



SB #23/24-05: SUUSA Position Academic Requirements Amendments

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Be it enacted by the SUUSA Student Senate assembled:

1. *Section 1:* The purpose of this legislation is to amend the SUUSA Governing Bylaws to be more inclusive concerning academic eligibility in certain circumstances. The purpose of this legislation is to also amend and correct certain textual and grammatical errors and irregularities.
2. *Section 2:* The Senate finds:
 - a. That the GPA and credit requirements to fill a SUUSA position currently in the SUUSA Governing Bylaws lack reasonable flexibility for certain circumstances and may be in contradiction to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its principles;
 - b. That an amendment to the Governing Bylaws that includes a clause for academic flexibility, in certain circumstances, would help create more inclusive and less barring requirements to participate in a SUUSA position;
 - c. That the current requirement to hold a 3.0 or 2.75 GPA to fill a SUUSA position is too barring of a standard and out to be replaced with a 2.5 GPA requirement;
 - d. And that certain textual irregularities, ambiguities, and mismentions in

Article I of the Governing Bylaws ought to be clarified and expanded on for the sake of clarity and cohesion.

3. *Section 3*: The following sections of *ARTICLE I: SUUSA Governance* of the *Governing Bylaws of the Southern Utah University Student Association* shall be changed to read:

- a. SECTION 1: The governance of SUUSA is ~~comprised~~ composed of elected and appointed officials. These officials are: the Executive Council ~~and~~; the Student Senate; the Judicial Council; and all other boards, committees, commissions, councils, and other governing bodies established by the SUUSA Constitution or these Governing Bylaws. ~~Members of the Executive Council must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. All other elected and appointed members of SUUSA must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75-2.5 on a 4.0 scale. In certain circumstances SUUSA may grant a probationary period (Section 3). The Director of Student Involvement (or equivalent) shall, on the recommendation or requirement of the Disability Resource Center, waive the GPA and/or credit requirements for a student to fill a position within SUUSA.~~ Collectively these representatives are referred to as "SUUSA Student Government" throughout this document.
- b. SECTION 2: In order to be eligible to apply for an appointed position, run for an elected office, and/or hold and maintain any elected or appointed position or office within SUUSA Student Government, an individual must:
 - A. Be matriculated as a student at SUU;
 - B. Subject to the provisions in the SUUSA Governance Bylaws, be enrolled in and complete at all times a minimum of twelve [12] semester hours as an Undergraduate student or six [6] semester hours as a Graduate student, unless the Director of Student Involvement waives such requirements through the procedure found in Article I, Section 1;
 - C. Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.75-2.5~~ (3.0 for Executive Council) on a 4.0 scale to apply for and/or run for an elected or appointed position. During the academic year, elected and appointed officials shall maintain a ~~2.75-2.5~~ (3.0 for Executive Council) minimum semester GPA, unless the Director of Student Involvement waives such requirements through the procedure found in Article I, Section 1; and,
 - D. Must be in good standing with University Conduct.

4. *Section 5*: The Judicial Vice President shall update and publish the Governing Bylaws upon passage and signing of this legislation.

5. *Section 6*: This legislation shall take effect immediately.

Votes in favor: 12 Votes in opposition: 0 Votes in abstention: 0

Certification of passage:

x Alexis Mccliff
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President of the Senate

Attestation of passage:

x Andrew Erickson
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Parliamentarian of the Senate

Presidential Approval:

x Carson Brown
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SUUSA Student Body President