

ARTICLE I. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

The President of the Student Union shall:

- a. Possess the power to create administrative committees and task forces concerning matters of policy affecting constituents and their welfare under the Student Union Constitution, and enumerate the processes for the selection of their membership and leader(s).
- b. Coordinate the selection of constituents for University committees at the request of the University.
- c. Address all branches of Student Union at least once each semester that shall include updates, priorities, and plans.
- d. Attend meetings of University committees upon invitation and regularly report pertinent updates to the Executive Council and Student Union Leadership.
- e. Meet individually with the Executive Vice President, Vice President of Engagement, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Programming on a weekly basis.
- f. Attend legislative sessions of the Senate and Treasury regularly.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The Executive Vice President of the Student Union shall:

- a. Act as the Student Union archivist.
 1. Maintain documents dating back one (1) year, including legislation, resolutions, executive orders, written vetos, memoranda, agreements, legislative and executive minutes, and other documents at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
 2. Keep accurate records of all proceedings, correspondence, and documents of the Executive Council.
 3. Be responsible for archiving the proceedings, correspondence, and documents of Student Union annually with University libraries.
- b. Chair the Recruitment and Retention Committee.
 1. The Recruitment and Retention Committee shall encourage constituents to get involved in Student Union, as well as maintain the interest and involvement of individuals participating in Student Union.
 2. Membership of the Recruitment and Retention Committee shall include the Executive Vice President, Vice President of Engagement, Election Commissioner, at least one representative each from the Senate and Treasury, and other constituents at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
- c. Attend the legislative sessions of the Senate and Treasury regularly.
- d. Advise executive entities and school councils.
 1. Meet with entity leaders and school council presidents as needed.
- e. Coordinate orientation sessions for all new officers of Student Union within one month of their election or appointment.
- f. Maintain Student Union orientation materials.
- g. Serve as the liaison to the Election Commission.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

The Vice President of Finance of the Student Union shall:

- a. Approve all expense request forms for the Student Union budget.
- b. Regularly attend meetings of Activities Committee and Budget Committee.
- c. Regularly meet with the Speaker and committee chairs of the Treasury.
- c. Negotiate contracts with external organizations on behalf of Student Union.
- d. Provide, upon written request, Student Union financial records to any constituent for examination no later than three (3) business days after the request.
- e. Facilitate student group treasurer education.
 1. The Vice President of Finance is responsible for publishing a manual for their term in which all Student Union monetary processes are explained.
 2. At the beginning of each semester, it is the Vice President of Finance's responsibility to hold a Treasurers' orientation session.
- f. Possess the power to allocate funds under one thousand (1000) dollars from the carry forward account.
- g. Possess the power to request funds over one thousand (1000) dollars from the carry-forward account with the consent of Treasury.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING

The Vice President of Programming of the Student Union shall:

- a. Coordinate the planning of Student Union activities and informational sessions during new student orientation.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ENGAGEMENT

The Vice President of Engagement of the Student Union shall:

- a. Create and distribute a formal document outlining Student Union progress and achievements at least once per year.
- b. Correspond with the constituency at least once per month regarding Student Union initiatives, campus events, helpful information, and other content at the discretion of the Vice President of Engagement.
- c. Attend at least one meeting of each Senate committee every month.
- d. Present pertinent updates at each Senate session.
- e. Manage the Student Union Public Relations Team.
- f. Serve as the point of contact for student issues and campus news.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1. SENATE

- a. Senate Committees
 1. The Academic Affairs Committee shall pursue projects and initiatives based on constituent interests which may include, but are not limited to, issues regarding classes, career interests, and academic resources.
 2. The Health and Wellness Committee shall pursue projects and initiatives based on constituent interests which may include, but are not limited to, issues regarding relationship and sexual violence prevention, mental and physical health, and overall well-being.
 3. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall pursue projects and initiatives based on constituent interests which may include, but are not limited to, issues regarding racial and gender identity, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status.

