

SENATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Article 1 : Definition and Purpose

Section 1: The Senate Affairs Committee shall serve to further the interests of the USG Senate, maintain and uphold the proceedings of the USG Senate, and to work in accordance with the Executive branch and marketing positions of the USG to further the autonomy and clout of the USG Senate.

Section 2: The Senate Affairs Committee shall be hereafter referred to as the SAC.

Article 2 : Membership

Section 1: The SAC shall have an appointed Chair to oversee the Committee and its functions, to be appointed by the Executive Branch and confirmed by the USG Senate by a 2/3-majority vote.

Section 2: Membership to the SAC shall consist of at least three USG Senators including the chairperson. Members of the SAC shall be appointed by the USG Executive Branch. Appointees may be vetoed by a simple majority in the USG Senate.

Article 3: Powers and Limits

Section 1: All procedures related to the USG Senate shall be defined in the Senate Affairs Committee Operating Procedures. The Procedures shall follow the amendment procedures outlined in Article 4 of these Bylaws.

Section 2: The SAC shall be vested with the authority to oversee USG elections. Special elections bylaws shall be drafted before all elections, to be confirmed by a 2/3-majority vote in the USG Senate.

Section 3: The SAC shall be vested with the authority to oversee vacant seats in the USG Senate. All vacant Senate seats in the USG are to be filled as quickly as expeditiously as possible. Upon the vacancy of a Senate seat, the Director of Marketing and Communication shall advertise the vacancy, and call for applicants for the position. All applicants must meet the requirements of the seat. All applicants must submit a platform to the SAC, which shall then disperse all platforms to the greater Senate. After an adequate advertising period, the Senate shall then invite all applicants to present their candidacy to the Senate. All applicants shall be granted five minutes to speak, followed by a five-minute question and answer session. Upon hearing all applicants speak, the Senate shall go into a closed session to discuss the applications. No voting of any kind, or decisions of any nature shall be made in closed session. Voting shall

occur in an open session through an anonymous instant runoff ballot, where a simple majority is needed for an applicant to have one the vacant seat. Instant runoff procedures, to be overseen by the chair of the SAC, shall determine the winner.

Article 4: the Amendment Process

Section 1: The power to amend or alter these bylaws shall be vested by the SAC. The SAC shall vote by a simple majority on an amendment. If the amendment passes, it shall then be voted on by the greater USG Senate to be confirmed by a 2/3-majority vote through the process of a resolution. Bylaws shall be approved during the first meeting of the academic year of each new Senate and amendments may occur at anytime.

Section 2: Operating procedures may be amended by a simple resolution in the Senate, whereas the sponsor does not have to be a member of the SAC.

Article 5: Senate Eligibility

Section 1: All Senators shall be bound by oath or affirmation to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the USG. Senators shall not be considered seated and acting until this oath or affirmation is made.

Section 2: All Senators must be eligible for their position, as defined by their position title. If at any time, a Senator is found to not be eligible for their position, they shall be asked to vacate their seat. Upon a failure to do so, the SAC shall file articles of impeachment with the Judicial Branch of the USG.

Section 3: All Senators must uphold the University of Denver Honor Code, and all University of Denver rules, policies, and procedures. Senators are representatives of the Undergraduate student body, and shall be expected to act accordingly. Failure to uphold these policies shall put the Senator in jeopardy of impeachment, as defined in the Judicial Branch bylaws.

Section 4: All Senators must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and must be in good standing with the University of Denver. All Senators must sign a waiver to the Director of Campus Activities giving the Director the right to monitor one's academic status to ensure the fulfillment of the requirements. If at any time a Senator does not fulfill these requirements, the Senator shall be asked to vacate their seat. Upon a failure to do so, the SAC shall file articles of impeachment with the Judicial Branch of the USG. Senators shall be vested with the power to request verification from the Director of Campus Activities that all Senators currently fulfill the requirements, at which time the Director of Campus Activities shall be bound by their position to fulfill the request of verification and the results shall be reported to the SAC.