

**Rogers State University
Student Government Association
Senate**

Statutes and Bylaws



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SECTION 1. The Bylaws

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Bylaws of the Rogers State University Student Government Association Senate, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

These documents are intended to be living documents, wherein their generality provides for the growth and development of the Senate over time. These documents should not be seen as a rigid set of rules, as rigidity constricts evolution. They should, therefore, be used as a tool to guide the Senate.

SECTION 2. The Oath of Office

All elected and appointed officers and Senators of the Senate, before assuming office, repeat the following oath, to be administered by the Speaker of the Senate or their designee, or a staff member of Rogers State University Student Affairs.

“I, (_____), do solemnly affirm to uphold the ideals of Rogers State University, the Constitution of the Student Government Association, to promote fairness, community, and equality amongst students, and to fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my abilities.”

SECTION 3. Legislation

All legislation shall be defined as either of the following:

- A. A resolution is a proposed policy change, temporary action, or recommendation by the Senate.

The Senate shall hear any and all bills before the SGA Congress, as well as any resolutions involving funding or a change within the Senate.

All legislation must be submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

If a number has not been correctly assigned by the Author, the Speaker of the Senate or their designee shall, upon receipt, assign a reference number for legislation.

All legislation must be reviewed by the Executive Committee or a designee of the Executive Branch. They shall provide a recommendation of either:

- a. due pass, in which case it shall be placed upon the Senate consent calendar;
- b. no recommendation, in which case it shall be sent to the Speaker of the Senate to be placed upon the agenda; and
- c. due fail, in which case it will not be heard by the Senate unless assigned by its Speaker, or amended onto the agenda through a motion.

SECTION 4. Election Procedures

The offices of President, Vice President, and Community Liaison shall be elected by a popular vote of the student body. For the election of student senators, the two (2) students with the highest number of votes for each position shall be considered victors in the election.

Related to the elected positions outlined in this chapter, the victors shall assume the office to which they were elected and all associated duties during an inaugural ceremony to be held during the final meeting of the Spring semester of the House of Representatives or the next RSU SGA Congress of the Fall semester if the officer is elected during Fall semester elections.

Any elections regarding Senate-specific positions such as vice chair and clerk will be decided by a vote held by members of the Senate.

SECTION 5. Voting Procedures

All proposed legislation must first be reviewed and approved by the office of the Senate before being forwarded to the House of Representatives for further deliberation.

The voting procedure for legislation shall require individual votes, with a two-thirds majority necessary for the legislation to be approved. In the event that this threshold is not met, the legislation shall be rejected and returned to the original proposer for revisions. The revised proposal may then be resubmitted to the Senate for a secondary vote.