4. The Campus and Residential Experience Committee shall pursue projects and initiatives based on constituent interests which may include, but are not limited to, issues regarding residential life, sustainability, accessibility, and the campus experience.
5. Senate Committee Proceedings
 - i. Senate committees shall meet at least 50% of the weeks during each session.
 - ii. Any member of the constituency, after attending at least two (2) regular meetings of a Senate committee in one legislative term and upon appointment by the chair of the committee with consent of the Speaker of the Senate, shall be a member of the committee with full voting rights for the duration of the legislative term. Any decisions or recommendations made by the committee must be reached by a majority of those present and voting.
 - iii. The Speaker of the Senate shall have the authority to assign any issue to a Senate committee to pursue.
6. Senate Committee Operations
 - i. Committees shall mobilize students in response to issues affecting the university or its students.
 - ii. Committees may provide students with resources such as, but not limited to, administrator contacts, event planning information, assistance in securing funds, and outreach tools in order to empower them with the means to become self-advocates.
 - iii. Committees shall correspond with administrators regarding topics and initiatives that fall under their respective areas of focus
7. The Senate Committee Chairs shall:
 - i. Convene and preside over meetings of the committee.
 - ii. Invite at least one administrator per legislative term from their respective areas to address the Senate, in consultation with the Speaker.
 - iii. Release an interest form at least twice per legislative term to give all students the opportunity to be involved with their committee.
 - iv. Collaborate with the Speaker and all Committee Chairs of the Senate to organize an annual outreach campaign open to all constituents.
 - v. Facilitate the setting of committee priorities to advocate for student needs and interests on the basis of student concerns collected through the aforementioned outreach campaigns.
 - vi. Establish opportunities for students to directly connect with applicable administrators that fall under their committee's area of focus.
 - vii. Organize programs to maintain contact with, take input from, and collaborate with students and student groups.
 - viii. Create reports and briefings to keep Senators up to date on the state of University affairs and student affairs with regard to their respective areas of focus.
 - ix. Facilitate the writing, discussion, and/or passage of resolutions and/or reports within their respective committees, and hold votes on all resolutions that are introduced by a member of their committee.
 - x. Serve as a resource for any member of their committee who wishes to pursue an individual project.

b. The Legislative Process

1. Any member of a Senate committee may author and propose a resolution, either internal or external.

- i. An internal resolution advocates, on behalf of the Senate, to entities within Student Union.
 - ii. An external resolution advocates, on behalf of Student Union, to the University administration, the constituency, and/or other organizations which impact constituents in their capacity as students at Washington University.
2. The committee on which the author sits shall discuss, amend, and vote on the proposed resolution before it is presented on the Senate floor.
 - i. A majority vote of the committee must be obtained for the resolution to advance to the Senate floor.
 1. The committee chair shall send the resolution as passed by the committee to all Senators within (24) hours of the conclusion of the committee meeting.
 3. The Senate shall discuss and vote on the resolution no sooner than three (3) but no later than fourteen (14) days of its passage by the applicable committee. The Senate shall only amend the proposed resolution strictly for grammatical and spelling corrections.
 - i. Any resolution passed by majority vote of the Senate will be sent to the President for their signature.
 - ii. Any resolution not passed by a majority vote of the Senate during the meeting in which it is presented shall be referred back to the committee from which it originated.
 1. In this case, all previously enumerated procedures starting at Section 1(b)(2) shall be repeated.
- c. The Speaker of the Senate shall:
1. Appoint one Senator to take and distribute minutes for the Senate.
 2. Provide notification of each meeting to Senators at least twenty-four (24) hours before each meeting.
 3. Regularly meet with the chairs of each Senate Committee.

