

Summary: Draft of proposed Association By-Laws, Graduate Student Council By-Laws, and Undergraduate Senate By-Laws

Provisional upon ratification of Constitutional Amendment to restructure the ASSU legislative branch

Association By-Laws

This document sets out procedures for the numerous instances in which the Undergraduate Senate and the Graduate Student Council will work jointly to take actions or make decisions affecting both the graduate and undergraduate populations. More specifically, it:

- Provides Rules of Order governing potential joint meetings of the two legislative bodies, as provided for under the proposed constitutional amendment. These rules follow the current Senate Rules of Order very closely, with some simplifications regarding floor motions and debate. All votes at joint meetings will be taken separately for the two representative bodies, and all motions must be passed by each body individually.
- Lists regulations governing the process by which Special Fee requests for Populations C (all members of the Association) shall be placed on the Spring Quarter General Election ballot.
 - a. The Appropriations Committee of the Undergraduate Senate and its analogue in the Graduate Student Council will meet jointly to consider Special Fee requests and will provide a single recommendation to the two legislative bodies on whether the request should be placed on the ballot.
 - b. Groups with Special Fee requests will be invited to attend the meetings of the legislative bodies at which their requests will be considered.
 - c. In the event that a Special Fee request is approved by one legislative body and rejected by the other, the group may revise its budget and reapply to the single population that approved its original request.
 - d. Each legislative body may separately divide a joint Special Fee request. Such divisions will result in the separation of the fee request into several mutually exclusive requests on the ballot, the sum of which requests will equal the initial request.
- Sets date by which the legislative bodies must approve the operating budget of the Association.
- Sets deadlines by which the stages of the Financial Manager selection process must be completed. These dates agree with those set out in the current Senate By-Laws. Also describes the duties of the Financial Manager.
- Contains essentially the same rules as the current By-Laws of the Association for items of joint graduate and undergraduate relevance, such as the Nominations

Commission, disbursement of joint Special Fees, Executive Branch administration, elections, and Association finances.

Graduate Student Council By-Laws

These rules govern the procedures of the Graduate Student Council in its individual meetings and in matters that only affect or involve the graduate population. This document:

- Provides for decisions of the Graduate Student Council to be made by consensus, except in those cases in which the Constitution or By-Laws call for a formal vote.
- Creates voting districts for Graduate Student Council elections. Provides for representation from each major academic subdivision of the university as well as five at-large members.
- Calls for a fall election to replace any GSC members elected in the Spring Quarter General Election whose seats have been vacated. Also allows for appointment of members to fill vacant seats between elections. Appointees must be members of the appropriate voting district, will be appointed by majority vote, and their term of office can last at most until the Fall or Spring Quarter GSC election (whichever comes first).
- Describes the selection and duties of a Financial Officer, a secretary, and a Chair, who shall serve as the Presiding Officer.
- Divides the Graduate Student General Fee into two parts, the first to fund in-house programming of the GSC and the second to be allocated to student organizations with significant graduate student involvement. Requires the portion assigned to the GSC to be specified in the budget for the Graduate Student General Fee, and requires the budget for the GSC portion to be printed in each year's Elections Handbook.

Undergraduate Senate By-Laws

These rules govern the operation of the Undergraduate Senate. They are essentially a distillation of the portion of the current Senate By-Laws that involve the undergraduate population.