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**A BILL TO:** Restructure the Grand Valley State University Student Senate to better reflect the current experience at GVSU.

**Recognizing**, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate has been on a steady decline in both membership and engagement from students over the past several years; and

**Whereas**, this disruption of the typical longevity of members has resulted in fewer students eligible and prepared to serve in leadership roles; and

**Recognizing**, that all members of the Student Senate are students first and foremost, and a student also needs to prioritize their academics and personal well-being; and

**Whereas**, there are considerable time commitments that coincide with serving on Student Senate, which cause barriers for students seeking to join or run for Cabinet positions; and

**Recognizing**, the Student Senate has a responsibility to represent all students and their diverse and ever-changing needs; and

**Recognizing**, the Student Senate needs to adapt as the student experience changes; and

**Whereas**, adjustments made to the existing functions and structure during the Constitutional Task Force meetings in previous years have made improvements, but they have not sufficiently addressed the problems facing Student Senate;

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved,** the Grand Valley State University Student Senate will completely restructure itself in order to broaden our representation to increase student perspectives; to increase our visibility and engagement with the student body; to improve our reputation and prestige on campus; to enrich the overall experience for Student Senators, Cabinet members, and the student body; and to implement the best practices to maintain a sustainable Student Senate and student body.

**Furthermore, Let it Be Resolved,** the restructured Student Senate will reflect the proposals outlined below, and these proposals will serve as the framework for what will be implemented into the Student Senate governing documents.

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Purpose

**DATE:** October 19th, 2023

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## Vision Statement:

Through building meaningful relationships within the GVSU community, Student Senate will cultivate an environment that elevates student voices and leaves a lasting impact.

## Mission Statement:

As a representative and partner of the student body, Student Senate advocates for the diverse needs of the GVSU community.

## Values:

- Transparency
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Initiative
- Adaptability
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Collaboration
- Empathy

**Submitted on October 19th, 2023**

**ADVANCED TO RESTRUCTURING OMNIBUS BILL: 25-0-2**

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Structure

**DATE:** November 2nd, 2023

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## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- I. President
  - A. Focused on external affairs
- II. Vice President
  - A. Bridge between internal and external
- III. Chief of Operations
  - A. Focused on internal affairs
  - B. Also serves as Chief Justice of the Judiciary Committee

## JUDICIAL BRANCH

- I. Judiciary Committee
- II. Composition
  - A. The Judiciary Committee will consist of five justices.
    1. Maximum of two faculty members
    2. Members of the Student Body that are not affiliated with Student Senate
      - a) If there is no interest from the students, the Executive Branch may hold interviews within the Student Senate to fill the vacant spots.
  - B. The Chief of Operations is the Chair of the Judiciary Committee.
    1. The Chief of Operations sets the agenda for Judiciary Committee meetings.
  - C. The Executive Office Assistant will take minutes during meetings as needed.
- III. Appointments
  - A. Justices are interviewed and appointed by members of the Executive Branch.
  - B. Justices are interviewed every academic year, with a follow-up in place of an interview after one year served.
- IV. Objectives
  - A. The Judiciary Committee is responsible for ensuring the governing documents of Student Senate are being honored.

- B. The Judiciary Committee is responsible for creating policies and procedures for the spring elections.
- C. All matters regarding misconduct are under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee, in conjunction with the Student Senate Cabinet.
- D. The Judiciary Committee will review legislation prior to presentation to the General Assembly for formatting and grammatical principles. They cannot contribute to the content of the legislation.

**Submitted on November 2nd, 2023**

**ADVANCED TO RESTRUCTURING OMNIBUS BILL: 22-0-1**

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Representation

**DATE:** November 2nd, 2023

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## I. Composition

### A. Proportional Representation of Colleges

1. 15 Seats Reserved
2. Serve as a direct liaison between Student Senate and individual colleges.

### B. International Student Chair

1. 1 Seat Reserved
2. Serve as a direct liaison with the Padnos International Center.

### C. First-Year Undergraduate Seats

1. Four Seats Reserved, appointed in the fall.

### D. At-Large Seats

1. Twenty Seats Reserved
2. Serve the body with a general purpose to represent the student body.

E. If a reserved seat is not filled, the Student Senate may appoint vacancies at-large.

## II. Elections

### A. Executive Elections

#### 1. President

- a) Direct election of the Student Senate President by students.
- b) The President is required to have served on Student Senate for 15 academic weeks, and good standing with Student Senate.
- c) In order to get on the ballot to run for President, the candidate must submit a significantly higher number of signatures than for general Senators as determined by the Judiciary Committee.
- d) Candidates who successfully make it on the ballot for President will make it on the Student Senate regardless of the result of the Presidential election.

(1) This is to not discourage candidates from running for President. The expectation is that all candidates for President intend to serve in that role.

#### 2. Vice President Election

- a) The Vice President will be elected on a slate with the President through direct election from the student body.
- b) The Vice President is required to have served on Student Senate for 15 academic weeks, and good standing with Student Senate.

- c) In order to get on the ballot to run for Vice President, the candidate must submit a significantly higher number of signatures than for general Senators as determined by the Judiciary Committee.
- d) Candidates who successfully make it on the ballot for Vice President will make it on the Student Senate regardless of the result of the Vice Presidential election.

- (1) This is to not discourage candidates from running for Vice President. The expectation is that all candidates for Vice President intend to serve in that role.

- 3. Chief of Operations

- a) The Chief of Operations will be appointed by the President and Vice President.

- (1) The Chief of Operations may not serve as chair of the Judiciary Committee for elections commission meetings if they plan on running for re-election to the Student Senate.

- (a) The President and Vice President may appoint a temporary chair for these meetings in the case that this occurs.

- B. Representation Chairs and At-Large Seats

- 1. All other Cabinet positions will be elected by members of the Student Senate.
    - 2. At-Large Seats will be elected by the student body.

### III. Appointments

- A. Reserved First-Year Seats

- 1. There will be four seats reserved for incoming undergraduate students to be interviewed in the beginning of the fall semester.

- B. Vacant seats

- 1. Interviews will be held during one determined week each semester.

- C. Interview Process

- 1. The Executive Branch will be able to determine the form of the application and amount of interviewers.
    - 2. It is recommended that applicants attend one General Assembly Meeting prior to their interview.
    - 3. All interviews shall be conducted in closed session.
    - 4. Cabinet will update the Interview Rubric as needed, by a majority vote.
    - 5. Candidates will be assessed based on their average rubric score, as well as taking a holistic assessment of character, major, experiences, behavior, etc.

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# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Division of Labor

**DATE:** November 16th, 2023

## I. Cabinet

A. The Student Senate Cabinet will comprise of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Chief of Operations/Chief Justice
4. Allocations Chair
5. Public Relations Chair
6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair
7. Policy Chair
8. Events Chair

## II. Executive Responsibilities

President	Vice President	Chief of Operations/Chief Justice
Chairs GA and Cabinet	Run Committees with no VP	Chief of Operations (Robert’s Rules, Speakers’ List)
Writes GA and Cabinet agendas and schedules	Replace President in absence	CTF, Governing Documents
Parliamentary Procedure	Composite Organization, room reservations, helps with agendas/schedule	Judiciary Committee Chair
Convocation speech, President’s Ball speech	University Committees	Transitions Reports, Archives
Face of Student Senate and the Voice of the students, Primary Contact	Weekly Emails	Committee Selections Head
External Relations	Google Drive/Slack	3rd in line if Pres and EVP are absent
Communication with other Presidents in Michigan	ECS, UAS, President’s Council, Board of Trustees (to support the Pres), other meetings	Editing Minutes
ECS with report, UAS with report, President’s Council, Board of Trustees (as requested), other meetings	Training Cabinet Members, Meetings with VP, and Chairs	LakerLink

### III. Legislative Responsibilities

#### A. Allocations

1. The Allocations Committee will be comprised of 7 Senators from other focus groups.
2. The Allocations Committee will be responsible for student organization funding.