SECTION 2. TREASURY

- a. Treasury Committees
 1. Budget Committee shall:
 - i. Provide recommendations for student group budget allocations to the Treasury once per semester, as outlined in Article VI, Section recommendations shall concern allocations for the following semester.
 - ii. Recommend the student group budget allocation rules, upon consultation with the Vice President of Finance, to the Treasury for approval prior to recommending the semesterly student group budget allocations.
 - iii. Be composed of at least 40% of the Representatives of the Treasury, as well as any constituent who is appointed by the chair of the committee.
 - iv. Consist of at most two (2) appointed constituents for every three (3) elected Treasury Representatives.
 - v. Reach any decisions or recommendations by a majority vote of those committee members present and voting, provided quorum has been met.
 - vi. Prohibit any member of Budget Committee from being present for

discussion or voting regarding monetary allocations for student groups of which they are a member.

2. Activities Committee shall:

- i. Educate student leaders and student groups about Student Union, University policies and procedures, and other topics relevant to student groups.
- ii. Recommend to the Treasury for the registration of new student groups which the committee approves as either Category I, II, or III.
- iii. Review student group activity throughout the year to verify that groups are continuing to follow the registration requirements, the responsibilities of student groups, and the programming guidelines as outlined in Article VI, Section 5.
- iv. Initiate category downgrade and group deregistration procedures as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.
- v. Recommend to the Treasury for approval any student group for which the committee approves a category upgrade.
- vi. Be composed of at least 40% of the Representatives of the Treasury, as well as any constituent who is appointed by the chair of the committee.
- vii. Consist of at most two (2) appointed constituents for every three (3) elected Treasury Representatives.
- viii. Reach any decisions or recommendations by a majority vote of those committee members present and voting, provided quorum has been met.
- ix. Prohibit any member of Activities Committee from being present for discussion or voting regarding decisions pertaining to student groups of which they are a member.
- x. Act as the manager of all equipment purchased with the student activity fee, for which an inventory will be maintained.
 1. Maintain a process for student groups to rent equipment.
 2. Have the authority to retrieve Student Union equipment from student groups as well as deregistered student groups.
 3. Have the power to delegate the responsibility of maintaining, storing, and renting any equipment to any student group as necessary by a majority vote and may rescind this responsibility with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
 - a. In the case that the responsibility is delegated to a student group, the student group shall have full discretion to approve or deny rental requests as necessary.
 4. Ensure that all equipment not delegated to the oversight of a student group is centrally stored and maintained.

b. Special Projects

1. A Special Project will be an initiative undertaken by a Treasury Representative studying the allocation of Student Union monies and resources, or concerning Treasury interaction with student groups.
2. The Speaker of the Treasury may appoint a Treasury Representative to conduct a Special Project.
3. The project must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Treasury.
4. An update on the project must be provided to the Speaker of the Treasury monthly.
5. An update on the project must be provided to the Treasury halfway through the

Representative's term, and a final analysis must be presented at the conclusion of the Representative's term.

6. Special projects will be archived and considered as part of the official record of Student Union.
- c. The Speaker of the Treasury shall:
 1. Appoint one Treasury Representative to take and distribute minutes for the Treasury.
 2. Provide notification of each meeting to Representatives of the Treasury at least twenty-four (24) hours before each meeting.
 3. Regularly meet with the chairs of the Activities Committee and the Budget Committee.

