A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION, THE SOUTHERN METHODIST
UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS, AND THE STUDENT SENATE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, FOR THE CREATION OF INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENTS

WHEREAS  the SMU Student Body Constitution currently provides for
the position of the Student Body Vice President, which
currently serves as the coordinator of activities of Student
Senate,

RECOGNIZING  the opportunity for development if the Vice-President
position was further distinguished between Internal and
External Vice-President positions and,

RECOGNIZING  the internal need for the role of an officer accountable for
comprehensive auditing procedures of all Student Senate
financial responsibilities, as well as the Student Senate
budget, and implementation of Student Senate legislation
and,

RECOGNIZING  the external need for an external relations officer
responsible for orchestrating enhanced relationships and
opportunities for collaboration, especially between SMU
and the Dallas community, alumni, and other institutions of
higher education institutions and their affiliate student
governments and,

ACKNOWLEDGING  the success of such models at cohort Universities, as
exemplified by TCU student government, which functions
with a Vice President of Operations, a Vice President of
External Affairs, and a Treasurer and, and Baylor
University which functions with an Internal Vice President,
an External Vice President and an Attorney General
(Appendix A)

BE IT THEREFORE  that the Southern Methodist University Student Body
RESOLVED  Constitution be amended in the following ways:

1. That the following quotation bound text be inserted as a
new Article III Section 2:

a. “Section 2. The Internal Vice-President

The Vice-President for Internal Affairs of the
Student Body shall:

1. Serve as the coordinator of all internal
activities of the Student Senate not
specifically allocated to another officer
by this Constitution, the SMU Student
Senate By-Laws, or the Student Senate
Policies and Procedures, including but
not limited to;

   a. The organization of: the annual
      Student Senate Banquet,
      Fall/Spring Senate Training, The
      Student Senate Retreat, Student
      Senate Chamber seating
      arrangements, Student Senate
      and SMU Administration
      Reception, awards, coordinate
      the nomination process for
      Student Senate awards including,
      but not limited to, the annual
      Faculty and Staff awards, and the
      coordination of the preparation of
      Officer and Committee Chair
      turnover binders;

2. Receive from the Comptroller and
   update the Student Senate on reports
   regarding the state of the Students’
   Associations accounts, maintaining
   accurate records of these accounts; and
   facilitating communication and
   coordination between (1) those
   responsible for those accounts, (2) the
   Executive Committee, and (3) the
   Student Senate, including the
   responsibility to:

   i. Oversee accountability
      mechanisms for Student
      Senate funding, ensuring
funds are responsibility utilized by organizations once allocated;

ii. Audit the Investments Committee to ensure prudent management of the Student Senate investment accounts;

iii. Review the status of the Endowment prior to Scholarship allocations, to ensure scholarship funds are appropriately allocated and dispersed.

3. Prepare and present a comprehensive Student Senate budget, including all Committee budgets, to the Student Senate for amendment and approval unless the Student Senate provides otherwise in its By-Laws;

4. Serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Student Senate;

5. Serve as the Presiding Officer of the Student Senate for the first meeting of the new term, voting only in case of a tie, and in the absence of the Student Senate Speaker and Student Senate Parliamentarian oversee the election of an Acting Speaker from amongst the Student Senators present in the manner provided in the SMU Student Senate By-Laws for the election of the Speaker;

6. Assist all officers in overseeing the execution of all pieces of legislation passed by the Student Senate and all Student Senate business;

7. Serve as the head of the liaison process between Senators and all chartered organizations, including:

   i. Provide liaison senators with all appropriate communication materials
ii. Ensure liaisons are attending at least one organization meeting each semester, and assisting the liaison organizations throughout the finance process, when necessary;

8. Perform the duties of the President in the President’s absence;

9. Succeed the President upon vacancy in office;

10. Be the officer to whom all references to the position of Student Body Vice-President in all still valid prior legislation of the SMU Student Senate and any of the governing documents of the SMU Student Body or the SMU Student Senate shall apply;

11. Assist the Student Body Secretary in planning of the calendar for each semester.

2. That the following quotation bound text be inserted as a new Article III Section 3:

a. “Section 3. The External Vice-President

The Vice-President for External Affairs of the Student Body shall:

1. Coordinate the Student Senate’s external engagements and interaction with the greater Dallas community and affiliated entities, included but not limited to the City of Dallas, the Town of Highland Park, and the Town of University Park;

2. Build and foster relationships within the SMU community and student organizations through outreach and awareness initiatives to SMU students, alumni, faculty, staff, and administrators;

3. Pursue lobbying initiatives on behalf of the Southern Methodist University
169 Student Body regarding pertinent issues
170 before the Texas Legislature and the
171 Federal Government;
172 4. Correspond with the Student
173 Governments and administrations of
174 other institutions of higher learning and
175 athletic conferences, regarding spirit-
176 related collaborations and to consult on
177 the procedure for coordinated joint
178 initiatives;
179 5. Oversee and foster the public relations
180 and external media engagements of the
181 Student Senate;
182 6. Serve as chair of any Political Action
183 and Community Engagement Committee
184 the Student Senate sees fit to summon or
185 create;
186 7. Regularly report to the Student Senate
187 information concerning the public
188 relations of the Student’s Association.”
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190 BE IT FURTHER
191 RESOLVED that the references to the title of Student Body Vice-
192 President in the Southern Methodist University Student
193 Body Constitution, The Southern Methodist University
194 Student Senate By-Laws, and The Student Senate Policies
195 and Procedures be changed to reflect the change in title and
196 responsibilities from a single Student Body Vice-President
197 to the two positions of Internal Vice-President and External
198 Vice-President in the manner outlined in Appendix B of
199 this resolution if the constitutional amendments proposed
200 above and in Appendix B of this resolution are approved by
201 a three-quarters vote of the Student Senate and a two-thirds
202 vote of the voting student body.

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Appendix A: Comparison of Vice-President Structure between SMU Student Senate and Student Government at Baylor and TCU

Baylor University Student Body Constitution Article III, Section III - DUTIES AND POWERS:

Par. 2. The Internal Vice President shall:
A. Enforce this Constitution;
B. Serve as the presiding officer of the Legislative Branch and shall be empowered, with the advice of the Senatorial Executive Council, to set legislative policies and agenda not otherwise specified in the Student Senate By-Laws;
C. May request for the Student Government Programming Enhancement Fund by working with the Director of Finance in the division of Office of the Vice President according to the proposal drafted by the Internal Vice President and abide by the Student Senate Bylaws Section 2.8.
D. Be empowered to appoint and remove the chairs of the standing committees of Student Senate, and shall preside over the Senatorial Executive Council;
E. Assign allocation requests within five business days of receiving the request;
F. Have no vote in Senate, unless Senate is equally divided;
G. Carry on the duties of the Student Body President when he or she is unable to perform them due to illness or unexpected circumstances;
H. Post a minimum of twelve (12) office hours, which he or she shall be required to hold each five-day school week;
I. Be subject to the Executive Branch By-Laws.

Par. 3. The External Vice President shall:
A. Enforce this Constitution;
B. Coordinate Student Government public relations with the Student Body, alumni, administration, faculty, staff, the greater Waco community, other universities, and the media;
C. Be empowered to establish an External Vice President Cabinet and special committees to aid in the execution of his or her duty:
   i. The Cabinet of the External Vice President shall not exceed eight (8) members;
   ii. Members of this cabinet shall be confirmed by the Operations and Procedures Committee via unanimous vote and are subject to the same qualifications, rights, and duties for which an agent of Student Government is responsible;
   iii. There shall be an ex-officio liaison from Student Senate to the External Vice President Cabinet
D. Keep Senate regularly apprised of all information concerning external relations;
E. Post a minimum of twelve (12) office hours, which he or she shall be required to hold each five-day school week;
F. Be subject to the Executive Branch By-Laws;
G. Appoint a Student Government Communications Director with discussion of other Student Body Officers
Constitution of The Student Body, Texas Christian University, Article III:

