

# Constitution of the University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives



**Preamble:** This body, through the power of shared governance, enables student government leaders to collaborate and advocate for policies and actions that better represent the needs and interests of all University of Wisconsin System students.

## **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

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

Chapter I: Name

Chapter II: Nondiscrimination

Chapter III: Membership

Chapter IV: Meetings and Procedure

Chapter V: Adoption and Amendments

### **Chapter I: Name**

**Section 1:** The name of this body shall be the University of Wisconsin System 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:** 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 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 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.

**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.

**Section 3:** Regular meetings of the body shall be held no less than least five times per year and the body may hold extraordinary meetings 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 4:** The presence of a majority of all campuses of the body shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. 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, the Wisconsin Open Records Law and any custom rules that the body may adopt.

## **Chapter V: Adoption and Amendment**

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

**Section 2:** Any and all 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 body, under such procedures as each student government shall establish, shall the proposed amendment be adopted and enter into immediate effect.