

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF07
SENATE BILL NO. GF07-36

AS INTRODUCED

An Act amending the Graduate Student Senate By-Laws, GF07-23, to conform the By-Laws to GF07-XX, the “Graduate Student Senate By-Laws Act of 2007 Defined Terms Amendment”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT SENATE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the “Graduate Student Senate By-Laws Act of 2007 Conforming Amendment”.

SECTION 2. Stricken words or phrases are shown by strikethrough and added words or phrases are shown by italics.

SECTION 3. Section 4.B.1.a.ii, the expulsion of Senators for attendance violations, is amended as follows:

In the event that a Senator accrues more than ~~two Unexcused~~ *three* Absences at regularly scheduled Meetings per semester or more than ~~two Unexcused~~ *three* Absences at regularly scheduled Committee Meetings per semester, the Senator may be expelled from the Senate. The EC shall first inform both the Senator in question and the Senator’s Graduate Liaison through email. The affected Department shall be given ten days from the date of notification to take Appropriate, Curative Action. During this time, the EC may prepare Legislation that will expel the Senator in question. If Appropriate, Curative Action is not taken, then the expulsion Legislation, passed by a majority of the EC, shall be brought before the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Meeting.

SECTION 4. Section 4.B.1.c., the expulsion of Senators, is amended as follows:

A two-thirds *majority* vote of the *Senate Active Membership* is required to expel a Senator from the Senate.

SECTION 5. Section 7.B.4, pertaining to officer elections, is amended as follows:

Elections shall be conducted with a plurality *vote of the Active Membership* needed to win.

SECTION 6. Sections 14.A.1.c and 14.A.2.a, pertaining to the Dismissal of Elected Officers or Committee Chairs is amended as follows:

- A. An elected officer or committee chair may be dismissed by the following procedures:
 - 1. Committee Chair
 - a. A majority vote of the effected committee is sufficient to remove the committee chair or
 - b. The EC may remove a committee chair with a three-fourths majority vote.
 - c. The effected committee chair may appeal either the committee's or EC's decision to the Senate. The appeal must pass by a two-thirds majority *of the Active Membership* or the dismissal decision stands.
 - 2. Elected Officer
 - a. By a two-thirds vote, the EC may send a resolution to the Senate recommending dismissal. Until the Senate has voted on the matter, the officer shall be temporarily relieved of all duties and authority. The resolution shall be the first order of new business at the next Meeting. A two-thirds majority vote *of the Active Membership* shall be required to remove the officer.

SECTION 7. Section 15 Amendments to the UOSA Constitution and the Senate By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

- A. Any Senator may propose an amendment to the UOSA Constitution.
 - 1. The proposed amendment to the UOSA Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the EC at least one meeting in advance of the consideration of the amendment.
 - 2. Any amendment shall require a two-thirds majority vote *of the Active Membership* to pass.
 - 3. The amendment, once passed, shall be forwarded to the Congress for consideration.
- B. By-Laws not in conflict with the UOSA Constitution may be adopted by the Senate membership.
 - 1. The Senate By-Laws are to be attached to and considered an integral part of the UOSA Constitution.
 - 2. Any Senator may propose amendments to the By-Laws.
 - a. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the EC at least one meeting in advance of the consideration of the amendment.
 - b. Moreover, any proposed amendment to the By-Laws must be written and typed in such a way that clearly indicates the proposed changes to the By-Laws. This includes the use of italic and strikethrough font to indicate additions and eliminations, respectively.
 - c. Passage of ~~an~~ *a By-Law* amendment shall require a two-thirds majority vote *of the Active Membership* to pass.
 - 3. Any Graduate Student may initiate a referendum procedure by providing a petition signed by two hundred Graduate Students.

SECTION 8. Section 18, Standing Rules of Order, is amended as follows:

- A. The Senate may adopt Standing Rules of Order to govern procedure by a two-thirds ~~vote~~ *majority vote of the Active Membership*.
- B. The Senate may, from time to time, amend the Standing Rules of Order by a two-thirds ~~vote~~ *majority vote of the Active Membership*.