Section 6. The Vice President of Operations shall have the following powers and duties:
A. To coordinate the internal activities of the Student Government Association;
B. To represent the Cabinet and build relationships with each respective branch by continually meeting with student leaders;
C. To assume the powers and responsibilities of the President at the President’s request or in case of the President’s temporary absence;
D. To coordinate all events and retreats sponsored by SGA including, but not limited To, Inauguration and the SGA banquet at the end of each semester;
E. To coordinate publicity within SGA;
F. To represent the Student Body at meetings of Intercom;
G. To coordinate the nomination process for SGA awards;
H. To conduct SGA sponsored services;
I. To chair the Campus Advancement Committee

Section 7. The Vice President of External Affairs shall have the following powers and duties:
A. To foster community outreach by engaging within the city of Fort Worth;
B. To build relationships with TCU student organizations outside of Student Government;
C. To promote Student Government to the Student Body, faculty, staff and alumni;
D. To represent the Student Body at meetings of Intercom

Section 8. The Treasurer shall have the following powers and duties:
A. To serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Student Body;
B. To keep an accurate record of all financial matters concerning the Student Body Fund;
C. To prepare an annual budget for the Student Government Association;
D. To prepare and publish a financial overview of the Student Government Association at least once per month;
E. To disperse money from the Student Body Fund following appropriations enacted by the House of Representatives and Cabinet;
F. To advise the President on the fiscal responsibility of the Student Government Association;
G. To oversee all other financial activities of the Student Government Association.
Appendix B: Necessary Changes to the SMU Student Body Constitution, the SMU Student Senate By-Laws, and the Student Senate Policies and Procedures

The Southern Methodist University Student Body Constitution shall be amended in the following ways:

1. That Article III Section 2 be deleted in its entirety.
2. That the text “, the Vice-President,” be deleted from Article II, Section 3(1) and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “, the Internal Vice-President, the External Vice-President.”.
3. That the text “Vice-President,” be deleted from Article IV, Section 4(a) and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “, the Internal Vice-President, the External Vice-President.”.
4. That the text “Vacancy in the Office of Vice President or Secretary,” be deleted from Article IV, Section 6(3) and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “Vacancy in the Office of Internal Vice-President, External Vice-President, or Secretary”.
5. That the text “Upon the vacancy in the Office of Vice-President or Secretary:” be deleted from Article IV, Section 6(3) and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “Upon a vacancy in the office of Internal Vice-President, External Vice-President, or Secretary:”.
6. That the current Article III Section 3 be renumbered as Article III Section 4.
7. That the current Article III Section 4 be renumbered as Article III Section 5.

The Southern Methodist University Student Senate By-Laws shall be amended in the following ways:

1. That the all instances of the word “Vice” be deleted from:
   a. Article I Section 3(1)(b);
   b. Article I Section 3(1)(f);
   c. Article I Section 7;
   d. Article IV Section 3(2);
   e. Article IV Section 3(4);
   f. Article IV Section 4(3);
   g. Article IV Section 4(5);
   h. Article V Section 4(1);
   i. Article V Section 4(2)(b);
   j. Article V Section 4(3)(b);
   k. Article V Section 4(4)(e)(ii)(3);
   l. Article V Section 12;
   m. Article V Section 14(1);
   n. Article V Section 14(2)(a);
   o. Article V Section 14(2)(b);
   p. Article V Section 14(3);
   q. Article V Section 14(4);
   r. Article IX Section 1(6);
and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “Internal Vice”.

The Southern Methodist University Student Senate Policies and Procedures shall be amended in the following ways:

1. That the all instances of the word "Vice" be deleted from:
   a. Article III(1);  
   b. Article X(1);  
   s. Article X(4);  
   and replaced by the following quotation mark bound text “Internal Vice”.