

Appalachian State University Student Government Association  
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Committee on Academic Affairs Bylaws

## **The Academic Affairs Committee Preamble**

The Senate Committee on Academic Affairs is founded on the principles of academic integrity and fruition. Our mission as a committee is to advocate on behalf of the Student Body for all matters dealing with academic affairs at Appalachian State University.

## **Standing Rules**

### **Section II: Chairpersonship**

- 1) The Academic Affairs Chairperson shall be the person nominated by the Senate President Pro-tempore and approved by the Senate.
  - a) In the absence of the Academic Affairs Chairperson, the Vice-Chair shall serve as chair of the committee.
  - b) In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chair, the chairpersonship will be filled in accordance with the line of succession.
- 2) The line of succession shall be as follows:
  - i) Academic Affairs Chairperson
  - ii) Vice-Chair
  - iii) Secretary
  - iv) Any additional positions established by the committee, in an order established by the Academic Affairs Chairperson.

### **Section I: Committee Leadership Positions**

- 1) Vice-Chair
  - a) This position is appointed by the Academic Affairs Chairperson and approved by a majority of the Academic Affairs committee.
  - b) The Vice-Chair shall be empowered to serve as chair of the committee in the absence of the chair.
- 2) Secretary
  - a) This position is appointed by the Academic Affairs Chairperson and approved by a majority of the Academic Affairs committee.
  - b) The Secretary takes minutes for Academic Affairs committee meetings.

### **Section III: Committee Procedure**

- 1) The Committee will operate under the same edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the Student Senate.
- 2) The quorum will be 50%+ 1 of member-senators.
- 3) All members of the Student Body have the right to attend official meetings of the Academic Affairs Committee.
  - a) All persons in attendance have the right to speak with the recognition of the committee chair.
  - b) At the beginning of each meeting, there shall be a period of public comment in which all visitors in attendance have the right to speak.
  - c) Executive Session may only be invoked through a 2/3 vote of the member-senators present.
- 4) The chair may not move for a vote or object to any motions.
  - a) The chair of the Academic Affairs Committee may only vote in the case of a tie, in which case the vote shall be decisive.
  - b) If the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee recused themselves as chair, and they are not a senator, they may not exercise any parliamentary rights other than to reclaim the chair following the proceedings for which they recused themselves..
- 5) If a senator chooses to present legislation before the Academic Affairs Committee, the committee may amend the legislation with the permission of the presenter and a simple majority vote by the member-senators present.
- 6) The Academic Affairs Committee may draft and submit legislation as a singular body.
- 7) All legislation drafted by the committee must be approved by the committee through a majority vote of all member-senators present before it can be submitted to the Senate docket.
- 8) The Academic Affairs Committee may draft and release statements on their own behalf.
  - a) Statements may only be released by the Academic Affairs Committee if approved by a majority vote of all member-senators present.
  - b) If a statement is approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, it must be automatically submitted to the Student Senate docket in the form of a Support Bill.
    - i) If the Support Bill is not approved by the Student Senate, the Academic Affairs Committee must immediately retract their statement.
    - ii) If the Support Bill is not entered onto the docket by the Vice-President, it may still be considered by the Senate Rules Committee and forwarded to the Student Senate as old-business.
- 9) The Academic Affairs Committee may allow non-senator ex-officio members to sit on the committee.

- a) Ex-officio members may be added to the committee by the nomination of the Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee and the approval of the committee by a majority vote of the member-senators present.
  - i) Ex-officio members shall not count towards quorum.
  - ii) Ex-officio members shall have all parliamentary rights except for the ability to vote on items.
  - iii) All ex-officio members shall be automatically removed from the committee at the conclusion of every session.
  - iv) The Chair of Academic Affairs may remove ex-officio members from the committee with a 2/3 vote of the committee.

10) Amendments to these bylaws shall require a simple majority vote.

11) These Bylaws shall be posted on the official website of the Student Government Association of Appalachian State University by the Chief of Staff no later than two weeks after being passed .

## **Section IV: Committee History**

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Session

Chair: Amanda Lago

Accomplishments:

- 1) Facilitated the passage of legislation supporting salary raises for faculty and staff as well as a bill to include for an inclement-weather reserved day in case of snow during exams

### 53<sup>rd</sup> Session

Chair: Izaiah Hamilton

Accomplishments: