

Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Student Government

An amendment to the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution.

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Article and Section: Article VIII, Section 2

Proposed Amendment:

Section 2 – Parliamentarian

1. The Parliamentarian has the charge of interpreting the constitution and bylaws of the Student Assembly ~~in the event that a dispute arises~~. If a dispute occurs, the Parliamentarian is to report their recommendation to the Undergraduate Student Government. A review by the Parliamentarian can be requested by any Undergraduate Student Government representative or officer.
2. The Parliamentarian's recommendation shall be considered final **unless the Undergraduate Student Government exercises the right to overrule the recommendation. Overruling the Parliamentarian requires a two-third's majority vote.** ~~however, the Undergraduate Student Government shall maintain the right to overrule the recommendation of the Parliamentarian by a two-thirds majority vote. The recommendation shall then be referred to the Judiciary Committee for an additional recommendation variant in either purpose or result from the presented recommendation and supported by two thirds of the Judiciary committee. This process is to be repeated until the Undergraduate Student Government no longer overrules the recommendation.~~ **If the Parliamentarian's recommendation is overruled, three options shall be presented to the Undergraduate Student Government.**
 - a. **No action is taken against the Parliamentarian for their recommendation**
 - b. **Any two representatives can request a review by Personnel of the Parliamentarian for their recommendation**
 - c. **Any one representative or officer can request an alternative recommendation from the Judiciary Committee, which shall meet at the earliest opportunity. The active motion shall be tabled until the Judiciary Committee can present an alternative recommendation.**
3. The Parliamentarian shall be internally elected by the Undergraduate Student Government and must be a representative of the Undergraduate Student Government.
4. **The Parliamentarian can be stripped of their position by recommendation of the Personnel**

committee if a review is requested. The representative ~~will still be~~ may remain on the Undergraduate Student Government body, unless further action is taken by the Undergraduate Student Body, and a new Parliamentarian shall be elected.

- a. If the Personnel Committee reviews an acting Parliamentarian instead of the actual Parliamentarian, any sanctions will apply to the acting Parliamentarian. The committee may also choose to review the actual Parliamentarian if needed.

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Article and Section: Article VIII, Section 3

Proposed Amendment:

Section 3 – Authority

1. The Undergraduate Student Government, pending the required approval procedures, has the power to order the disbursement of funds to the Student Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee.
2. Protests concerning the constitutionality of acts performed by the Undergraduate Student Government or one of its duly appointed officials may be lodged with the Judiciary Committee.
3. The Undergraduate Student Government has the power to interpret the constitution and bylaws, except as provided for in Article IX, Section 3. Initial charge of this interpretation is given to the Parliamentarian whose recommendation can be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Undergraduate Student Government.
 - a. If the Parliamentarian is absent, the initial charge of the interpretation shall be given to the representative on the Judiciary Committee for the full duration of the meeting.
4. The Undergraduate Student Government has the power to impeach its officers, representatives, or duly appointed officials on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.
5. Impeachment proceedings may be opened by a two-thirds vote of the Undergraduate Student Government membership at a regular meeting. Removal from office may then take place by a vote of two-thirds of Undergraduate Student Government representatives not under impeachment consideration.
6. If impeachment charges are brought against more than one Undergraduate Student Government member, then the removal of each must be voted upon separately.
7. The Undergraduate Student Government reserves the right, at any time, to establish standing, issue, and ad-hoc committees as the need arises.