#### B. Public Relations

1. There will be up to 8 Senators delegated to Public Relations, in addition to the Chair.
2. Public Relations Senators will be responsible for gauging student opinions, and communicating Senate's actions with the student body.
3. Public Relations will have both external and internal focuses to help divide the labor.
  - a) Internal focuses for Public Relations may include:
    - (1) Applications, interviews, bulletin board, merchandise, apparel, tabling, etc.
  - b) External focuses for Public Relations may include:
    - (1) Social media, recruitment, outreach, newsletter, website, etc.

#### C. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1. There will be up to 8 Senators delegated to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in addition to the Chair.
2. DEI Senators will be responsible for various topics regarding the diverse issues facing students on campus. This may include:
  - a) Teach-Ins, disability awareness, mental health, LGBTQ+ resources, multicultural affairs, Padnos International Center, gender equity, veterans affairs, etc.

#### D. Policy

1. There will be up to 8 Senators delegated to Policy, in addition to the Chair.
2. Policy Senators will be responsible for tackling the issues faced by students and residents. This may include:
  - a) Housing, parking, dining, safety, sustainability, open educational resources, libraries, etc.

#### E. Events

1. There will be up to 8 Senators delegated to Events, in addition to the Chair.

2. Events Senators will be responsible for planning events and encouraging student engagement. This may include:
  - a) Campus Life Night, 9/11 Memorial, Exam Cram, President's Ball, Last Lecture, Elect Her, Student Senate bonding events, etc.

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# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Image

**DATE:** November 16th, 2023

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- I. The Student Senate will use various methods of outreach to the students.
  - A. This may include Instagram, Instagram reels, LinkedIn, the Division of Student Affairs newsletter, the Student Senate bulletin board, posters, etc.

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# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Calendar

**DATE:** November 16th, 2023

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- I. General Assembly meetings will generally occur on Thursday evenings, beginning at 4:30pm.
- II. The President will decide the frequency and location of General Assembly meetings in conjunction with the rest of the Student Senate.
  - A. At least one General Assembly must be located at the Pew Campus each semester.
  - B. At least one General Assembly must be located at the Allendale Campus each semester.
- III. The President will decide scheduling details regarding Cabinet and committee meetings in conjunction with the rest of the Student Senate.

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# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Shared Governance

**DATE:** November 30th, 2023

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- I. Executive Responsibilities
  - A. The President and Vice President are expected to attend UAS and ECS meetings.
  - B. The President and Vice President are expected to attend President's Council meetings.
  - C. The President and Vice President are expected to attend Board of Trustees meetings as requested.
  
- II. University Committees
  - A. The Vice President will be responsible for appointing Senators to University Committees.
  - B. Requirements to sit on a University Committee will be at the discretion of the Cabinet for that academic year.
  
- III. Legislation
  - A. The Chief of Operations, in conjunction with the Vice President will oversee the legislative process.
  - B. The general legislative process:
    1. Senators meet with the Vice President
    2. The Vice President will help Senators meet with relevant stakeholders
    3. A rough draft will be submitted to the VP
    4. The VP will suggest content revisions
    5. The revised draft will be submitted to the Judiciary Committee for grammatical, formatting, and word choice edits
    6. The Senator will then present their final draft to the Cabinet for feedback
    7. Cabinet will vote to advance legislation to GA
    8. The Senator will present the legislation at GA for suggestions
    9. The Senator will present the legislation at GA for a second time and it may be voted on during this meeting.
    10. Legislation is sent to the VP of Student Affairs, unless charged elsewhere.
  