SECTION 3. RULES OF ORDER

- a. The Senate and the Treasury shall be governed by the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in all cases in which they are consistent with the Constitution or Statutes of Student Union.
 1. In determining both a Simple Majority and Super Majority, only "Yea" or "Nay" votes shall be counted in determining the number of ballots cast, such that abstentions shall not be counted toward the total number of ballots cast for any vote.
 2. Senate and the Treasury are permitted to organize virtual meetings, conducted by teleconference, when meeting in person is unsafe or otherwise impossible. The Speaker of each respective body will make this determination. The Speaker may determine rules of order necessary to conduct these virtual meetings provided that the rights and privileges of members of their respective legislative body and Student Union constituents are honored. This amendment is considered to be in effect as of March 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM CST.
- b. Upon recognition by the Speaker of the Senate or the Treasury, anyone may address the Senate or the Treasury, respectively.
- c. The Senate and the Treasury shall not take stances on political issues except on those which directly impact constituents in their capacity as students at Washington University or those which relate directly to Washington University policy or practice.
- d. The Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the Treasury, and all committee chairs of the Senate and Treasury, shall be elected by a majority vote during the first meeting of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively, after the inauguration of new officers of the Senate and the Treasury.
 1. Rules by which legislative internal elections shall be run shall be kept by the Executive Vice President. Amendments to the rules for legislative internal elections may be proposed by the Executive Vice President, Senators, or Representatives of the Treasury, with consent of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively.
 2. If any of the aforementioned positions in Section 3(d) fall vacant, a successor shall be elected by the applicable body, the Senate or the Treasury, within two (2) meetings of the position falling vacant.
- e. The legislative term shall be defined as starting with the first meeting of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively, after the semesterly inauguration of new officers of the Senate and the Treasury, and shall end with the semesterly inauguration of new officers of the Senate and the Treasury.
- f. Absentee voting is restricted as such:

1. Absentee voting shall be regarded as votes being submitted by paper ballot by representatives not present at the time of the counting.
2. Absentee voting may be exercised only under extenuating circumstances as determined by the chair of the meeting.
3. A supermajority of Senate, Treasury, or joint session is required to allow absentee voting.
4. A decision to apply absentee voting must be made on the day that the absentee vote is to occur and after material or information pertaining to the vote has been sufficiently discussed.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- a. There shall be a Legislative Leadership Council composed of the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the Treasury, and the chairs of the committees of the Senate and the Treasury.
- b. The Legislative Leadership Council shall:
 1. Meet at least twice a semester and whenever called for by the Speaker of the Treasury or the Speaker of the Senate.
 2. Advise the Speakers of the Senate and Treasury on the functioning of the Legislative Branch of Student Union while facilitating the Speakers' knowledge of activities in the legislative committees for presentation to the Executive Council of Student Union.
 3. Aid the chairs in the supervision and coordination of the Legislative Committees.
 4. Invite particular Senators or Representatives of the Treasury to speak when appropriate.
 5. Encourage discussion and cooperation between the Senate and Treasury.

ARTICLE III. JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 1. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL

The Constitutional Council of the Student Union shall:

- a. Confirm receipt of all requests or challenges within twenty-four (24) hours of submission.
- b. Determine whether or not the Constitutional Council will deliberate on a given submission within seven (7) days.
- c. Settle all matters of interpretation within thirty (30) days of submission of the request or challenge.
- d. Maintain a current and accurate docket of pending and settled cases on the Student Union website.
- e. During each term, the Constitutional Council will present to the legislative bodies on the governing documents and procedures of the Student Union.

SECTION 2. CHIEF JUSTICE AND ALTERNATE JUSTICE

- a. The Chief Justice of the Student Union shall:
 1. When calling the Constitutional Council into session, give at least 24 hours notice to the other justices.
 2. Hold the Chief Justice position for their entire tenure on the Constitutional Council.

- b. The Alternate Justice shall:
 1. Be appointed by the majority of the current Constitutional Council, with the consent of the President and the Senate and the Treasury, respectively.
 2. Have the same duties, obligations, and privileges of a Justice except for the right to vote in official decisions of the Constitutional Council, except for internal matters such as the election of the Chief Justice
 3. Assume the position of Justice upon a vacancy in the Constitutional Council.
 4. In case of a tie, acts as a tiebreaker in Constitutional Council official decisions

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

The Election Commissioner of the Student Union shall:

- a. Appoint an Election Commission, with consent of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively, within eight (8) weeks of the start of the academic year.
 1. The Election Commissioner shall act as the Election Commission until the Election Commission is appointed.
- b. Set the timetable for the elections of representatives of Student Union, unless other dates are established by School Councils for their respective elections.
- c. Provide for the announcement of the results of each election and referendum of Student Union in coordination with the Vice President Engagement.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION

The Election Commission shall:

- a. Be comprised of constituents who shall not seek elected office, represent someone who seeks elected office, or be a member of a student group which seeks block funding during the constituent's term on the Election Commission.
- b. Be chaired by the Election Commissioner.
- c. Coordinate and conduct all elections of Student Union officers and referenda of Student Union, unless coordinated and conducted by individual School Councils.
- d. Publish all election rules prior to the start of each election.
- e. Have the power to amend election rules with the consent of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively.
- f. Provide for the enforcement of the statutes pertaining to elections and referenda of Student Union.
- g. Judge the validity and eligibility of all electoral petitions for candidacy for offices of Student Union.
- h. Issue the official ballot for all elections and referenda of Student Union.
- i. Interpret the election rules.
- j. Decide a suitable penalty for the failure to abide by any of the election rules.
- k. Collect all fines for violation of election rules.
- l. Bring charges before the Constitutional Council in cases of violation of election rules when the persons charged appeal the decision of the Election Commission.
- m. Submit a budget to the Vice President of Finance as part of the General Budget for funds necessary for the conduction of the election.
- n. Determine whether a forum would be beneficial to the constituency and conduct the forum shall it be deemed necessary.

SECTION 3. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- a. Candidates for executive, legislative, or class council office must be available for the entire term of office for which they are running.
 1. As it applies to candidate qualifications, available is defined as a Student Union constituent at Washington University in St. Louis's Danforth Campus.
- b. Candidates for executive office must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average and be in good academic standing as defined by their primary academic division.
- c. Candidates for School Council office must be Student Union constituents enrolled in the school they seek to represent. School Councils shall have the power to establish any additional candidate qualifications for council officer candidates.
- d. No person who has been found in violation of University policy pertaining to violence against other persons or actions that harm student groups, as determined by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, and who has not fully met the University Determined sanctions for their actions may run for office, be confirmed, or be appointed to fill in a Student Union elected vacancy or any other position that requires the approval of Senate and Treasury.

SECTION 4. VOTING

- a. All constituents are eligible to vote in Student Union elections for executive officers, Senators, Treasury Representatives, constitutional amendments, and referenda issues.

ARTICLE V. INSTALLATION

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE INSTALLATION

The executive officers of Student Union shall be installed in the presence of appropriate witnesses within three (3) weeks of their election to office. At such installation the following oath or affirmation shall be administered by the Chief Justice or a Justice of Student Union:

“I,..., affirm that I shall faithfully execute the office to which I have been elected and shall to the best of my ability preserve and defend the Constitution of the Student Union of Washington University in St. Louis.”

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE INSTALLATION

The Officers of the Senate and Treasury shall be installed within two (2) meetings of the beginning of their term unless this requirement is specifically waived by the Speaker. At such installation the following oath or affirmation shall be administered by the President, the Chief Justice, or a Justice of Student Union:

“I,..., affirm that I will to the utmost of my ability present the best interest of my constituency and shall preserve and defend the Constitution of the Student Union of Washington University in St. Louis.”

SECTION 3. CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL INSTALLATION

The officers of the Constitutional Council shall be installed within three (3) weeks of their confirmation of appointment. At such installation, the following oath or affirmation shall be administered by the President or the Chief Justice of Student Union:

“I,..., affirm that I will to the best of my ability render judgment deliberately and impartially and shall preserve and defend the Constitution of the Student Union of Washington University in St. Louis.”

