

1 THE BY-LAWS OF
2 THE WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
3 *RATIFIED BY THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 2ST, 2009*

4 **TITLE I**
5 *THE WSUSA EXECUTIVE BRANCH*

6 **Section A: Duties and Responsibilities of the WSUSA President**

- 7 1. The WSUSA President shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, obligations, goals and restrictions as
8 outlined in the WSUSA Presidential Contract. The contract is to be signed each year, no later than the first business day
9 in May, and shall be in full effect until such time as a new President is sworn in or May 1st of the preceding year.

10 **Section B: Duties and Responsibilities of the WSUSA Legislative Vice President**

- 11 1. The WSUSA Legislative Vice President shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, obligations, goals
12 and restrictions as outlined in the WSUSA Legislative Vice President Contract. The contract is to be signed each year,
13 no later than the first business day in May, and shall be in full effect until such time as a new Vice President is sworn in
14 or May 1st of the preceding year.
- 15 2. The WSUSA Legislative Vice President may also be referred to as the Senate President within this document.

16 **Section C: Duties and Responsibilities of the WSUSA Programming Vice President**

- 17 1. The WSUSA Programming Vice President shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, obligations, goals
18 and restrictions as outlined in the WSUSA Programming Vice President Contract. The contract is to be signed each
19 year, no later than the first business day in May, and shall be in full effect until such time as a new Vice President is
20 sworn in or May 1st of the preceding year.

21 **Section D: Duties and responsibilities of the WSUSA Campus, Community, and Diversity Vice President**

- 22 1. The WSUSA Campus, Community, and Diversity Vice President shall be responsible for complying with all
23 requirements, obligations, goals and restrictions as outlined in the WSUSA Campus, Community, and Diversity Vice
24 President Contract. The contract is to be signed each year, no later than the first business day in May, and shall be in
25 full effect until such time as a new Vice President is sworn in or May 1st of the preceding year.

26 **Section E: Duties and Responsibilities of the Davis Campus and Off-campus Centers Vice President**

- 27 1. The WSUSA Davis Campus & Off-Campus Centers Vice President shall be responsible for complying with all
28 requirements, obligations, goals and restrictions as outlined in the WSUSA Davis Campus & Off-Campus Centers Vice
29 President Contract. The contract is to be signed each year, no later than the first business day in May, and shall be in
30 full effect until such time as a new Vice President is sworn in or May 1st of the preceding year.
- 31 2. The WSUSA Davis Campus & Off-Campus Centers Vice President may also be referred to as the Davis Vice President
32 within this document.

33 **Section F: Compensation**

- 34 1. In accordance with the Financial Policies & Procedures, WSUSA personnel shall be compensated according to
35 the successful completion and fulfillment of their obligations, as determined by a semester evaluation with the
36 appropriate WSUSA executive officer and the Department of Student Involvement and Leadership advisor.

37 **Section G: Procedure for Succession to WSUSA Executive Office**

- 38 1. In the event of the removal, death, resignation, temporary absence, or inability to complete his/her term as
39 WSUSA President, the order of succession shall be:
- 40 a.) Legislative Vice President
41 b.) Davis Campus and Off-campus Centers Vice-President
42 c.) WSUSA Campus, Community, and Diversity Vice-President
43 d.) WSUSA Programming Vice President
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- 45 The new WSUSA President shall then chair a committee consisting of four appointed Senators representing two
46 Senators or Directors from the vacated area, two students at large, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and
47 the Senate Advisor, for the appointment of a new Vice President for the vacancy created.
- 48 2. In the case of the removal of any Vice President from office, or in the event of death, resignation, temporary
49 inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office(s), the WSUSA President shall nominate a
50 replacement and present them to the WSUSA Senate. The Candidate will require a ratifying vote of two-thirds
51 majority for appointment. Said appointment(s) shall serve for the duration of the term of the original Vice
52 President(s), or until the disability be removed.
- 53 3. If an executive office is vacated within 45 calendar days prior to the end of his/her term in office, the remaining
54 executive officers shall carry out the responsibilities of the vacant position.