- IV. Governing Document Amendments
  - A. Constitution
    1. Must be presented at GA one time at minimum before it can be voted on.
    2. Constitutional amendments must be passed by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the GA

3. Amendments to the Constitution must receive the signature of the University President

B. Other Documents

1. Other governing documents can be suspended, in part or in full, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the General Assembly.
2. Cabinet can temporarily suspend the governing documents by a unanimous vote.
  - a) If the Cabinet does this, the General Assembly must vote to affirm the decision by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority at the next meeting, otherwise the decision by Cabinet and any actions taken that contradict the governing documents will be overturned.

**Submitted on November 30th, 2023**

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# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Professionalism

**DATE:** November 30th, 2023

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## I. Eligibility

- a. Be a currently enrolled student at Grand Valley State University during the semester in which they serve.
- b. Be elected during the annual elections process or appointed by the membership of the General Assembly.
- c. Maintain a minimum of a 2.25 cumulative grade point average
- d. Members of the Cabinet must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average
- e. Remain available to attend meetings of the General Assembly.
- f. Remain in good standing with the Student Senate.
- g. Meet these requirements, or the member may be subject to removal.

## II. Absence Policy

- a. The number of unexcused absences permitted will be at the discretion of the Cabinet, taking the General Assembly schedule into account.
  - i. This is to ensure the amount of permitted unexcused absences adequately reflects the number of General Assembly meetings
- b. The Judiciary Committee will be responsible for reviewing Excused Absence Requests for General Assembly meetings.
- c. The Chief of Operations, in conjunction with the Judiciary Committee, will be responsible for tracking all absences.
- d. For absences in meetings for primary focuses, the Chair will be responsible for determining whether or not a Senator's absence is excused. The Chairs will report unexcused absences to the Chief of Operations.
  - i. General Senators must report absences and reasoning directly to their respective Chairs, otherwise they will be marked unexcused.

## III. Required Assignments

- a. University Committees, requirements are up to the discretion of that year's Cabinet
- b. All Senators will be required to complete tasks assigned to them. There will be different requirements for Senators to complete based on their primary focus.
  - i. Allocations
    1. Attend meetings, participate in discussions, etc.
  - ii. Public Relations



- 1. Complete bulletin board, create social media posts, etc.
  - iii. DEI
    - 1. Maintain liaisons, etc.
  - iv. Policy
    - 1. Maintain liaisons, etc.
  - v. Events
    - 1. Lead an event, etc.
- c. Failure to complete assigned tasks or requirements for a Senator's primary focus will result in an official warning.
- d. The Conduct Review Process may be enacted in cases where Senators repeatedly fail to complete required work.

#### IV. Misconduct

- a. The Chief of Operations, in conjunction with the Judiciary Committee, shall enforce all policies previously listed and explained through a warning system.
- b. Grounds for receiving a warning.
  - a. Any unexcused absence following the first
  - b. Office misconduct
  - c. Inappropriate behavior at Senate related events
  - d. Defamatory acts towards the Student Senate
  - e. Violation of any Student Senate governing documents
  - f. Failure to complete assigned tasks
  - g. Other acts of misconduct will be decided by a majority vote of Cabinet or a majority vote of the Senate Resources Committee on a case by case basis.
- 1. Reporting Misconduct
  - a. Misconduct must be reported directly to the Chief of Operations who will issue an official warning.
  - b. If the misconduct involves the Chief of Operations, it must be reported directly to the Vice President who will issue an official warning.
  - c. An official warning includes, but is not limited to:
    - i. Observation by the Chief of Operations to ensure all required work is being completed and all mandatory events are being attended.
    - ii. Requested brief bi-weekly reports given to the Chief of Operations on the progress being made by the Senator under observation.
    - iii. Instances of misconduct may be appealed by the Senator in question directly to the Vice President who may repeal the warning at their discretion.
- b. Warning
  - a. Notification of a warning must be sent directly from the Chief of Operations.
  - b. First Warning

