

Resolution 6/2

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Fall Semester

The University of Wisconsin System
Student Representatives

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**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution
University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives.**

Whereas, the UW Student System Representatives has failed to meet quorum twice,

Whereas, failing to meet quorum seriously stalls the ability of the UW Student System Representatives to accomplish its mission,

Therefore be it resolved, that the UW Student System Representatives adopts the changes made by the Strategic Planning Committee,

Therefore be it finally resolved, that these amendments shall not come into effect unless passed by the UW Student System Representatives and ratified by a majority of campus student governments,

Constitution of the University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives



Adopted on October 5th, 2012 at UW-Eau Claire

Amended on October 5th, 2013 at UW-River Falls

Amended on April 12th, 2014 at UW-La Crosse

Amended on April 29th, 2017 at UW-Fox Valley

Amended on March 3rd, 2018 at UW-Waukesha

Amended on April 28th 2018 at UW-Platteville

Amended on November 10th, 2018 at UW-Stevens Point at Wausau

This Constitution Consists of **Five **Six** Chapters:**

Chapter I: Name

Chapter II: Nondiscrimination

Chapter III: Membership

Chapter IV: ~~Meetings and~~ Procedure

Chapter V: Meetings and Summits

Chapter VI: Adoption and Amendments

Chapter I: Name

Section 1: The name of this body shall be the University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives, **known hereinafter as the Student Representatives.**

Chapter II: Nondiscrimination

Section 1: The ~~University of Wisconsin System~~ Student Representatives shall not discriminate on the basis or intersections of race, color, creed, religion or lack thereof, religious affiliation or place of worship, spiritual beliefs, tribal identity or affiliation, cultural beliefs or practices, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability or diverse ability and accommodations, marital status, pregnancy, parental or guardian status, country or nation of origin, nationality or allegiance to nations, citizenship status, immigration status, political ideology, military service, medical history, genetic history, ancestry, age, height, weight, size or shape, presentation or appearance, primary or first language, proficiency of language, vocal or non-vocal expression, arrest or conviction record, academic history, academic concentration, Wisconsin residency status, housing status or arrangement, occupation, class, amount or source of income, financial dependency, government dependency, transfer status, continuing studies status, returning status, first-generation status, nontraditional status, part-time status, or known relationship to anyone in any of these protected classes or intersections thereof, unless pursuant to an exception recognized by state or federal law.

Chapter III: Membership

Section 1: The campus or campuses of each University of Wisconsin System institution shall have membership in the Student Representatives.

Section 2 1: Each campus ~~represented in this body~~ shall have two permanent representatives: the two highest-ranking students in the student government of each campus. The highest-ranking student in the student government of each

campus may appoint and dismiss such additional representatives as they deem proper. However, all appointed representatives must hold elected or appointed office in the student government of their campus.

Section 3 2: Each campus shall have one vote, which shall be cast by the highest-ranking representative present.

Chapter IV: ~~Meetings and Procedure~~

Section 1: The ~~body~~ Student Representatives shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair for each session. ~~It shall establish such additional officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions and determine its rules and procedures. The body shall also establish the necessary officers, rules and procedures for all boards, commissions and committees it may establish.~~ The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Student Representatives and shall have no vote unless the campuses present and voting are equally divided. The Vice Chair shall assume the powers and duties of the Chair in their absence.

Section 2: The Student Representatives may also establish such subsidiary bodies and officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

~~**Section 2:** The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the body and shall have no vote unless the campuses present and voting are equally divided. The Chair shall also be the chief administrative officer and principal representative of the body. The Vice Chair shall be presiding officer of the body in the absence of the Chair and shall hold the same duties and rights when acting as such.~~

Chapter V: Meetings and Summits

Section 1 3: Regular meetings of the Student Representatives ~~body~~ shall be held no less than ~~five~~ four times per year. ~~and the body may hold extraordinary meetings may be convened at the request of a majority of the campuses of the body.~~ The dates and locations of all meetings shall be determined by the Chair. ~~in consultation with the body.~~

Section 2 4: The presence of a ~~majority of all campuses of the body~~ campus or campuses from a majority of institutions shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. Any campus of an institution being present counts towards the presence of the institution. For institutions with multiple campuses present, each campus maintains full voting and speaking rights. Campuses may be present either in-person or by teleconference.

Section 3: Meetings of the Student Representatives may be convened either in-person or by teleconference; all meetings ~~of the body and of its boards, commissions and committees~~ shall be run according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and adhere to the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the Wisconsin Open Records Law. ~~and any custom rules that the body may adopt.~~

Section 4: The Student Representatives may also convene summits in addition to its meetings. The Chair shall determine the dates and locations of any such summits; all summits shall be convened in-person.

Chapter VI: Adoption and Amendment

Section 1: This Constitution shall be adopted after a majority vote of the campuses present.

Section 2: ~~Any and all a~~ Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any campus for discussion ~~in the body~~ and, if an amendment gains a three-fourths majority vote of the campuses present, the amendment shall be presented to the campus student governments for their ratification. Only upon ratification by a majority of campus student governments within six months of passage by the Student Representatives ~~body~~, under such procedures as each student government shall establish, shall the proposed amendment be adopted and enter into immediate effect.