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TITLE II

THE WSUSA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

57 **Section A: Officially Recognized Constituencies**

- 58 In accordance with the WSUSA Constitution, representation shall be provided for any student recognized as a member
59 of an officially recognized constituency, which shall be defined as a group of students that includes individuals
60 admitted by the WSU Administration and defined within any of the following categories as they are tracked within the
61 University Computer System (Banner):
- 62 1. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Applied Science & Technology as
63 recognized by Weber State University.
- 64 2. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Arts & Humanities as recognized
65 by WSU.
- 66 3. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Business & Economics as
67 recognized by WSU.
- 68 4. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Education as recognized by WSU.
- 69 5. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Health Professions as recognized
70 by WSU.
- 71 6. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Science as recognized by WSU.
- 72 7. All of the students who have declared a major or minor with the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences as
73 recognized by WSU.
- 74 8. All of the students recognized by WSU to have been accepted into the Integrated Studies major and/or been
75 recognized as members of the Honors Program.
- 76 9. All of the students who have been defined by WSU as nontraditional by meeting one of the following:
77 a.) Are currently 25 years old or older
78 b.) Are legally married
79 c.) Has been legally married and I no longer
80 d.) Has a child
81 e.) Is a Veteran
- 82 10. All of the students who have been defined by WSU as traditional and/or have a General Studies major
83 declared.
- 84 11. All of the students who live in the WSU residence halls.
- 85 12. All of the students registered with Services for Students With Disabilities.
- 86 13. All of the students who are United States citizens and who self identify their ethnicity as being African-
87 American.
- 88 14. All of the students who are United States citizens and who self identify their ethnicity as Hispanic.
- 89 15. All of the students who self identify their ethnicity as an American Indian.
- 90 16. All of the students who are United States citizens and who self identify their ethnicity as Asian/Pacific
91 Islander.

- 92 17. All of the students considered by WSU and declared by the students to be international in accordance with
93 current federal regulations.
- 94 18. All of the students who are United States Veterans and declared by the students to be United States Veterans.
- 95 19. All of the students considered by WSU to be Davis Campus enrollees.
- 96 20. All of the students currently rostered on a WSU athletic or WSU club sports team.

97 **Section B: Creation and Retention of a Senate Constituency**

- 98 1. A Constituency is defined as any group of Weber State University students who share a unique community that can be
99 legally tracked within the campus computer system, commonly known as Banner.
- 100 2. All recognized Constituencies must be ratified by the current WSUSA Senate. In order for ratification to take place,
101 students seeking to recognize a constituency that meets the above definition must complete the following:
- 102 a.) Present a petition to the WSUSA Senate bearing at least 150 signatures and names of current Weber
103 State University students who will be members of the constituency seeking recognition.
- 104 b.) Have the WSUSA Senate ratify the constituency by a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate.
- 105 c.) Upon ratification of the Senate, the WSUSA President shall issue a proclamation proclaiming the
106 constituency, unless a veto is issued. If a veto is issued, the above process cannot take place again for 8
107 weeks.
- 108 3. A Senate Seat may be removed by the following:
- 109 a.) Legislation must be introduced to the Senate calling for the removal of the seat in question. As part of
110 this Legislation, the constituency's advisor and the Senate Advisor must be shown in support of the
111 removal. This can be done by attaching a statement from the Advisor to the Legislation.
- 112 1. If one or both of the advisors are not in favor of the Legislation, the Senate President will
113 place the Legislation on the ballot at the next election as a ballot referendum if no
114 students are seeking to be elected to the position in question.
- 115 2. If the Legislation receives 75% of votes cast during the election, the Senate shall consider
116 the seat removed. This may not be vetoed by the WSUSA President, but may be
117 challenged to the Supreme Court if new circumstances or information is brought by the
118 WSUSA President.
- 119 b.) The Senate will then vote on the removal of the seat by a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate.
- 120 c.) Upon ratification of the Senate, the WSUSA President shall issue a proclamation proclaiming the
121 constituency removed of its seat, unless a veto is issued. If a veto is issued the above process cannot
122 take place again for 8 weeks.
- 123 d.) The Senate Seat may be reinstated when said constituency presents a petition bearing the names of 25
124 percent plus one of the said student constituency, not to exceed 150 signatures, within 30 days of the
125 vote to remove said senate seat.