- i. A Senator who has received their first warning must respond within three (3) working academic days to either acknowledge or appeal the warning.
      - 1. Failure to respond in three (3) academic days shall be grounds for initiation of a Conduct Review Hearing, at the discretion of the Chief of Operations.
    - ii. A first warning will result in a one-on-one meeting with the Chief of Operations
      - 1. The one-on-one meeting shall consist of:
        - a. A review of the official warning.
        - b. A discussion regarding the cause of the warning.
        - c. Solutions for improving the Senator's conduct.
        - d. Potential scheduling for making up missed time (in the case of absences).
        - e. Possible further disciplinary action as called for by the situation.
  - c. Second Warning
    - i. A Senator who has received their second warning must respond within three (3) working academic days to either acknowledge or appeal the warning.
      - 1. Failure to respond to the second warning in three (3) academic days will result in the initiation of a Conduct Review Hearing.
    - ii. A second warning will result in a joint meeting with the Chief of Operations and the Chair of the Senator's primary focus .
      - 1. The joint meeting shall consist of:
        - a. A review of the official warning.
        - b. A discussion regarding the cause of the warning.
        - c. Solutions for improving the Senator's conduct.
        - d. Potential scheduling for making up missed time (in the case of absences)
        - e. Possible further disciplinary action as called for by the situation.
  - d. If a Senator has received a third warning, they will be referred to the Cabinet.
    - i. A third warning shall be grounds for removal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Cabinet or the initiation of a Conduct Review Hearing by a simple majority vote of the Cabinet.

## V. Conduct Review Procedures

- a. All members of the General Assembly shall be eligible for referral to a Conduct Review Hearing conducted by the Judiciary Committee. There will be an initiation of the

Conduct Review process by submitting a formal Conduct Review Form to Lakerlink. This process should only occur in extreme cases or when all other options, e.g. mediation, warnings, etc. have been exhausted. Conduct Review Hearings are to be conducted with discretion and concern for the privacy and reputation of all involved

- a. Sufficient grounds to initiate Conduct Review proceedings are:
  - i. Breach of any of the Student Senate governing documents.
  - ii. Violation of the Financial Policies and Procedures.
  - iii. Violation of previous sanctions as set forth by the Judiciary Committee.
  - iv. Misconduct, as reviewed and defined by the Judiciary Committee in a closed session.
- b. The following groups may initiate Conduct Review proceedings:
  - i. The Judiciary Committee by majority vote, upon receiving a Conduct Referral.
    1. If the Chief of Operations is under review, the Vice President will chair the meeting where the Judiciary Committee votes on the Conduct Referral, as well as the Conduct Review Hearing.
  - ii. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the General Assembly, upon submission of charges and their signatures to the Judiciary Committee.
- c. In the case that a violation of the Student Code has occurred, the appropriate parties will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
  - a. The Chief of Operations, serving as Chief Justice, will inform the member in question of the Conduct Review Hearing and provide them with the charges levied against them.
  - b. The Chief of Operations shall schedule a review within seven (7) academic days of the member(s) being notified of the charges levied against them.
  - c. The Judiciary Committee will be in charge of all Conduct Review Hearings, and will be chaired by the Chief of Operations, serving as the Chief Justice.
    - iii. Cabinet may remove a member from the conduct review board by a majority vote.
      1. Cabinet will remove members when a clear conflict of interest is present, or the member of the Judiciary Committee cannot be a fair judge.
- d. The Review Hearing shall proceed as follows:
  - i. On the Allendale campus, outside of the Student Senate Office, and closed to the public and any person who is not outlined below.
  - ii. The meeting will be called to order by the Chief of Operations, serving as the Chair.
    1. The Vice President will serve as Chair if the Chief of Operations is under review.
    2. The meeting will not be called to order until all members of the Conduct Review Board are present or have an interim serving in their place.
  - iii. The Conduct Review Hearing will be conducted using a proper level of

decorum.

