

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

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-99-007.

AUTHORED BY the Constitutional Convention
SUPPORTED BY Internal Affairs, Student Relations,
and Business and Finance

A RESOLUTION TO: ADOPT THE REVISIONS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CONSTITUTION

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, former Student Body President Jelani McGadney called the Constitutional
Convention to order,

NOTING, the Constitutional Convention consisted of a wide range of members, including
the Student Body President and Vice President, the Speaker of the Senate, specially
appointed senators, the Judicial Sergeant, and the Clerk, and was also open to public
input,

BE IT RESOLVED, the revisions of the constitution shall be amended in the following
areas that are attached to this resolution.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: 10/23/12
COMMITTEE ACTION:
VOTE REQUIRED:

SENATE VOTE TOTALS: 20:1:0

PASS
 FAIL
 SILENT CONSENT

AUTHORIZE VETO

CLERK OF THE SENATE

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The Student Body Constitution of Eastern Michigan University

Preamble

We do hereby establish this Student Body Constitution, as the Student Body of Eastern Michigan University, to advocate for our causes with an assertive voice, for the provision and protection of our rights.

ARTICLE I: THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTIONS

1. Authority. All power and authority vested in this Constitution is derived from the Student Body at Eastern Michigan University. All persons currently registered as students at Eastern Michigan University shall be Members of the Student Body.
2. Student Voting Rights. Members of the Student Body shall retain the right to vote in all General Elections of the Student Body. Legislation may be passes which provides specific qualifications regarding voter rights and procedures so long as such legislation does not disenfranchise any specific Member or groups of Members of the Student Body.
3. General Elections. Elected Officials of the Student Body, as provided herein, shall be elected via the General Election. The General Election shall occur yearly on the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday in March.
4. Election Commission. The Student Senate shall possess Election Ordinances and any amendments to them no less than one (1) calendar month prior to the commencement of the General Elections of the Student Body. The Election Commission shall be responsible for administering the General Elections of the Student Body according to the Election Ordinances.
5. Election Ordinances. The Student Senate shall possess Election Ordinances and any amendments to them no less than one (1) calendar month prior to the commencement of the General Election. All matters of interpretation of the General Election are vested in the Election Ordinances.

ARTICLE II: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

majority of the votes cast, the item will be sent to the Board of Regents for approval. The Bill of Rights will be considered adopted once it has the approval of the Board of Regents. Any state, federal, or local law that changes parts of the Bill of Rights, or makes it so that an item on the Bill of Rights becomes obsolete or illegal, has the power to amend the Bill of Rights without normal approval. The Judicial Sergeant and Student Body President shall be charged as the chief enforcers for the Student Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE III: THE STUDENT SENATE

1. Legislative Powers. All legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senate, except in times of emergency, or when it is out of session, when the Executive Board may act on its behalf.

The rights and responsibilities of the Student Senate shall be to:

1. **Advise the Board of Regents, University President and relevant administrators on all issues that are relevant to the general welfare of the Student Body.**
2. **Research and investigate issues that affect the Student Body.**
3. **Recommend university policy in areas of concern to students as well as disseminate and communicate information regarding university policies to students.**
4. **Have the right to take formal notice of any action taken by the university or any representative thereof, and by resolution, to comment on any such action.**
5. **Establish and maintain through resolution policies and procedures for the effective operation of all aspects of Student Government.**
6. **Establish standing, special and ad hoc committees.**

The senate has full legislative powers to preserve, protect, and defend the rights and interest of the Student Body.

2. Senate Composition. The Student Senate shall contain 30 seats. All senators shall be elected at-large from the Student Body during the General Election. In addition to the 30 senate seats, there are (5) delegates from each of the following organizations: the Residence Hall Association, the Commuter Student Association, the

proceedings, its officers, the Standing Committees, assignments of members, censure for disorderly conduct and, with two-thirds (2/3) approval, expulsion of its own members or officers.

11. Ex post facto. No ex post facto legislation shall be approved.

12. Resolutions. Upon the approval of the germane Standing Committee, resolutions shall be sent to the Student Senate.

13. Veto. Legislation which shall have passed through the Student Senate shall be presented to the Student Body President. If approved, it shall be signed, but if not, it shall be returned with objections. The Student Senate shall reconsider it, and it shall fail unless it received a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. If the Student Body President does not act on a resolution within 14 calendar days, it shall be considered approved.

ARTICLE IV: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Executive Powers. The executive power shall be vested in the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President of Eastern Michigan University, who shall be elected as a ticket by the Student Body during the General Elections of the Student Body. A student in good standing with the University shall be eligible to run for Office of Student Body President of Student Body Vice President and must maintain good academic standing during their time in office.

2. Spokesperson and Appointments. The Student Body President shall serve as the chief spokesperson and the principle representative of the Student Body. The Student Body President will appoint members of an Executive Board with the advice and consent of the Student Senate. Student representatives to University committees shall be appointed by the Student Body President.

3. Board Rules and Removal. The Executive Board shall include the officers of Student Government. It shall possess its own rules, which shall be created or amended as a part of the Student Government Bylaws. Members of the Executive Board may be censured by the Student Senate for disorderly conduct, and the Student Body President shall possess the power to remove appointed members of the Executive Board, as determined by the methods prescribed in the Bylaws. The Student Senate shall also reserve the right to remove members of the Cabinet that is previously confirmed, with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. All

President with advice and consent of the Student Senate.

12. Term of Office. The term of the outgoing Student Body President and Vice President shall expire at twelve (12) noon on the first Monday following winter commencement. At that time the Student Body President-elect and Vice President-elect shall fully assume their respective offices.

ARTICLE V: JUDICIAL PROCESS

1. Impeachments. Only Student Senators may raise impeachment charges against the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, or the Speaker of the Senate. The initial step is to have a hearing with the Judicial Sergeant.

A. Hearing. If the charges are deemed to be of sufficient character, then the Judicial Sergeant will call for an impeachment hearing. A written statement with the signature of an absolute majority of the Student Senate shall also call an impeachment hearing into session.

B. Articles of Impeachment. Charges must be drafted as "Articles of Impeachment" in the form of a Senate Resolution. The Articles of Impeachment must pass the Impeachment Session by an absolute two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

C. Impeachment Session. Impeachment sessions will consist of the Student Senate with the Judicial Sergeant as its chair. Impeachment sessions use submitted Articles of Impeachment to decide whether or not to remove the person from high office.

2. Judicial Committees. A Judicial Committee will be convened when necessary, by methods prescribed in the Student Government Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: THE CONSTITUTION

1. Stare Decisis. This Constitution shall establish stare decisis that all actions, legislation, decisions, opinions, and policies appropriately approved by the Student Senate be recognized as valid.

2. Governing Document. This Constitution shall serve as the governing document of the Student Body, and