126 **Section C: Conduct of Business**

- 127 The WSUSA Senate shall conduct all business according to the following rules:
- 128 1. The Senate shall meet each Monday at 2:00pm during the fall and spring semesters, except during the week preceding
129 final examination period, final examination week, and WSU observed holidays.
- 130 2. The Senate shall meet twice per semester at the Davis Campus. Dates of said meetings shall be determined by the
131 second week of each semester by the Legislative Vice President, jointly with the Davis Campus Senator.
- 132 3. The Senate shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent addition of Robert's Rules of Order and
133 as outlined in the Senate Rules.
- 134 4. Quorum consists of three-fourths of the Senate body present. The Senate President shall not be counted towards the
135 quorum. Proxies will count towards quorum.
- 136 5. The Senate shall have the power to pass legislation by a two-thirds majority vote.
- 137 6. Election and impeachment votes shall be conducted by secret ballot only and shall be entered in the minutes showing
138 only the total number of yeas, nays, and abstention votes. All other votes shall be conducted in a public manner and
139 recorded in the minutes.
- 140 7. Only the Senators and the Senate President shall vote on official Senate business. The Senate President shall only vote
141 when the Senate is equally divided. Ex-officio members of the Senate shall not vote but shall retain all other powers.

- 142 8. Meetings of the WSUSA Senate shall be considered open to the WSU community unless voted on by a unanimous
143 consent to close part or all of the session.
- 144 9. The Senate shall ratify, by a simple majority vote, the appointment of the WSUSA Supreme Court, Senator vacancies,
145 executive vacancies, and student members of the Student Fee Recommendation Committee. Nominees for these
146 WSUSA vacancies shall be presented to WSUSA Senate no less than one week prior to a vote on their ratification.
- 147 10. The Senate may adopt additional Senate Rules by a two-thirds majority vote. These shall be considered valid until the
148 end of the spring semester. These By-laws shall supersede whenever discrepancies arise.

149 **Section D: Senator Powers, Duties and Responsibilities**

- 150 1. WSUSA Senators shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, obligations, goals and restrictions as
151 outlined in the WSUSA Senator Contract. The contract is to be signed each year, no later than the first business day in
152 May, and shall be in full effect until such time as a new Senator is sworn in or May 1st of the preceding year.

153 **Section E: Area Councils**

- 154 1. Each Constituency shall be charged with having an Area Council, chaired by the Constituency's Senator and advised
155 by the Constituency's Advisor.
- 156 2. Each Area Council shall be originated under the following guidelines:
- 157 a. The Area Council shall consist of at least eight students from the officially recognized constituency that the
158 Senator represents and an assigned advisor.
- 159 b. The Area Council shall be established no later than the Friday of the third week of fall semester.
- 160 c. The Area Council shall create a charter to govern the organization and the activities of the Area
161 Council. Said charter shall be presented by the Senator to the Senate and ratified by the Senate no later
162 than the fourth Senate meeting of the Fall Semester.
- 163 d. The Senator shall serve as Chair of the Area Council. The Area Council shall meet at least once per month
164 during the fall and spring semesters.
- 165 e. Upon the adjournment of each Area Council meeting said Senator shall submit meeting minutes within two
166 business days to the Legislative Vice president. The said meeting shall include roll of Area Council
167 members in attendance.

168 **Section F: Additional Members of the WSUSA Senate**

- 169 1. A Vice Chair of the Senate shall be elected from among the official members of the Senate by a simple majority vote,
170 for the term of one year, to temporarily represent and function on behalf of the Senate President as needed.
- 171 2. Parliamentarian of the Senate shall be appointed, from outside the official members of the Senate, by the Senate
172 President and ratified by a simple majority vote for the term of one year.
- 173 3. Secretary of the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate President to keep the minutes of all WSUSA Senate meetings
174 and the voting record of the Senators as required, and shall keep minutes of all Senate meetings and make said minutes
175 public within two business days of meeting adjournment.
- 176 4. The Senate President shall appoint additional officers as necessary who shall be ratified by a simple majority vote of
177 the Senate membership.

178 **Section G: Senate Standing Committees**

179 Committees will be responsible to research and report on assigned issues and bring about legislation as deemed necessary.
180 The Senate President shall assign the issue to the related Senate Standing Committee, and other Senators will be invited to
181 help solve the issue. Senate Issues Forum will be held weekly during the Senate meeting and may, when appropriate, take
182 place outside the Senate meeting.

