

**THE STUDENT SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE
60th Legislative Assembly, 2nd Session**

S.B. 60.2-5

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Short Title: Constitutional Adjustment Act

Primary Sponsor(s): Isaiah Grayson, *Student Body Vice President*
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Dean Gorelik, *Underclassman Senator At-Large*
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Mike Linares-Perez, *Underclassman Senator At-Large*
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First Reading:

Second Reading:

Referred To:

Committee Report:

Passage:

Enacted:

Whereas, the Student Activity Fees Commission lacks oversight and an effective check and balance system, and

Whereas, the Divisivons of the Student Association should have oversight over their own budgets, and

Whereas, the Constitution lacks specificity for how that could happen.

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Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as follows:

SECTION ONE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Authority

There shall be a Student Activity Fees Commission, which shall have responsibility for all student activity fees and, therefore, will require accounting for the use of activity fees expenditures from all Divisions of the Student Association and the Student Activity Fees Commission. The Commission shall have the specific authority to:

- (a) make allocations of student activity fees to the Divisions of the Student Association;
- (b) hold budgetary hearings and establish procedures for the conduct for such hearings in connection with allocation of fees;
- (c) require periodic financial statements from the Divisions and/or organizations receiving student activity fees in such form as the Student Activity Fees Commission may reasonably require;
- (d) investigate and hold hearings regarding unwarranted or unauthorized expenditures of student activity fees;
- (e) freeze any student activity fees allocated to a Division or student organization under the procedures and circumstances as the commission may establish **only by unanimous vote of the commission members not in question, although notice must be given to the division or organization in question 24 hours before the proceedings to freeze such funds begin; and;**
- (f) employ and supervise a Business Manager to conduct the business of the Commission; **and**
- (g) **Once allocated, Divisions shall be free to move around funds within their Division should it be deemed necessary or proper by the student head(s) of that Division in written form unless the amount exceeds \$10,000.**

SECTION 2. Composition and Supervision

The Student Activity Fees Commission shall be composed of one representative elected from each Division of the Student Association and six at-large students appointed by the Chancellor or delegate.

The Chancellor or delegate shall receive recommendations from a committee constituted of three campus representatives and, when possible, one graduating member of the current Commission. Students appointed by the Chancellor or delegate will be selected during the spring semester, and those selected to serve on the Commission will begin their one-year term on June 1st. The representatives of the Divisions will assume office upon being chosen by their respective Division in the spring semester of each academic year and will serve until their respective terms of office expire.

The Chair of the Student Activity Fees Commission shall be chosen by the Chancellor or delegate from among the six students he or she appoints to the Commission.

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The Commission shall have one non-voting advisor from the Student Affairs Division, who shall be appointed by the Chancellor or delegate. The Student Venues and Engagement Business Officer shall supervise the business manager.

Any changes made to the Bylaws of the Student Activity Fees Commission shall be submitted in writing to the Senate and require a 3/4ths majority vote of the Student I Government Association's Senate to approve, with the agreement of the Student Body President.

SECTION 3. Budget Allocation Procedures

Each Division shall be required to establish a process for review and approval of its divisional budgets prior to their submission to the Student Activity Fees Commission. Each Division must submit copies of its budget to the Student Activity Fees Commission Business Manager prior to the deadline established by the Student Activity Fees Commission. After budgets for all Divisions are presented and hearings concluded, the Fees Commission will discuss allocations and receive motions for budget approval.

Approval of budgets shall require the unanimous vote of those members of the Commission present.

Allocations from the Student Activity Fees control account which are not classified as budgets shall require a unanimous vote of those members of the Commission present.

SECTION 4. Revertment

The budgets for each Division shall be established for one fiscal year, and the balances are brought to zero at the end of the fiscal year. Under-expended funds allocated to each Division for a given fiscal year will be transferred into the Student Activity Fees Reserve Account for re-allocation to all Divisions less the approved Divisional Revertment Account allowance.

Over-expended funds allocated to each Division for a given fiscal year will automatically be debited to their divisional operating budget for the next fiscal year. Prior to expenditure of Divisional revertment funds, the division must submit to the Commission for approval a budget proposal as to how these monies are to be expended. In the case of a deficit, the division shall be required to submit a budget plan as to how this deficit will be eliminated. This must occur no later than the next scheduled meeting of the Commission. Approval of these revertment proposals will require majority vote of those members of the Commission present.

SECTION TWO: EFFECT OF THIS ACT

1. This act shall take effect retroactively to the beginning of UNC Charlotte's Fall 2023 Semester. All bylaws subject to the constitution must be in agreement upon the passage of this bill, any conflicts with this act shall be subject to review.

Mandates:

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Dr. Sharon Gaber, *Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
Dr. Kevin Bailey, *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*
Dr. Christine Davis, *Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students*
Karen Shaffer, *Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*
Adam Burden, *Advisor to the Senate and Director of Student Involvement*
N/A, *Chair of the Publicity and Outreach Committee*
Sunnya Hadavi, *Niner Times*
Tife Olusesi, *Student Body President*
Simone Tezzo, *Student Body Webmaster*
Matthew De La Rosa, *Student Government Clerk*
Dede Effon, *Chair of the Student Activity Fees Commission*

I, Isaiah Grayson, hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body and the By-Laws of the Student Senate on this __ day of _____, 2023.

Isaiah Grayson
Student Body Vice President

I, Tife Olusesi, hereby signify my approval of this legislation as adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, this __ day of _____, 2023.

Tife Olusesi
Student Body President