ARTICLE VI. STUDENT GROUPS

SECTION 1. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. All student groups must maintain a typed constitution containing, at minimum, a statement of the group’s purpose, requirements for membership, officer duties, officer selection, and impeachment procedures, and processes for amending the constitution.
- b. Each student group shall submit its constitution in a manner determined by the Activities Committee.
- c. A majority of the student group must be composed of constituents and the president and treasurer of the group must be constituents.
- d. Social fraternities and sororities may not be registered as Student Union groups.
- e. Groups applying for registration, whose purpose is unclear or significantly overlaps that of a currently registered group, as determined by the Treasury, may be denied registration as a student group.

SECTION 2. DEREGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- a. The Activities Committee shall recommend to the Treasury any student group that the committee believes should be deregistered.
 1. The Activities Committee may recommend any recognized student group within any category for deregistration by the Treasury should the group submit in writing a request to be deregistered to the Activities Committee Chair.
- b. No student group shall be deregistered without just cause and an opportunity to respond to the reasons given for its deregistration.
- c. The Activities Committee shall recommend to the Treasury any recognized student group of any category that the committee believes should be downgraded to a different category.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. No student group may engage in any activities that violate the Washington University Charter, the University Judicial Code, the Constitution or Statutes of Student Union, or endanger the tax-exempt status of the University.
- b. Each student group must have one member serve as its president, another member serve as its treasurer(s), and have this information on file with the Activities Committee. The president and treasurer will be the contact people between the student group and Student Union.
- c. Upon re-registration, each student group must update the names and email addresses of its president and treasurer.
- d. Each student group president and treasurer must attend an annual orientation

organized by Student Union. If a student group transitions leadership and selects a new president or treasurer at a time inconsistent with the annual orientation, at the discretion of the Activities Committee Chair, the new transitioning officer(s) will be required to attend another orientation as required by Student Union.

- e. All Student Union funds should be used by a student group in a manner consistent with its stated mission as presented in its constitution and its budget request.
- f. No student group may directly donate funds allocated by Student Union to any non-University entity.
- g. No student group may explicitly or implicitly advocate acts of cruelty toward individuals or groups or advocate the violation of any individual's civil rights.
- h. All student groups must check their mail file and group e-mail account regularly.
- i. Each student group must follow the University posting policy and all applicable University policies concerning fundraising.
- j. All student groups must maintain an active membership.

SECTION 4. BENEFITS AND CATEGORIES

Each student group shall apply to be registered as a Category I, II, or III group. Each group that is registered as a Category I, II or III student group shall be known as a recognized student group.

- a. Every student group is eligible to receive the following Student Union resources:
 1. Student Union mail file, e-mail address, web space, copy code, and basic office supplies.
 2. The ability to use University or Student Union meeting space.
 3. The ability to advertise on University property as described in the posting policy.
 4. A faculty or staff advisor upon request.
- b. Category I student groups shall:
 1. Have the opportunity to submit a formal budget request each semester to Budget Committee and to receive operating funds for the following semester from the Treasury upon the recommendation of Budget Committee.
 2. Have the opportunity to appeal to the Treasury and Vice President of Finance for additional funds throughout the school year.
 3. Have the opportunity to receive flat funding from Treasury based on the group's reported active membership count
- c. Category II student groups shall:
 1. Have the opportunity to receive flat funding from Treasury based on the group's reported active membership count
- d. Category III student groups shall not be eligible to receive funding from Student Union

SECTION 5. PROGRAMMING

- a. All constituents must be eligible to participate in programming at some point during their time as a constituent of Student Union.
- b. Any admission fee charged for an event funded by the student activity fee must be the same for all constituents.
- c. Recognized student groups must publicize their events.
- d. No recognized student group may spend student activity fee monies to purchase alcohol.
- e. No student group may spend student activity fee monies for Thurtene Carnival expenses.

SECTION 6. EQUIPMENT AND INSURANCE

- a. All Student Union groups shall insure all durable equipment purchased, rented or borrowed in whole or in part with Student Union funds and having a replacement value in excess of \$500 within thirty (30) days. This includes existing equipment and future purchases. Insurance shall be obtained through the Student Union Business Manager. Responsibility for purchasing the insurance is placed on the Student Union groups.
- b. The Student Union Vice President of Finance shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with this Statute.
- c. If the University cannot insure the items, the Vice President of Finance may exempt certain items from insurance.
- d. All equipment purchased using student activity fee monies shall be the property of Student Union. This includes existing equipment and future purchases.