- 183 1. Senate Standing Committees:
- 184 a. Internal Affairs Committee
- 185 | This committee is charged with all matters dealing with the Senate membership and the WSUSA
186 membership at large. Examples of this charge include, but are not limited to insuring the fulfillment of
187 job requirements and the serving of the student body. It will oversee the enforcement of the WSUSA
188 Constitution and By-laws in relations with the student government and campus, and all other student
189 issues deemed necessary by the Senate President.
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- 191 b. Student Affairs Committee
- 192 | This committee is charged with serving as the student voice on matters dealing with areas under the
193 WSU Vice President for Student Affairs. One goal for this committee will be to act as a liaison
194 between the students and Student Affairs Division.
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- 196 c. Academic Affairs Committee

- 197 | This committee is charged with serving as the student voice on matters dealing with the areas under
198 | the WSU Provost. One goal of this committee will be to act as a liaison between the students and
199 | academic administration.
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201 | d. Campus/Community Affairs Committee
202 | This committee is charged with serving as the voice for all matters which fall outside of the scope of
203 | the above three committees. Examples of this would include Facilities Management, Athletics, and
204 | Information Technologies.
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206 | 2. Senate Ad Hoc Committees:
207 | a. The Senate President has the authority to call into existence an Ad Hoc Committee from the Senate
208 | Membership in order to examine issues or concerns of the student body or anything in which such a group
209 | would be prudent to call for.
210 | b. Meetings will be held weekly at the convenience of committee members regardless of whether or not a
211 | Senate meeting was held that week.
212 | c. Senators must personally attend at least 80 percent of all committee meetings to which they are assigned
213 | and must send a representative to any meetings they do not personally attend. Attendance will be recorded
214 | by the Committee Chair and submitted to the Senate President for the record. Minutes of the Senate
215 | Standing or Ad Hoc Committee meetings will also be submitted to the Senate President for the official
216 | record.
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218 | 3. Campus Committees
219 | a. The Senate President will make appointments to campus committees from the WSUSA membership. The
220 | Senate may ratify appointments if there is a contention. Each committee will have a minimum of two
221 | students, plus proxies, assigned. A maximum of 20 students, less proxies, will be held to.

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TITLE III THE WSUSA JUDICIAL BRANCH

224 **Section A: Conduct of Business, Powers, and Responsibilities**

- 225 | 1. The Supreme Court shall consist of three Student Justices; the President will appoint, with the ratification of the Senate,
226 | one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices. Once a Student Justice has been designated as the Chief Justice, the
227 | President may not remove said designation; however, the Chief Justice may resign as Chief Justice and retain the office
228 | of Student Justice. All Justices shall retain their post so long as they remain a registered student of Weber State
229 | University. The Justices shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, obligations, goals and restrictions as
230 | outlined in the WSUSA Chief/Associate Justice Contract. The contract is to be signed each year, no later than the first
231 | business day in May, and shall be in full effect until May 1st of the preceding year. Failure to sign the contract by the
232 | prescribed date shall indicate a resignation of the Justice.
233 | 2. The Supreme Court shall meet once per week during the fall and spring semesters and as needed during breaks.
234 | 3. The Supreme Court shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent addition of Robert's Rules of
235 | Order.
236 | 4. The Supreme Court shall include the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership as the advisor with the power to
237 | cast votes. (WSUSA Constitution, Article VII, Section 2)
238 | 5. The Supreme Court shall keep minutes at all meetings, and the Chief Justice shall make said minutes available to the
239 | public.
240 | 6. The Supreme Court may meet with only two of the three Justices present;
241 | a. Both Justices must vote in favor of any action for said action to occur.
242 | b. The Supreme Court may meet via teleconferencing in order to deliberate on judicial matters; however, two
243 | witnesses must verify that the Justices present via teleconferencing were indeed present.
244 | 7. The Supreme Court shall administer all WSUSA oaths of office.

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8. The Supreme Court shall review the constitutionality of any legislation when petitioned in writing by any member of the WSUSA. The Supreme Court shall have the power to deem any legislation unconstitutional with a two-thirds vote. The Supreme Court shall rule on said petitions by the end of the third business day after receiving said petitions. On occasion, decisions of the Supreme Court may be reviewed by the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership, the Dean of Students, and/or the Vice President of Student Affairs, to insure that rulings are in compliance with current policy, applicable laws, and not in contradiction with the Weber State University mission. Should a ruling be contrary to any of the above, it will be considered struck down and the Court will rehear the case within a reasonable time frame.
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9. The Supreme Court shall interpret the Constitution and the By-laws when petitioned in writing by members of WSUSA. The Supreme Court shall have three business days to render their interpretation on said petitions. Interpretations will be considered non-binding up to such time as the Court may rule on them as outlined above.
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10. The Supreme Court shall review appeals of decisions made by the Elections Committee when petitioned. The Supreme Court will have the power to overrule any decision with a two-thirds vote, and said ruling shall be considered final; however, the Supreme Court may entertain a second appeal of the same issue with just cause. The Supreme Court shall rule on said petitions within 24 hours of receiving said petition.
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11. The Supreme Court shall respond to all petitions with a written ruling that shall include an appropriate explanation of the justification of said ruling. The Supreme Court shall deliver said written ruling by the end of the following business day after said ruling.
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12. The Supreme Court shall validate the election results.
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13. The Supreme Court shall conduct dispute mediation as requested by the President.
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14. The Supreme Court shall vote by show of hands on all issues, and record the votes cast.

