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A Bill to Reform the Student Trustee Selection Process

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- Whereas:** The committee to nominate Student Members of the Board of Trustees is large and has almost solely Associated Student Government representation;
- Whereas:** The ASG Bylaws do not currently reflect the state of Ohio-approved procedures for nomination;
- Whereas:** Student Trustees serve a vital role as the only student voice on the highest governing body of the institution;
- Whereas:** The selection process has greatly varied from year to year;
- Whereas:** The Student Trustees should have more input in the selection process;
- Whereas:** When the election for SAC seats has occurred in the past several years, it has occurred in the fall;
- Whereas:** Oftentimes, priorities and commitments change for ASG members during the summer;
- Whereas:** This election bylaw is vague and confusing;
- Therefore be it resolved:** The ASG Bylaws shall be amended to reflect the following edits.
- Further Be It Resolved:** The process outlined in this change of the bylaws will be the process for the 2017 nomination. Following this year's nominations, the Student Senate and the Student Trustees will revisit the process before selecting the next Student Trustee in 2018 with the purpose of deciding how to better represent diverse students, particularly international students.

SECTION 607

Nominations of Candidates for **the Student Trustees** ~~Non-Voting Student Seats~~ on the Board of Trustees



607.A. Each year the Student Trustee Selection Committee shall nominate students to fill the student seat on the Board of Trustees that has just been vacated. The Selection Committee shall consist of ~~ten~~ **15** members ~~appointed by the Student Body President and approved by Senate.~~

1. This membership must include the Student Body ~~Vice~~ President, Chief of Staff (~~ex-officio, voting only in a tie~~), Chief Justice of the Student Court, Speaker of the Student Senate, Secretary for Academic Affairs, ~~and~~ Secretary for Diversity Affairs, ~~two~~ **Senators nominated and approved by the Senate**, and the two current **Student Trustees student members of the Board of Trustees.** ~~The Student Body President appoints six at large members, three of which must be members of Student Senate.~~

2. ~~Senators will have the opportunity to nominate any Senator. If the nomination is seconded and the nominated Senator accepts, the Senator will officially be nominated. After all nominations have been said, the nominees will have two minutes to present and two minutes to answer questions. After all nominations have presented and answered questions, the Senate will debate and vote on their nominees. The two nominees with the most votes will be the nominees.~~

607.B. Before the end of the first semester of every school year, the Selection Committee shall nominate, ~~at the most,~~ five candidates for the **Student Trustee open nonvoting student** seat on Miami's Board of Trustees and forward the nominations to the Governor of the State of Ohio, using the following procedure outlined below.

607.C. The Chief of Staff will draft an application form that, with the approval of Selection Committee will be made available to any Miami undergraduate or graduate student wishing to be considered for nomination to the Governor for the open **Student Trustee position nonvoting student seat** on the Board of Trustees.

1. To be nominated for and to serve on the Board of Trustees as a nonvoting student member, a student must be in good academic standing with Miami University and must remain as such throughout the entire nomination period and the entire term of service on the Board. Students from the Hamilton and Middletown campuses need only be part-time students to be eligible. To be nominated and to serve on the Board of Trustees, a student must also be 18 years of age and a resident of the State of Ohio. Nominees must be physically present at the Oxford or regional campuses during the fall and spring semesters and must remain as such throughout the entire nomination period and the entire term of service on the board. A student must also agree to resign should he or she fail to meet any of the requirements stated above during his or her term as a **Student Trustee nonvoting of student member of the Board.**

2. Students from the Hamilton and Middletown campuses shall not be excluded from the Board of Trustees selection procedure. Notice that the Selection Committee will be selecting students for the nomination to the Governor for the **Student Trustee nonvoting**



~~student seat~~ on the Board of Trustees must be widely publicized on all three campuses for at least four weeks prior to the deadline for application.

607.D. Submitted applications shall be given to all the members of the Selection Committee for their consideration.

607.E. At the applicant's interview ~~a meeting of the Selection Committee~~, all the applicants will have the opportunity to give a ~~two minute introduction~~ ~~three minute~~ speech to the members of the ~~Committee Council~~. Each interview will last at least fifteen minutes and at most twenty minutes. All applicants will be given at least one week's notification before this meeting.

607.F. After each applicant's speech, members of the Selection Committee may question the applicant.

1. Anytime between the publication of the application and a week before the first interview, Senators may submit questions to ask to the nominees to the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff will compile these questions and give them to the Committee. The Committee will choose at least four of these questions to be asked by the Chief of Staff during the interview of each applicant.

607.G. After all speeches have been given and all questions have been asked, the Selection Committee will discuss the merits of the applicants and then vote. The Selection Committee will vote on the applicants, resulting in ~~no more than~~ 5 persons recommended to the Governor. The results of the balloting will be announced at the same Selection Committee meeting.

1. If a member of the Selection Committee is not able to attend even one interview, that person will not be able to vote at all. Given the severity of this requirement, the chair will take a great deal of care in setting a time for interviews.

607.H. In the event that a Student Trustee ~~nonvoting student member~~ cannot fulfill the requirements set by the Board of Trustees ~~his or her term on Miami's Board of Trustees~~, this same procedure will be followed in order for nominees to fill the vacant seat and be forwarded to the Governor as soon as possible.

607.I. In the event that a Student Trustee cannot fulfill the requirements set by the Board of Trustees ~~In the event that a vacancy occurs~~ during the summer, the Student Body President and the two current Student Trustees will nominate; ~~at most~~, five students with the approval of Executive Cabinet.

607.J. If a mandated member of the Selection Committee chooses to apply for nomination, the Student Body President may appoint another at large member.

607.L. The Selection Committee can be expanded to ~~up to 18 members to~~ include one representative ~~s~~ from each of the following groups: the Hamilton campus' student government, the Middletown campus' student government, and the Graduate Student Association. ~~of the Hamilton and Middletown Campuses' student governments, as well as the Graduate Student Association.~~

