

# Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

*An amend to the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution.*

Presented on: 12/4/19

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2019-2020 #2

**INTRODUCED BY:** Jack Mitchell

**Article and Section:**

Article VII - Representative Duties: Section 3 Office Hours

**Currently Reads As:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend three office hours per week. All college representatives and residential representatives shall hold no less than one of these hours in their respective areas of campus. Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend three office hours per week. All college representatives and residential representatives shall **have the option to** hold ~~no less than~~ **up to** one of these hours in their respective areas of campus. Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

**Rationale:**

Since there are limited locations for each college representative and the locations available have limited outreach to each of their constituents the requirement should be removed and given as an option to representatives.

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Presented on: 1/26/20

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 # 1

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

## **Article and Section:**

Article III - Elections: Section 5 - Other Representatives: Subsection 2

## **Currently Reads As:**

2. The distribution for the nine college representatives shall be based on annual enrollment in accordance with the current Undergraduate Student Government bylaws.

## **Proposed Amendment:**

2. The distribution for the ~~nine~~ college representatives shall be based on annual enrollment in accordance with the current Undergraduate Student Government bylaws.

a. The number of college representative positions will be determined by a capita of students with a maxima equal to the number of class representatives positions as dictated by Article 1 Section 4 of the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws.

i. Each college shall be awarded one automatic representative

ii. Each college shall be awarded additional representatives per capita

iii. Each college shall be limited to five total representatives

b. The official number of college representatives will be thus reflected in the total number of Representatives on the Undergraduate Student Government body as written in Article II Section 2.

c. The official number of college representatives will be thus reflected in Article II Section 2.4.

## **Rationale:**

This development is based on the ever changing population of students in the different colleges here at Tech, President Kobeck's plans and enrollment goals, and the recent adjustment seen by the number of colleges present at Tech. This idea presents the freedom for the USG to adjust the number of college representatives to best suit the needs and populations of the colleges at Tech. There are some conditions for these adjustments as seen in the subsections so the numbers do not exceed a reasonable limit. The overall effect will ease transitions in the redistribution of college reps and save the next body from performing a constitutional update should redistribution be required.

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**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

## **Article and Section:**

Article VII - Representative Duties: Section 3 - Office Hours

## **Currently Reads As:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend three office hours per week. All college representatives and residential representatives shall hold no less than one of these hours in their respective areas of campus. Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

## **Proposed Amendment:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend three office hours per week. All college representatives and residential representatives shall **have the option to** hold ~~no less than~~ **up to** one of these hours in their respective areas of campus. **The Resident Advocate is granted a one hour concession each week.** Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

## **Rationale:**

The current position of resident advocate calls for a total of six office hours between their role in USG and IRHC. This is excessive and is a deterrent for a student wanting to take on the role. The Resident advocate has been granted a concession through the authority of the VP for the past several years. This amendment formalizes this process and will encourage the work of the Resident Advocate.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #3.1

**INTRODUCED BY:** Zofia Freiberg

## **Article and Section:**

Article VII - Representative Duties: Section 3 - Office Hours

## **Currently Reads As:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend three office hours per week. All college representatives and residential representatives shall hold no less than one of these hours in their respective areas of campus. Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

## **Proposed Amendment:**

Undergraduate Student Government members are required to attend a set number of office hours each week as outlined in Article III Section 2 of the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws.

- a. All college representatives and residential representatives shall **have the option to** hold **no less than up to** one of these hours in their respective areas of campus.
- b. **The Resident Advocate is granted a one hour concession each week.**
- c. Any Undergraduate Student Government member, who has a total of four missed office hours during the term will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government Personnel Committee.

## **Rationale:**

The requirement of three hours a week is arbitrary and can sometimes be unnecessary, this amendment will allow for greater flexibility in the required office hours for the body while still declaring the number for accountability and disclosure to the Student Assembly. In addition this will change the formatting of the section for clarity.

# Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

*An amend to the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws.*

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #3.2

**INTRODUCED BY:** Zofia Freiberg

**Article and Section:**

Article III - Attendance: Section 2 - TBI

**Currently Reads As:**

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**Proposed Amendment:**

2. The required office hours of each representative shall be three hours per week excluding provisions by Article VII Section 3 of the Undergraduate Student Government constitution and the authority of the Vice-President as stated in Article III Section 3 of the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws. This hourly requirement shall be reexamined at the start of each academic year to determine the best number for meeting the needs of the Student Assembly.

**Rationale:**

This bylaw amendment is in conjunction with 2020-2021 #7.1 as it designates the required office hours for body members while acknowledging the provisions and authority of the VP in terms of office hours. It also requires reexamination to encourage updates using information on the needs of the student body. This is all in hopes of supporting the student body while acknowledging the needs of USG representatives.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #4

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article IX - Standing Committees: Section 2 - Personal: Subsection 1: Clause b

**Currently Reads As:**

b. The Personnel Committee Chair records that an officer or representative has four unexcused office hours, including the additional office hours required by residential representatives and college representatives.