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TITLE IV PROCEDURES FOR IMPEACHMENT

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Section A: Cause for Impeachment

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1. Any contracted member of WSUSA may have impeachment proceedings initiated against him/her for reasonable cause, including but not limited to:
- a. Failure to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of the position
 - b. Abuse and/or misuse of the privileges and/or authority of the position;
 - c. Ethically questionable conduct; or
 - d. Conviction of any criminal act perpetrated on or off campus.

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Section B: Process of Impeachment

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1. The process of impeachment shall consist of two steps: Filing of the Grievance and the Hearing.
- a. Filing of a Grievance Statement
 - i. Any member of the WSUSA who believes there to be sufficient cause for impeachment shall submit a written, clear, concise Grievance Statement indicating the specific reasons and/or causes for impeachment.
 - ii. The Grievance Statement must be signed by a sponsoring WSUSA Senator and any additional individuals accepting responsibility for initiating the impeachment proceedings.
 - iii. The Grievance Statement shall be submitted to the WSUSA President, unless said individual is the object of the grievance. In which case, the Grievance Statement shall be submitted to the Legislative Vice President.
 - iv. The President shall notify and provide a copy of the Grievance Statement to the accused individual(s). Additional copies of the Grievance Statement shall be given to the supervising Vice Presidents, the Senate Advisor, and the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership.
 - v. The President shall then call for a hearing of the Grievance Statement in a special meeting of the WSUSA Senate within five business days following the notification of the grievance to the accused individual(s).
 - vi. All rights, privileges and powers accorded the accused individual(s) prior to the submission of the Grievance Statement shall remain in effect until after the hearing. The Senate Advisor and the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership may, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, may remove all rights and privileges in cases which they deem necessary.

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- b. Hearing of the Grievance Statement
 - i. The hearing procedures by the WSUSA Senate shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, with the Supreme Court Chief Justice presiding and conducting unless said officer is the object of the Grievance Statement. In which case, the Legislative Vice President shall preside and conduct.
 - ii. The Legislative Vice President shall ensure that a qualified, disinterested person is present to serve as secretary to maintain an accurate, written record of all hearings.
 - iii. After the meeting has been opened by the presiding officer, the Senator sponsoring the Grievance Statement shall be recognized to address the senate, read the Grievance Statement and move to impeach the accused individual(s).
 - iv. If the motion is seconded by another Senator the sponsoring Senator shall be given no more than ten minutes to present the case against the accused.
 - v. The accused individual(s) shall be given ten minutes to provided their rebuttal.
 - vi. The Senate will then have fifteen minutes to ask questions and receive answers from any individual concerned with the case. If any ex-officio members desire to speak on the matter, they shall automatically be granted the same amount of time and privileges as any Senator.
 - vii. After the Senate has concluded the fifteen minutes allotted, the presenting Senator will be given ten minutes to provide their concluding arguments.
 - viii. The accused individual(s) shall be given ten minutes to provided their concluding arguments.
 - ix. Supreme Court Chief Justice shall then repeat the motion made by the sponsoring Senator and call for a vote by secret ballot with all Senators duly authorized to vote by the WSUSA Constitution. Ballots cast will to be tabulated by the Secretary of the hearings and confirmed by the Senate Advisor.
 - x. If a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate membership favoring impeachment is returned, all rights, privileges and powers previously accorded the accused shall be immediately rescinded and the position will be considered vacant.

