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N.S.C.B. 2104

Amending the Role of President, Vice President, and Senate Representative to Include the Dean's Student Advisory Committee and UT Austin Sexual Misconduct Database

Legislative Executive Summary

This bill amends Article III of the Natural Sciences Council Constitution in order to update the role of the President, Vice President, and Senate Representative to incorporate duties related to membership in and coordination of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee. Additionally, it amends Article III of the Natural Sciences Council Constitution to codify the Senate Representative's role in maintaining the Sexual Misconduct Database

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the purpose of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee?

A: Based on the University-wide President's Student Advisory Committee, DSAC will serve as an avenue for students to engage leadership within the College of Natural Sciences, promote transparency on college-wide initiatives, and ensure that student concerns are being addressed. It will serve to foster regular conversation and promote collaboration between the Dean, Associate Dean and student representatives on major student-facing issues within the college.

Q: Who will serve as members of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee?

A: The committee will be composed of 12 students from the primary representative groups within the College of Natural Sciences. The President, Vice President, and Senate Representative of the Natural Sciences Council will serve on the committee, with the NSC President serving as the scheduler and coordinator for the committee. Student Government will appoint three CNS student representatives to the committee and 3 members will be appointed from the CNS Black and Latinx Advocacy Council (BLAC). The final 3 members will be chosen from the NSC general member pool through application to ensure that membership of the committee is representative of the CNS student body.

Q: When will the Dean's Student Advisory Committee meet?

A: DSAC will meet once per semester, with additional meetings being held in the event of extenuating circumstances that pose challenges to students in the College of Natural Sciences, as determined by the committee. The committee will begin to meet in Fall 2021.



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- Q:** What is the role of the Senate Representative in association with the Sexual Misconduct Database?
- A:** The Senate Representative will meet every year with the Editor-In-Chief of the Daily Texan and the Equity and Inclusion Director of the Senate of College Councils in order to update and maintain the Sexual Misconduct Database, currently hosted by the Daily Texan Editorial Board.



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WHEREAS, The Dean's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) for the College of Natural Sciences has been newly approved by the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences; and,

WHEREAS, The current descriptions of officer duties for the President, Vice President, and Senate Representative do not reflect the role that each play in DSAC and the established UT Sexual Misconduct Database ; and,

WHEREAS, Updating the descriptions for the three aforementioned roles will assist in codifying DSAC to ensure it's continuity for future semesters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Section 3.5.1 under Article III of the Natural Sciences Council Constitution is repealed and replaced with the enclosed Section 3.5.1

RESOLVED, Section 3.5.2 under Article III of the Natural Sciences Council Constitution is repealed and replaced with the enclosed Section 3.5.2

RESOLVED, Section 3.5.5 under Article III of the Natural Sciences Council Constitution is repealed and replaced with the enclosed Section 3.5.5

RESOLVED, That this bill take effect immediately.



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3.5.1 President shall:

- a) Preside over general meetings of NSC and meetings of the Executive Committee.
- b) Represent NSC to the University and at Senate of College Councils meetings.
- c) Coordinate the general business and affairs of NSC.
- d) Act as the liaison for NSC to the CNS Dean's Office, receiving and responding to communications from the Dean's Office.
- e) Register NSC as a student organization with the Student Activities and Leadership Development Office and with the College of Natural Sciences Dean's Office.
- f) Serve as the contact person for students, administrators, and other external entities.
- g) Cast the tie-breaking vote in cases deemed necessary and appropriate.
- h) Define the purpose of activities/events hosted by Council and make any necessary final decisions on the date of the activity/event.
- i) Chair the College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committee (CTBAC).
- j) Meet individually with each member of the Executive Committee once a semester to evaluate each officer's performance and discuss areas of improvement for the officer, the Executive Committee, and the Council at large.
- k) Preside over NSC officer nominations and elections.
- l) Plan the executive committee retreat
- m) Serve on the Dean's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC), coordinate the DSAC membership selection process each Fall in conjunction with Student Government and CNS Black and Latinx Advocacy Council (BLAC) and schedule at least one meeting each semester.
- n) Coordinate the Dean's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) application process to choose three general NSC members to sit on the committee while ensuring membership of the committee is representative of the CNS student body.

3.5.2 Vice President shall:

- a) Act as President in the absence of the President due to resignation of office, removal, or other miscellaneous reasons.
- b) Fulfill and/or assist the President in performing any duties necessary, including presiding over general and Executive Committee meetings in the President's absence.
- c) Oversee the application process and recruitment of new members, and aim to ensure the appropriate representation of different majors and backgrounds.
- d) Oversee New Member Projects each semester.
- e) Keep close association with Committee Chairs in order to oversee the planning of events hosted by Council, assess the effectiveness of executing said events, and assist Committee Chairs with any of their further responsibilities.
- f) Meet with each Committee Chair no less than once a semester to review their performance and identify areas for improvement.
- g) Collect Project Guides from all events no more than one week following the conclusion of the event and maintain a record of them for future use.
- h) Oversee the planning of New Member Workshops and collaborate with the necessary parties to organize New Member Retreats.



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i) Serve on the Dean's Student Advisory Committee

3.5.5 Senate Representative shall:

- a) Attend all Senate of College Councils meetings and NSC meetings.
- b) Serve on the Senate of College Councils Senate Representative Committee
- c) Report Senate activities to the Council, and Council activities to the Senate
- d) Collaborate with Internal Senate, Other Councils, UT Student Government, and the UT Graduate Student Assembly.
- e) Present Senate legislation to Council, conduct discussion and debate, and vote on behalf of Council at Senate meetings.
- f) Chair the Legislative Committee.
- g) Send all NSC Resolutions to the listed recipients
- h) Update the Executive Board and the Council At-Large on the implementation of any piece of Legislation with an NSC-associated author or sponsor passed in the two preceding semester. This must occur prior to the end of each semester.
- i) Update the NSC Constitution during the annual transition period between Executive Committees.
- j) Serve on the Dean's Student Advisory Committee
- k) Meet with the Editor-In-Chief of the Daily Texan and Equity and Inclusion Director of the Senate of College Councils in order to update and maintain the UT Austin Sexual Misconduct Database