



University at Buffalo Student Association Inc.

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Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#1

Subject: Resolution to Update Appeal and Club Rollover Processes by Amending the SA By-Laws, Certain SA Policies, and the Senate Rules of Procedure

Requested by: Aisha Adam, SA President; Will Dong, SA Vice President for Clubs; Jack Koscinski, SA Treasurer.

BE IT RESOLVED that the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. (“SA”) By-Laws be amended, such that:

- 1) the text of subsection 7.01(e) is replaced with the following text, without quotation marks:

“Clubs may appeal funding determinations within 10 days of when the club is informed of the determination by email. SA shall provide notice of the determination to the President and/or Treasurer of the club (as listed on SA’s records). ~~During the UB spring and fall semesters, any appeals related to club funding shall be handled by the Senate. During winter and summer sessions, appeals related to club funding shall be handled by the Executive Committee.~~ Any appeals made by clubs may only be based on procedural error, inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. A club may only appeal its own budget, not that of any other club. Club funding Appeals shall be decided within 45 days of when they are submitted. Club funding appeals shall be decided by the SA Treasurer if the SA Treasurer at that time is a different person than the SA Treasurer who rendered the decision being appealed; otherwise, club funding appeals shall be decided by the SA President. ~~The Executive Committee may decide any such appeal following the last day of classes of the spring semester, if the Senate has not rendered a decision on it.~~”;

- 2) paragraph 4.01(b)(iii) (as currently numbered) is deleted, with paragraph 4.01(b)(iv) (as currently numbered) being renumbered as the new paragraph 4.01(b)(iii), and subsequent paragraphs through 4.01(b)(xii) (as currently numbered) being renumbered accordingly;

- 3) the following text is added as the new paragraph 4.01(b)(xii), without quotation marks:

“Except for club funding appeals (which shall be handled in accordance with Section 7.01), the Senate shall H~~ear~~ and decide appeals from SA clubs related to decisions about the appealing club by the SA Officer(s), Senate or any Senate Committee, or any other SA official,⁷ only if such appeal is based on allegation(s) of procedural error, inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law; any such appeal shall be decided within 45 days of when the appeal is submitted; before appealing to the Senate, the club must first submit a written request for reconsideration to the official(s) or body who rendered the decision, or to their successor if such official(s) is no longer in office; such written request must state the basis upon which the reconsideration is requested; the club may only then appeal to the Senate if such official(s) denies the request for reconsideration or fails to respond to it within 14 days.”; and

- 4) the text of subsection 7.03(d) is replaced by the following text, without quotation marks:

“Budgetary change(s) and/or line transfer(s) for any of the following purposes may be approved by the SA Treasurer without need for approval of the Senate or Executive Committee: (i) to add money fundraised by a club into that club’s budget line, (ii) to add money fundraised for or from a specific program into that program’s budget line, ~~or~~ (iii) to move money from any supplemental funding budget line to the budget line of a club or program that has been granted such funds, (iv) to remedy granted appeals relating to club funding under Section 7.01, or (v) to grant clubs rollover funds in accordance with all relevant SA policies.”;

BE IT RESOLVED that both the SA Club Budget and Supplemental Funding Policies be amended, such that the first paragraph under the “Appeals” headings in both policies are each replaced in their entirety by the following text, without quotation marks:

“Clubs may appeal ~~funding budget~~ determinations within 10 days of when the club is informed of the ~~budget~~ determination by email. SA shall provide notice of the ~~budget~~ determination to the President and Treasurer of the club (as listed on SA’s records), based on the last updated information provided by the club to SA using required procedures. During the UB spring and fall semesters, any ~~budget~~ appeals shall be handled by the Senate. During winter and summer sessions, ~~budget~~ appeals shall be handled by the Executive Committee. Any appeals made by clubs may only be based on procedural error, inaccurate application of the above criteria or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. A club may only appeal its own budget, not that of any other club. Appeals shall be

decided within 45 days of when they are submitted. Club funding appeals shall be decided by the SA Treasurer if the SA Treasurer at that time is a different person than the SA Treasurer who rendered the decision being appealed; otherwise, club funding appeals shall be decided by the SA President. The Executive Committee may decide any such appeal following the last day of classes of the spring semester, if the Senate has not rendered a decision on it. If a club is successful in its appeal, that shall not result in a reduction in the funding of any other club.”;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SA New Club Recognition Policy be amended, such that the paragraph under the “Appeals” heading is replaced in its entirety by the following text, without quotation marks:

“Any appeal(s) of the denial of club recognition may only be based on allegation(s) of procedural error, inaccurate application of criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. Before appealing to the Senate, the prospective club must first submit a written request for reconsideration to the SA Vice President for Clubs; such written request must state the basis upon which the reconsideration is requested. The prospective club may only then appeal to the Senate if the SA Vice President for Clubs denies the request for reconsideration or fails to respond to it within 14 days.”;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SA Club Violations Policy be amended, such that the text “Clubs who wish to appeal this decision based upon procedural error by SA or violation of law can appeal to the SA Senate. Any club who wishes to appeal must do so within 30 days of the decision being emailed to the club’s officers.” is replaced in its entirety with the following text, without quotation marks:

“Any appeals(s) of decisions regarding club violations may only be based on allegation(s) of procedural error, inaccurate application of criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. Before appealing to the Senate, the club must first submit a written request for reconsideration to the official(s) who rendered the decision, or to their successor(s) if such official(s) is no longer in office; such written request must state the basis upon which the reconsideration is requested. The club may only then appeal to the Senate if such official(s) denies the request for reconsideration or fails to respond to it within 14 days.”;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SA Senate Rules of Procedure be amended, such that:

- 1) the title of Rule V (as currently numbered) is replaced with the following text, without quotation marks: “~~SANCTION CLUB APPEALS~~”; and
- 2) Rule IV is deleted, in its entirety, with subsequent rules being renumbered accordingly; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective immediately; any underlining used in this Resolution is for emphasis only, and underlining shall not appear in the text of the amended By-Laws, policies, or Rules of Procedure; and any strike-throughs used in this Resolution are for emphasis only, and any struck-through text shall not appear in the text of the amended By-Laws, policies, or Rules of Procedure.