



SB #23/24-10: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Bylaw Enactment

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Parliamentarian note: Needs 3/4ths vote for passage as required by Article V of the SUUSA Governing Bylaws.

Be it enacted by the SUUSA Student Senate assembled:

1. *Section 1:* The purpose of this legislation is to enact a set of bylaws in the SUUSA Governing Bylaws to establish the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.
2. *Section 2:* The Senate finds that:
 - a. There is crucial importance in fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment on the SUU campus;
 - b. It is important to continue fulfilling the duties of Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Council in their mission of working to address the needs and concerns of underrepresented and marginalized student communities;

- c. In keeping with the procedure of the SUUSA Constitution in officially enacting change through the Student Senate, the Governing Bylaws ought to be updated to reflect the establishment of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee to better govern and set precedent for subsequent SUUSA leadership.
3. *Section 3: Action 1: The following section of Section 2 of Article III: Student Senate Policy of the Governing Bylaws of the Southern Utah University Student Association shall be enacted to reflect the changes as found in "Attachment A" below.*
 4. *Section 4: Action 2:*
 - a. The Judicial Vice President shall update and publish the Governing Bylaws to reflect the changes made by this legislation as soon as practicably possible using any reasonable means.
 5. *Section 5: This legislation shall take effect immediately.*

Attachment A:

E. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council (also referred to as the "DEI Council") shall be chaired by the Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. The Committee shall:

- a. Be composed of the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Vice President of Clubs, at least one (1) Academic Senator from the Student Senate, at least one (1) Special Interest Representative from the Student Senate, and one member of the Judicial Council. All members of the Committee shall be voting members, with the exception of the members of the Judicial Council, unless the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion deems it

appropriate for that member to vote;

- b. Have its additional membership and Student Senate member selection jointly determined by the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Vice President of Academics;
- c. Hold meetings on a weekly basis unless extenuating circumstances delay the committee's meeting;
- d. Coordinate and organize diversity trainings, workshops, and events that educate on and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in SUUSA and registered SUU organizations and clubs;
- e. When deemed necessary and appropriate, to coordinate with the Center for Diversity and Inclusion on events or initiatives related to the mission of the Council;
- f. Keep a record of its agendas and proceedings; and,
- g. Carry out all other reasonable and related duties assigned by the Student Senate or by the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Council.

Votes in favor: 13 Votes in opposition: 0 Votes in abstention: 0

Certification of passage:

X 
Alexis McCliff

President of the Senate

Attestation of passage:

X 

Andrew Erickson

Parliamentarian of the Senate

Presidential Approval:

X 

Carson Brown

SUUSA Student Body President