

Student Shared Governance Policy
University of Wisconsin Colleges Student Governance Council

Article I - Background

Wisconsin Statute § 36.09(5) states “The students of each institution or campus subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president, the chancellor, and the faculty shall have primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests. Students in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those student fees which constitute substantial support for campus student activities. The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance.”

Article II - Purpose

To enshrine the spirit of partnership and respect for shared governance between the Chancellor and the student elected to represent the student voice, and to codify the delegation of that voice in all institutional matters to the Student Governance Council by all campus student governments.

Article III - Statutory Authority

The Student Governance Council shall be the sole exercising body of powers, duties, and responsibilities under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(5) in institutional governance. The Student Governance Council recognizes the authority of all campus student government organizations to represent their students in campus governance. The Student Governance Council also recognizes the authority of the Chancellor and their officers under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(3) and the governance role of the faculty and academic staff under Wis. Stats. § 36.09(4).

Article IV - Segregated Fees

The Student Governance Council exercises no authority over Segregated University Fees except those provided for by the campuses and the Central Office explicitly for the use of Student Governance Council operations. If a campus SUFAC/SLIC has an unresolved dispute the Student Governance Council may, upon request of the campus' student government, assist in any means possible.

Article V - Differential Tuition

Pursuant to Regent Policy 32-7, the Student Governance Council constitutes a student government organization. Therefore, the Chancellor must, before presenting any differential tuition initiative to the Board of Regents, advise, consult and receive feedback from the Student Governance Council. All campus student government organizations must also be included in the consultation process.

Article VI - Student Policies

Changes to or initiation of policies primarily concerning students at the institution level shall be presented to the Student Governance Council for its consideration. Subject to the approval of the Chancellor, the Student Governance Council shall have authority to present changes to policies

concerning student life, interests, and services. Any such policies presented to the UW Colleges Senate, or elsewhere, will be referred to the Student Governance Council.

Article VII - Appointment of Students to Governance Committees

The Student Governance Council is recognized as the sole authority for appointing students to institutional governance groups, committees, and posts. See *Milwaukee Student Association v. Baum* (1976) 74 Wis. 2d 283.

“Governance groups, committees, and posts” includes any search and screen committees, and any bodies that address university policies, expenditures of funds, and adjudication of disputes excepting faculty and staff grievance issues. The Student Governance Council has sole authority to determine the necessary qualifications for students to be appointed to institutional governance groups, committees, and posts.

Article VIII - Legislation

Legislation authored and approved by the Student Governance Council relating to student policy, or the expenditure of time, money, or effort, shall be referred to the Chancellor for approval. The Chancellor and the Student Governance Council shall determine the process by which the Chancellor approves or rejects Student Governance Council legislation.

Article IX - Self-Determination and Organization

The Student Governance Council has sole authority over legislation or policy regarding the manner in which it organizes itself.

Article X - Authority Adoption, and Amendment

This document is considered binding on the signatories, subject to changes in Regent Policy or other applicable law.

This document is considered binding upon the signatures of the Student Governance Council President, the Chancellor, by a 2/3 affirmative vote in the Student Governance Council, and by approval of 3/4 of the 13 campus student governments.

Amendments to this document may only be made upon a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Student Governance Council, the approval and signature of the Chancellor, and signature and approval of the Student Governance Council President.

Approved by the Student Governance Council, 3/31/2016, 15-0-0



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Graham Pearce
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