

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE II: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

### Section 2. Composition, Qualifications, and Term

2.1 The Student Senate of George Mason University shall be composed of students, chosen by the students; and each senator shall have one vote. Any person may be elected to the Senate, who, at the time of the election does not possess a cumulative GPA any lower than 2.5, has been confirmed to be in good academic and University standing, and is a registered student at George Mason University, with the exclusion of the Law School.

2.2 The terms of the Senators shall expire in the timeframe of 4:30pm two Thursdays before Spring final examinations commence.

2.3 Effective Spring 2021, one (1) Senator shall be elected to represent each of the Schools/Colleges within George Mason University. These Senators shall be deemed "School Senators."

2.4 The seats remaining shall be filled with Senators representative of the entire Student Body of George Mason University, with the exclusion of the Law School. These Senators shall be deemed "Senators At-Large."

2.5 Effective Spring 2022, two (2) Senators shall be elected to represent each of the Schools/Colleges within George Mason University. The seats remaining shall be filled with Senators representative of the entire Student Body of George Mason University, with the exclusion of the Law School. These Senators shall be deemed "Senators At-Large."

# **CODE OF STUDENT GOVERNANCE**

## **Title II: The Legislative Branch SUBTITLE I: ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

### **Chapter 1: Commencement of the Student Senate**

#### **§ 101 Membership of the Student Senate**

- (a) There shall be no more than 40 Senators in the Student Senate, and no more than 40 individuals shall be Senators.
- (b) No more than 20 Senators At-Large and ten (10) School Senators shall be elected during the annual Student Government Elections. The remaining positions shall be unfilled by spring elections and reserved for the following fall elections incoming freshmen and transfer students. Should the School Senator positions not be filled at the conclusion of the fall election, the seat shall be reserved for an appointment from the Dean of that School/College. There shall be the same appointment process for School Senators and Senators At-Large, as listed in § 108.
- (c) Effective Spring 2022, no more than 10 Senators At-Large and 20 School Senators shall be elected during the annual Student Government Elections. The remaining positions shall be unfilled by spring elections and reserved for the following fall elections of incoming freshmen and transfer students. Should the School Senator positions not be filled at the conclusion of the fall election, the seat shall be reserved for an appointment from the Dean of that School/College. There shall be the same appointment process for School Senators and Senators At-Large, as listed in § 108.

## **SUBTITLE IV: STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

### **Chapter 14: University Academics Committee**

#### **§ 1401 Establishment of the University Academics Committee**

- (a) The University Academics Committee is established as a standing committee of the Student Senate of George Mason University.
- (b) All School Senators, with reasonable exception, must serve as voting members of the University Academics Committee.
- (c) Effective Spring 2022, a maximum of one (1) School Senator from each of the ten (10) Schools/Colleges represented, with reasonable exception, must serve as a voting member of the University Academics Committee.

### **Chapter 15: Administration of Committees**

#### **§ 1501 Committee Membership**

- (a) Student Senators are required to serve as standing members of no fewer than two Committees. Senators will officially declare their membership through a registration process administered by the Speaker of the Senate. Only standing members of committees may vote in

their respective committees. Members may change their committee membership at the discretion of the Speaker.

(b) All School Senators, with reasonable exception, must serve as voting members of the University Academics Committee.

(c) Effective Spring 2022, a maximum of one (1) School Senator from each of the ten (10) Schools/Colleges represented, with reasonable exception, must serve as a voting member of the University Academics Committee.