

# RESOLUTION ON THE COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS MEMBERSHIP

## Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2016-17A

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**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Student Affairs is charged by the Constitution of the Virginia Tech University Council: “To study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures affecting graduate and undergraduate student life and morale. Areas for consideration include: student relations with peers, staff, faculty, administrators, alumni, and the community; student organizations, social life, and recreation; employment, placement, and counseling; residential life, health, safety, and quality of student related services; and other matters affecting student life.” (University Council Constitution, Article VII § 15); and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Commission on Student Affairs is primarily comprised by student representatives from University Chartered Student Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to perform its charge to the fullest extent, the Commission on Student Affairs is best represented by a diverse group of student leaders from the various communities across the university; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Student Affairs recognizes that in order to effectively and efficiently perform its charge, it must be consistent and judicious in considering addition or other changes to its membership; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past twenty (20) years, the Commission on Student Affairs has made changes to its membership to address the above concerns, but generally without long term consistency; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Article III (H) of the University Council By-Laws be amended as follows [Current language *italivized*]:

*\*The chair will be elected from among the non-administrative faculty, staff, graduate student, and undergraduate student members of the commission by commission membership.* The Commission shall adopt a set of membership criteria to evaluate requests for membership by student communities not currently represented. This set of criteria shall be kept within the Commission and its supporting university administrative division and department(s), and subject to amendment by the Commission itself.

And, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission on Student Affairs adopts its first set of membership criteria as described in Attachment A.

## **ATTACHMENT A – MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA OF THE COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Student communities' requests for representation in the Commission on Student Affairs shall be considered only if they fulfill both criteria (i) and (ii) listed below:

- (i) The community is or is represented by an organization that is registered and approved by the university as either a University Chartered Student Organization or a University Student Life Program in accordance to university policies and procedures.
- (ii) The organization meets at least two (2) of the following sub-criteria:
  - (a) It represents a major constituency or a significant minority population not currently represented on the Commission on Student Affairs.
  - (b) It serves as a major governance body.
  - (c) It acts as an umbrella organization representing other groups and student organizations.