to reflect this original intent;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section I, Clause 4, Item D shall be replaced with the following:

- D. **Funding Limit.** Allocation totals approved by the Committee of Business and Finance to a campus organization shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per semester. Any requests beyond this limit shall be referred to the Senate.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-***B

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla

SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: EXTEND THE ALLOCATION PROHIBITIONS TO THE SENATE

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the bylaws currently do not require the Senate to uphold the allocation prohibitions required by Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item B,

NOTING, the current bylaws at Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item B read as follows:

6 Prohibitions. The Business and Finance Committee will not fund the following;

REFLECTING, the Senate should follow the same rules in approving allocations as does the Business and Finance Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item B shall be replaced by the following:

4 Prohibitions. The Business and Finance Committee and the Senate shall not fund the following:

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-***C

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: ENHANCE THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION ALLOCATION RECEIPT POLICY TO BECOME AN AUDIT

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the student organization allocation receipt policy, as displayed below and in Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 1, Item E, has never been functional since its inception:

- E. Receipts. The organization must submit all receipts to the Director of Business and Finance within 10 business days following the event. Consequences for failing to submit receipts shall include prohibition of the organization from receiving funds for at least one semester or until the receipts are submitted.,

EXPLAINING, student organizations must already submit receipts to the University Accounts Payable Department to utilize their allocation,

FURTHER EXPLAINING, the Director of Business and Finance has access to the records that Accounts Payable administrates; therefore, by requiring student organizations to submit receipts to Student Government is an unnecessary duplication of policy,

NOTING, the current policy of performing an audit through the University Banner system has not only been successful but also more efficient for both Student Government and student organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 1, Item E shall be replaced with the following:

- E. Audits. The Director of Business and Finance shall perform an audit of an allocation's use within an appropriate period of time after the allocation's subject matter has taken place. The student organization must be contacted for further clarification on any items if necessary. If funds are not used completely or for the reasons documented in the allocation request, the funds shall be returned to Student Government or the organization shall be barred from receiving future allocations for a period of time, as deemed appropriate.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the audit responsibility shall be added at Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6, Item G-8:

- 8. Perform audits of student organization allocations.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-***D

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE TO MEET WITH THE CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR BIWEEKLY

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

RECALLING, before the Director of Organizational Relations position was revised in the ninety-sixth session of Senate, the Director of Business and Finance was required to perform the duties which both offices currently possess,

NOTING, during this session, which coincides with the 2009-2010 academic year, the Director of Organizational Relations position was so altered that the Student Government of that time was unsure of the role that the new position would play within the Executive Board,

REFLECTING, after three years of practice, the two positions have clearly defined their duties and responsibilities from each other,

REMINING, the Director of Organizational Relations is currently acts as the liaison to Campus Life without official involvement of the Director of Business and Finance,

NOTING, the bylaws at Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6 include an identical duty for both the Director of Business and Finance (Item G-4) and the Director of Organizational Relations (Item K-8):

Must attend bi-weekly meetings with a Campus Life coordinator, or at the coordinator's discretion.,

WHEREAS, it is unnecessary to require both positions to uphold this identical duty;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6, Item G-4 shall be deleted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6, Items G-5 to G-7 shall be renumbered G-4 through G-6.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-*E**

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUDGETS REQUIRED TO ONE PER FISCAL YEAR

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the number of budgets required per the bylaws do not match the current practice,

NOTING, the current bylaws at Chapter 05, Section I, Clauses 6 and 7 read as follows:

- 7 **Fall and Winter Budget.** The budget for the fall and winter Terms shall be prepared by the Student Body President and approved with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- 8 **Spring and Summer Budget.** The budget for the period when the Senate is out of session shall be prepared by the Student Body President and approved with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.,

NOTING, the current bylaws at Chapter 05, Section I, Clause 1 reads as follows:

- 1 **Student Senate Approval.** The budget of Student Government shall be approved by the Senate each year by the second meeting of each session.,

RECALLING, for the last five years only one budget has been approved and utilized per fiscal year,

NOTING, producing two budgets per year does not add value to our financial projections and reporting and instead creates confusion and redundancy,

URGING, the bylaws must reflect the current, more efficient practice;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section I, Clauses 6 and 7 shall be deleted from the bylaws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section I, Clause 1 shall be replaced by the following:

- E. **Student Senate Approval.** The budget of Student Government shall be prepared by the Student Body President in collaboration with the Director of Business and Finance. The budget shall be approved by the Senate each year by the second meeting of each session.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-*F**

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION TO: DEFINE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE"

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the bylaws mention the term "Department of Business and Finance" in several locations without explicitly defining its meaning,

NOTING, without a proper definition, the aforementioned term is open to interpretation, which could create unintended loopholes,

RECALLING, the bylaws at Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6, Item G-7 name the Director of Business and Finance as the chair of the Committee of Business and Finance but are silent in regards to the department of the same, as displayed below:

7. Chair the Business and Finance standing committee, ensure its members are meeting their responsibilities and report attendance in the committee.;

BE IT RESOLVED, A new section, Chapter 05, Section I, shall be inserted before the current Chapter 05, Section I as follows:

Section I – Definition

The Department of Business and Finance shall consist of the Director of Business and Finance, the Director of Organizational Relations, and the Business and Finance Committee.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Sections I through III shall be renumbered Sections II through IV;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Chapter 03, Section II, Clause 6, Item G-8 be added as follows:

8. Head the Department of Business and Finance.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-*G**

AUTHORED BY Dir. Andrew Walla
SUPPORTED BY Business and Finance Committee

**A RESOLUTION TO: REMOVE THE FOOD REQUIREMENT INCLUDED IN THE
ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS**

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the bylaws at Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item C currently require student organizations to exclusively use University Catering and/or a committee-approved vendor to receive Student Government funding for food, as displayed below:

9 Food. Food may only be funded if supplied by University Catering and/or a committee approved vendor.,

REFLECTING, it is not the responsibility of Student Government to uphold a requirement of a contract made between the Student Center and University Catering,

NOTING, this prohibition unnecessarily limits the food options that student organizations have at their disposal;

BE IT RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item C shall be deleted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chapter 05, Section II, Clause 4, Item D shall be reassigned the letter C.

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RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-***

AUTHORED BY Internal Affairs Committee
SUPPORTED BY

A RESOLUTION TO: DECLARE THE SENATE SEAT OF JABORIUS BALL VACANT

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, he has failed to uphold the duties of the office,

NOTING, failure to record office hours,

NOTING, failure to fulfill additional office hours,

NOTING, failure to successfully report a campus engagement,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate seat of Jaborius Ball shall be vacant.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS:

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___ FAIL

___ SILENT CONSENT

___ AUTHORIZE ___ VETO

CLERK OF THE SENATE

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