

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY
STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS
CREATED FALL 2008**

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section 1: The legislative power of the SGA shall be vested in the Student Senate.

Section 2: The Student Senate shall be pursuant to the SGA Constitution, the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri, all laws of the State of Missouri, and all laws of the United States of America.

Article II. JURISDICTION

Section 1: The Student Senate has jurisdiction (but not limited to):

- A. To prepare and vote upon legislation affecting the student body.
- B. To approve or revoke, for just cause, student organization charters or constitutions.
- C. To consult the Executive Council on matters of student interest.
- D. To examine and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
- E. To work with the UMKC administration and faculty to obtain full information concerning university policies and procedures, or changes to existing policies and procedures which affect student interests or concerns.

Article III. MEMBERS

Section 1: The Student Senate shall consist of two representatives from each Divisional Council (Arts and Sciences, the Bloch School, School of Education, School of Nursing, School of Medicine, School of Law, School of Computing & Engineering, School of Biological Sciences, Conservatory School, School of Dentistry, School of Graduate Studies, and the School of Pharmacy) and one representative from each Secondary Council (Interfraternity Council (IFC), International Student Council, Residential Life, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the Panhellenic Council, and the Minority Student Organization Council).

Section 2: The SGA Senate positions will be filled through the Divisional and Secondary Council election process. The election format is open to all members of the student body within their respective Divisional and Secondary Councils. The Divisional and Secondary Councils will ensure that every effort is made to notify all current voting members of said election and, further, to reasonably accommodate the needs of all members desiring to participate.

Section 3: Senators must meet minimum eligibility requirements, including a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and six credit hours of current enrollment, and must not be on student conduct disciplinary action or honor code probation. The requirement to be enrolled in six credit hours will be waived for Doctoral students who have completed their formal degree course work, have passed their comprehensive or matriculation examination, and are continuously enrolled in at least one hour of research in the Fall and Winter semesters. Potential candidates must have accumulated 12 hours of credit at UMKC before being elected as a senate representative.

Article IV. ATTENDANCE

Section 1: Members of the student Senate must maintain adequate attendance throughout his/her term in office. Failure to maintain adequate attendance is defined as two (2) consecutive absences or three (3) absences overall during the course of his/her term. Said failure will be grounds for removal by the Chair. The Administrative Vice President shall present a list of Senators who have failed to maintain adequate attendance and are eligible for removal at the beginning of each regularly scheduled meeting. The Senators shall remain on the list for a period not to exceed two (2) meetings. After the two (2) meetings have elapsed, the names shall be removed providing no additional failure to maintain adequate attendance. A record of such Senator's attendance, however, shall be supplied to the appropriate school council.

Section 2: A Senator will not be deemed absent if he/she has sent an alternate from his/her respective divisional council. Said alternate will count towards quorum and be awarded full voting privileges. A senator will be allowed the use of alternates for no more than three (3) regularly scheduled meetings during the course of his/her term. If the Senator exceeds this allowance, the absences will be unexcused and the Senator will be subject to provision in Article IV (H). The Administrative Vice President must be informed of the name of an alternate a minimum of 24 hours in advance of a regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Article V. PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Section 1: The position of President Pro-Tempore shall be elected from the Student Senate by nomination or declaration of interested parties. This position shall be filled during the first fall meeting or no later than the second fall meeting of the academic school term.

Section 2: The President Pro-Tempore shall get a stipend of \$900.00 for completion of his/her duties in the senate.

Section 3: Duties of the President Pro-Tempore are:

- A. Chairing the Student Senate at the request of the Chair
- B. Preparing the annual senate retreat
- C. Being available to work with the senators on developing legislation, resolutions, and letters
- D. Keeping in regular contact with the Academic Council Presidents and the Council Senators to discuss any items they have and see if there are ways for the Senate to address them.

Article VI. QUORUM

Section 1: If a quorum cannot be reached, any transaction of business is void and the meeting will be immediately adjourned. The only business that can be carried out is to declare a time to adjourn or recess, or to take measures to reach a quorum. In spite of a lack of quorum, the requirement of having held a meeting has been met.

Article VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1: The President shall get a stipend of \$5,250.00 for completion of his/her duties outlined in the SGA Constitution, Article IV, Section 6.

Section 2: The Executive Vice President shall get a stipend of \$4,250.00 for completion of his/her duties outlined in the SGA Constitution, Article IV, Section 7.

Section 3: The Administrative Vice President shall get a stipend of \$3,750.00 for completion of his/her duties outlined in the SGA Constitution, Article IV, Section 8.

Section 4: The Comptroller shall get a stipend of \$3,750.00 for completion of his/her duties outlined in the SGA Constitution, Article IV, Section 9.