321 **Section C: Appealing the Decision of the WSUSA Senate**

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- 1. Any WSUSA member who has been impeached may appeal the decision of the WSUSA Senate only on the grounds of a violation of due process during the impeachment proceedings as outlined above. The appellate process shall follow the steps listed below.
 - a. The impeached individual shall submit a written Statement of Appeal to the WSUSA Supreme Court before the conclusion of the third business day following the vote of the Senate. This shall indicating the specific reasons and/or causes for the appellate process to be initiated.
 - b. The WSUSA Supreme Court shall notify the presiding officer from the Senate Hearing within two days that an appeal has been filed by the impeached individual and shall request that a complete record of all proceedings be submitted to the Court within three business days following the receipt of said notice.
 - c. The WSUSA Supreme Court shall deliberate for no more than one business day following receipt of the records and the executive summary from the presiding officer to reach a conclusion and provide written copies of its findings to the impeached individual, the Senate Advisor, and the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership.
 - d. During the deliberation period, the WSUSA Supreme Court may invite any or all individuals connected with the initial impeachment proceedings, as well as additional individuals as deemed necessary, to answer questions and/or present additional information to the Court.
 - e. If the WSUSA Supreme Court rules in favor of the impeached, that in fact due process was not justly or sufficiently carried out in the impeachment process, the impeached individual shall be immediately reinstated to the former position with all rights, privileges and powers formerly accorded.
 - f. The findings of the WSUSA Supreme Court shall be considered final, with no further appeal made available.

342 **TITLE V**

343 **WSU STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS**

344 **Section A: Elections Chair**

- 345 1. The Elections Chair shall be appointed from the Student Senate so long as the following conditions are met:
346 a. The Chair must have served in an elected position within the past two years
347 b. The Chair is not seeking reelection
348 c. The Chair is ratified by Student Senate
- 349 2. Should the above not produce a Chair, the Senate may appoint a Chair from the student body so long as b & c are met.

350 **Section B: Elections Committee**

- 351 1. The Elections Committee shall consist of at least four students in addition to the Chair who are not seeking candidacy
352 for any elected office or supporting a candidate. The Elections Chair shall be responsible for appointing additional
353 membership to the Elections Committee.
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355 **Section C: Elections Timeline**

- 356 1. Final Elections shall take place no later than the week before Spring Break. All other deadlines shall be set in
357 accordance with this deadline.
- 358 2. A minimum of one week shall be given from the filing deadline until the first election week starts.

359 **Section D: Voting**

- 360 1. All voting shall be conducted utilizing the Student Voice System, with ballots generated by the information contained
361 in the Weber State University System, know as Banner at the time of the elections.
- 362 2. A candidate shall be declared the winner so long as they have at least 1 greater lead in total votes.

363 **Section E: Ballot Referendums**

- 364 1. The Elections Committee shall include any ballot referendum received by the filing deadline as part of the ballot for
365 final elections. Only legislation that has undergone and is supported by the legislative process outlined in these By-laws
366 shall be included as ballot referendums.

367 **Section F: Contest of Results**

- 368 1. Any candidate may submit a declaration of contest of election results. Declarations shall be submitted in writing to the
369 Supreme Court by the end of the following business day after the posting of election results. The Supreme Court shall
370 notify the Elections Committee of the declaration and the Elections Committee shall provide a printout of the results
371 from the Student Voice System. The Supreme Court shall post their verdict by the end of the following business
372 day. This decision will be considered final.

373 **Section G: Election Appeals**

- 374 1. Any candidate may appeal any decision made by the Elections Committee to the Supreme Court. Appeal must be
375 submitted in writing and before the expiration of the next business day.
- 376 2. Regarding appeals concerning election sanctions, the Supreme Court must meet in quorum with at least a two-thirds
377 majority. The Supreme Court may rule the issue as a moot issue when an issue has passed or when any overruling
378 would have no effect on elections or election results. The Supreme Court shall rule and shall publicly announce said
379 ruling within one business day. The Supreme Court shall not consider appeals made after the business day following
380 the posting of final elections. Should the Elections Committee publicly post a decision after the closing of polls for
381 final elections, a candidate may appeal said decision and shall have until the end of the second business day after said
382 posting to make said appeal.

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TITLE VI

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STUDENT INITIATIVES

385 **Section A: Initiative Legislation**

- 386 1. The members of the WSUSA shall have the power to enact legislation which conforms to the same guidelines in
387 authority and format as legislation enacted by the WSUSA Senate. Legislation initiated outside of the WSUSA Senate
388 shall be presented to the WSUSA via annual WSUSA elections. Proposed legislation shall be presented, accompanied
389 by a petition signed by three percent of the WSUSA membership as well as a fiscal cost analysis, to the WSUSA
390 Elections Committee Chair no later than two week before the finale election. Proposed legislation shall be valid when
391 ratified by a three-fourths majority vote of the ballots cast in the general election on the proposal by the WSUSA
392 membership at large, with at least ten percent of the membership voting.

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TITLE VII
AMENDMENTS & RATIFICATION

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Section A: Amendments

1. All amendments to these By-laws shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the WSUSA Senate membership.
2. Suspension of the by-laws shall require a unanimous vote of the Legislative and Executive branches.