- iv. Roll call of the Judiciary Committee, the accusing party or designee, and the defending party or designee will be taken by the Chair.
- v. The Chair will read the charges against the member under review.
- vi. The accusing party or designee will have no more than 45 minutes to present evidence and to prove misconduct.
  1. The party levying the charges shall have the floor first
  2. The party may call up to three witnesses or individuals with evidence forward during the time they have allotted.
    - a. These individuals must be a Student Senate Advisor or member of the General Assembly.
- vii. The defending party or designee will have no more than 45 minutes to present evidence against the alleged misconduct.
  1. The party defending against the charges shall have the floor second
  2. The party may call up to three witnesses or individuals with evidence forward during the time they have allotted.
    - a. These individuals must be a Student Senate Advisor or member of the Assembly.
- viii. Each member of the Judiciary Committee may ask up to three questions to the accusing or defending party during the hearing.
- ix. The accusing party and the defending party may ask up to three questions of the other party at any time during the hearing.
  1. In order to ask a question the party must be recognized by the Chair.
  2. The Chair may dismiss a question if it is deemed frivolous, harassing, threatening or lacks decorum.
  3. After both parties have used their 45 minutes or yielded their time the Judiciary Committee shall deliberate on the matter.
  4. At the conclusion of the Conduct Review Hearing, only the Judiciary Committee and the Chair shall remain in the room during deliberation to arrive at a recommendation from the following list:
    - Charges dropped, or acknowledged, with no penalty. No sanctions needed.
    - Retention with limited rights as determined by the Judiciary Committee. These sanctioned limitations will be tailored in proportion to violations, with possible sanctions including, but not limited to:
      - i. Additional office hours.
      - ii. Limitations on the number of permitted absences.
      - iii. Additional follow-up meetings with the Chief of Operations or Chair of the Senator's primary focus.
      - iv. Formal remediation plan

1. A remediation plan is defined as: A remediation plan is a written description or a guideline of a program or a series of actions to address or improve an undesirable impact or a situation

Impeachment (in the case of a Cabinet member), where the member is removed from office but is permitted to remain on the General Assembly as a Senator.

Removal from Student Senate entirely.

- v. The Judiciary Committee reserves the right to determine the amount of time that a removed Senator is prohibited from serving on Student Senate. This includes, but is not limited to:
  1. Ineligible to return at any point in time.
  2. Eligible to be elected or appointed after one (1) academic year.
  3. Eligible to be elected or appointed after one (1) semester.
  4. Eligible to be elected or appointed at the discretion of the Cabinet.
- x. The Judiciary Committee will then arrive at a verdict by a 3/5 vote, presenting their verdict to the Chair.
- xi. The Chair will present the verdict and sanctions, if applicable, to the member.
- xii. If the member under review is a General Senator, their sanctions will be presented to the Cabinet to be either approved or remanded to the Judiciary Committee. If remanded, the Judiciary Committee's following decision will be final.
- xiii. If the member under review is a Cabinet member, their sanctions will be presented to the General Assembly to either be approved or remanded.
- a. If the Senator under review wishes to appeal the decision of the Judiciary Committee, the appeal must be presented to the Chief of Operations within five (5) working academic days of their notification of the decision.
  - i. If a Cabinet member under review wishes to appeal the decision, the appeal process must go through the General Assembly at the next meeting of the General Assembly following their notification of the decision.
- b. The Cabinet will hold a Conduct Review Hearing on behalf of the Senator, utilizing the same format as above.
- c. The Cabinet will either uphold the decision, or remand to the Judiciary Committee with new recommendations for reconsideration. If remanded, the Judiciary Committee's decision will be final.

- d. The Judiciary Committee will provide their verdict to the member within five (5) working academic days.
- e. The member under review is only allowed one appeal.

## VI. Impeachment Procedures

- a. All members of the General Assembly shall be eligible for impeachment proceedings.
- b. Impeachment Proceedings may be initiated against a Cabinet member. :
  - i. Articles of Impeachment, brought to the General Assembly, against any Cabinet member for:
    - 1. Failure to fulfill the duties of their office.
    - 2. Failure to abide by the Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws
    - 3. Committing actions unbecoming of their office.
  - ii. Once Articles of Impeachment are brought to the General Assembly, they require a fifty-percent plus one (50%+1) vote to move forward.
- c. Impeachment Proceedings against a General Senator:
  - iii. The Cabinet may vote by a fifty-percent plus one (50%+1) majority to remove a Senator for the following:
    - 1. Failure to meet the eligibility requirements set forth within the Student Senate governing documents.
    - 2. Absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without rationale.
- d. Impeachment Proceedings may also be initiated by a petition.
  - iv. A petition to remove a Senator or a Cabinet member requires the signatures of at least fifty-percent plus one (50%+1) of the General Assembly.
  - v. A petition to remove a Senator or a Cabinet member will be checked out from the Chief of Operations .
    - 1. The Senator being petitioned for removal will be notified of the petition once the petition has begun circulating, and will be notified of the charges levied against them.
  - vi. The petitioning Senator will have ten (10) working academic days to receive signatures of fifty-percent plus one (50%+1) of the General Assembly.
    - 1. Once the threshold has been met, the petition will be brought to the next Judiciary Committee meeting for consideration.
- e. After approval of the Articles of Impeachment, the Chief of Operations will lead the Impeachment Proceedings.
  - i. If the Chief of Operations is facing charges, the Vice President will lead the proceedings.
- b. An Impeachment Inquiry will operate in the same capacity as a Conduct Review Hearing until it is time for the Judiciary Committee to arrive at a recommendation.
- c. Once the Judiciary Committee has reached this point they will adjourn and vote to select one (1) of the following recommendations: ,

1. Impeachment, where the member is removed from office but is permitted to remain on the General Assembly as a Senator.
  2. Retention with limited rights as determined by the Judiciary Committee. These sanctioned limitations will be tailored in proportion to violations.
  3. Charges dropped, or acknowledged, with no penalty. No sanctions needed.
- d. In order for the recommendation to be valid, the Judiciary Committee must arrive at a 3/5 vote prior to making their decision.
  - e. If the recommendation is valid, the Chief of Operations will then proceed to inform the involved party.

**Submitted on November 30th, 2023**

**ADVANCED TO RESTRUCTURING OMNIBUS BILL: 23-0-1**

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



**SUBJECT:** Miscellaneous

**DATE:** November 30th, 2023

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## I. Awards

- a. Nomination Process
  - i. Nominations will be brought to the General Assembly by either the Cabinet, a Senator, or a Committee, based on the type of event.
- b. Selection of Recipient
  - i. Discussion will be allowed before the voting process.
  - ii. Voting will be conducted during a General Assembly meeting and must be conducted by secret ballot vote.
  - iii. A candidate will win the nomination with a simple majority (50%+1) vote. If there is not a simple majority, then it will be narrowed down to two (2) candidates, until a simple majority is achieved.
  - iv. The votes will be tallied by the President and Vice President unless a conflict of interest is evident or one (1) is not present, then it will be delegated to the next individual in the order of elections outlined in Article 1 of the Bylaws.
  - v. When the results are known, they shall be announced to the General Assembly by the President, or, in the absence of the President, whomever is next in the order of elections.
  - vi. If the recipient declines the award, the award will go to the runner-up.

## II. President Emeritus

- a. The title of President Emeritus is to be bestowed upon a Student Senate President who has served three (3) academic years on Student Senate.
- b. President Emeritus Criteria
  - i. Served on Student Senate for three (3) consecutive academic years.
  - ii. This is defined as serving 6 academic semester on Student Senate.
  - iii. They shall have served at least one academic year in a cabinet position, not including the Presidential role.
  - iv. Must serve one academic year as the Student Senate President.
  - v. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher.
  - vi. Completed and introduced higher standards for the responsibilities of the position.



- vii. A nomination letter from a Cabinet Member that includes a substantive narrative
- viii. Addressing how the nominee qualifies for emeritus status.
- c. The nomination letter should refer to specific evidence of the nominee's qualifications.

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