SECTION 7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- a. Student groups that use Student Union resources for reasons other than those related to its approved purpose as a student group may lose access to use Student Union resources at the discretion of the Vice President of Finance.
- b. Student groups that violate any clause within this article may be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Treasury, including the following:
 1. A warning.
 2. Fines (Funds allocated by the Student Union may not be used in the payment of such fines).
 3. Deregistration.
 4. Other penalties approved by the Treasury.

ARTICLE VII. THE GENERAL BUDGET

SECTION 1. INITIAL PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL

- a. The Vice President of Finance shall prepare and present a General Budget for the Student Union. The Treasury and Senate may not make amendments and must each approve with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of total occupied seats.
- b. The general budget shall contain at least the following line-items:
 1. Allocation Boards for recognized student groups eligible to receive Student Union funding.
 2. An Appeals account for eligible recognized student groups.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDING THE STATUTES

- a. Amendments to these statutes may be proposed by a constituent and enacted when ratified by a two-thirds vote (2/3) of the Senate and the Treasury, respectively.

ARTICLE IX. BLOCK FUNDING

SECTION 1. ELECTION

- a. Any election petition for block funding must include a mission statement detailing the purpose of the funding request and either:
 1. A budget proposal providing an outline of the planned expenses of the fund, or
 2. The process by which the fund shall determine the use of its requested funding.
- b. The two statements required in (a) shall appear on the ballot for approval from the constituency.
- c. Social fraternities and sororities are ineligible to receive block funding.

SECTION 2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Any student group or initiative receiving block funding, herein referred to as a fund, shall have the same rights, responsibilities, and regulations as a recognized student group except for the following:
 1. The Activities Committee does not have the power to strip a fund of its funding but may deregister a fund from its status as a recognized student group pursuant to Article VI, Section 2.
 2. A fund may not submit a budget request to the Budget Committee or an appeal to the Treasury or the Executive Council for additional funding.
 3. All Student Union resources should be used by a fund in a manner consistent with its mission statement. Failure to follow this policy may result in the forfeiture of the fund's allocation and the seizure of any assets acquired through the fund, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total officers in the Senate and Treasury, respectively.
 4. The Vice President of Finance shall have the power to exempt a fund from any and all established procedures for the allocation, funding, or dispersal of student activity fees if such procedures are in direct conflict with the stated mission of the fund.
 5. A fund may appeal to the Executive Council any denial of exemption from established procedures.
 6. A fund must meet semesterly with the Vice President of Finance to discuss the fund's spending.

ARTICLE X. ACADEMIC SUPPORT

When any Student Union officer falls below a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, a Campus Life staff member will schedule a regular check-in meeting with the officer to assist the officer with utilizing academic resources available at Washington University in St. Louis.

ARTICLE XI. RENOVATION, RESTORATION, AND REPAIR ACCOUNT PROTOCOL

- a. The Executive Council may withdraw up to \$50,000 per fiscal year from the Renovation, Restoration, and Repair Account for emergency circumstances at their discretion.
- b. Any Executive Council request exceeding \$25,000 from the Renovation, Restoration, and Repair Account and any transactions that exceed the \$50,000 per fiscal year limit must pass

both the Senate and the Treasury by a simple majority with each voting separately.

- c. The maximum balance for the Renovation, Restoration, and Repair Account shall be \$250,000. Any additional funds shall be transferred to the Opportunity Fund Endowment held with the University on an annual basis.
- d. Any other action regarding the Renovation, Restoration, and Repair Account must be made with the majority consent of the Senate and the Treasury and the Executive Council, each counted separately.