**Proposed Amendment:**

b. The Personnel Committee Chair records that an officer or representative has four unexcused office hours, ~~including the additional office hours required by residential representatives and college representatives.~~

**Rationale:**

These additional hours no longer exist and should not be taken under consideration by the Personal committee when regarding office hour attendance.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #5

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article VI - Officer Duties: Section 4 - Secretary: Subsection 4

**Currently Reads As:**

4. Supervises, plans, and coordinates the Undergraduate Student Government elections.

**Proposed Amendment:**

4. Supervises, plans, and coordinates the Undergraduate Student Government elections.

- a. If the standing Secretary is running for a representative position in said election they will perform the above duties in conjunction with or replaced by an additional protem member of the body, to be decided upon the opening of nominations for the election. The protem shall be nominated and elected by vote of the Undergraduate Student Government.
  - i. The standing Secretary may choose to either step down from their role as described above or work in conjunction with the protem for the duration of the election cycle.

**Rationale:**

There is an unfortunate conflict of interest that can occur during an election if the current secretary is running the election while running for election, having an additional member either taking over the duties of the Secretary or aiding them in their role will help to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure the integrity of the election and the position of Secretary. This is common practice and this amendment will formalize the process.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #6

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article VIII - Undergraduate Student Government Meetings: Section 2 - Parliamentarian:  
Subsection 2

**Currently Reads As:**

2. The Parliamentarian's recommendation shall be considered final; however, the Undergraduate Student Government shall maintain the right to overrule the recommendation of the Parliamentarian by a two-thirds majority vote. The recommendation shall then be referred to the Judiciary Committee for final resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

2. The Parliamentarian's recommendation shall be considered final; however, the Undergraduate Student Government shall maintain the right to overrule the recommendation of the Parliamentarian by a two-thirds majority vote. The recommendation shall then be referred to the Judiciary Committee for ~~final resolution~~ **an additional recommendation variant in either purpose or result from the presented recommendation and supported by two thirds of the Judiciary committee. This process is to be repeated until the Undergraduate Student Government no longer overrules the recommendation.**

**Rationale:**

The current wording of this subsection can lead to an infinite loop, clarification is needed to avoid a constant stream of the same recommendation being presented to the body until said body gives up.



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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #7

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article I - Student Assembly: Section 3 - Membership Qualifications

**Currently Reads As:**

All undergraduate students enrolled at Michigan Technological University are members of this organization.

**Proposed Amendment:**

All undergraduate students enrolled at Michigan Technological University are members of ~~this organization~~ the Student Assembly.

**Rationale:**

The paraphrasing of this organization can be in reference to many different groups, including the USG body for clarification sake it should be referred to as the student assembly. This avoids any issues with misinterpretation either by accident or on purpose.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #8

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

## **Article and Section:**

Article III - Elections: Section 3 - Representative Elections: Subsection 1

## **Currently Reads As:**

1. All Undergraduate Student Government representatives, excluding at-large representatives, residential representatives, first-year representatives, and those designated in Article III Section 2, for the ensuing school year will be elected during the tenth week of classes following winter break.

## **Proposed Amendment:**

1. All Undergraduate Student Government representatives, excluding **the following:** at-large representatives, residential representatives, first-year representatives, and ~~those~~ **the carry over representatives as** designated in Article III Section 2, for the ensuing school year will be elected during the tenth week of classes following winter break.

## **Rationale:**

The original wording is open to misinterpretation. The new wording seeks to alleviate this and provides a higher level of clarity to the phrasing of the election expectations for the timeline.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #9

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article III - Elections: Section 3 & 6 - Representative Elections & Protest: Subsection 5 & 4:  
Clause C

**Currently Reads As:**

All voting in representative elections is by secret ballot.

**Proposed Amendment:**

All voting in representative elections is by secret ballot **of the Student Assembly**.

**Rationale:**

A secret ballot could refer to a ballot of anyone it is necessary to declare the group of which the ballot will be distributed to. This avoids any issues with misinterpretation either by accident or on purpose.

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**AMENDMENT NO.** 2020-2021 #10

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sydney Dankert

**Article and Section:**

Article IV - Associate Membership: Section 7

**Currently Reads As:**

7. The total number of associate members should be responsive to circumstance; therefore no limit on the number of associate members shall be imposed except at the discretion of the President.

**Proposed Amendment:**

7. The total number of associate members should be responsive to circumstance; therefore no limit on the number of associate members shall be imposed except at the discretion of the President **of the Undergraduate Student Government.**

**Rationale:**

The President could refer to a President of \_\_\_\_\_ it is necessary to declare that the position is within USG.