

STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS
CHAPTER X
STUDENT ACTION TEAMS (SATs)

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The Student Action Teams (SATs) are subcommittees of Student Senate that have been established to empower students-at-large and provide any member of Student Senate with input directly from the student body. SATs are formed at the discretion of Student Senate when issues arise that need to be researched or when Student Senate decides that a subcommittee is the best way to address an issue. Some issues that have permanent important will have standing SATs to continually research and advise Student Senate about the issue.

SECTION 2: GUIDELINES

- A. The standing SATs shall be:
 - 1. Legislative Action Team
 - 2. Diversity Council
 - 3. Student Organizations Team
- B. Student Senate may create other SATs to address particular concerns of the student body. A new SAT must be approved by two thirds of Student Senate.
- C. When an SAT is created it must be given a specific concern/issue that it is charged to research.
- D. After research is completed and throughout the duration the chair shall present the SAT's findings, recommendations, or proposals to Student Senate.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Student Body President shall appoint a Student Senate Director to every created SAT to be a liaison between the SAT and Student Senate. The appointed Director is not necessarily the chair of the SAT. As for the standing SATs:
 - 1. Legislative Action Team – The Director of Legislative Affairs is the liaison and chair of this standing SAT.
 - 2. Diversity Council – The Director of Diverse Relations is the liaison and chair of this standing SAT.
 - 3. Student Organization Team – The Director of Student Organizations is the liaison and chair of this standing SAT.
- B. The majority of the SAT members must be students of UNC that are interested with the particular issue to be addressed by the SAT.
- C. Membership may also be extended to faculty, staff, or administration that is interested in the particular issue to be addressed by the SAT.
- D. Membership to a created SAT may be offered by the Student Body President, Student Senate Director appointed to the SAT, or a hiring process coordinated by the Director of Student Affairs.
- E. Membership approval for standing SATs shall be done by that SAT's bylaws. Membership for all other SATs shall be approved by two-thirds of Student Senate.
- F. The chair of a non-standing SAT shall be determined at the first meeting of the SAT by a simple majority vote. The chair may be a Student Senate Director, but this is not required. However, it is the responsibility of Student Senate Director appointed to the SAT to organize the first meeting.

- G. The term of appointment shall be from the date that the appointment is ratified until the end of the academic year in which the SAT was created.

SECTION 4: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAT MEMBERS

- A. Meetings shall be held at least once a month. Additional meetings may be called by the chair as necessary. Members will be given three days prior notice either in writing, by phone, or e-mail before each meeting.
- B. SAT meeting dates, times, and locations shall be posted outside the Student Senate office by the Student Senate Director appointed to the SAT so that other interested students may be in attendance.
- C. Members shall attend meetings. Any absences must be approved by the chair prior to the meeting.
- D. Members shall vote when the chair deems a vote necessary.
- E. At the first SAT meeting, a time line shall be developed in which objectives of the SAT shall be fulfilled. Goal deadlines must also be included in this time line.
- F. If necessary, the SAT may act on behalf of Student Senate when approval is given prior to the act by a two thirds vote of Student Senate.
- G. The chair shall attend the first Student Senate meeting following each SAT meeting and give an update to Student Senate about the work of the SAT.
- H. The chair of the SAT shall make a recommendation to Student Senate regarding the issue it has been working on. This recommendation must have been approved by a majority of the SAT. The recommendation shall outline the issues researched, findings, and action that the SAT recommends Student Senate take.
- I. Student Senate shall review the recommendation and vote to adopt by a vote of two thirds.
- J. If Student Senate votes to adopt the recommendation, the SAT may be commissioned to work on the enactment of the recommendation or will be disbanded.
- K. If the recommendation is rejected, Student Senate shall ask the SAT to review their recommendation, revise the recommendation, and present it again for approval.
- L. If an SAT member becomes delinquent in their duties they may be removed by a majority vote of the SAT. If necessary, Student Senate may replace the member on the SAT.

SECTION 5: INTERPRETATIONS

The Student Senate Director appointed to the SAT shall be authorized to interpret this chapter of the bylaws. All interpretations are subject to review by Student Senate.

SECTION 6: STANDING STUDENT ACTION TEAMS

Sub-Section 1: Legislative Action Team (LAT)

- A. Purpose
 - 1. It is the purpose of the LAT to formulate and make recommendations, by means of the chair, to Student Senate concerning the following:
 - a. National legislation concerning higher education
 - b. Colorado legislation concerning higher education
 - c. Local issues affecting the University and its students
 - d. Any subject matter the chair deems necessary to put on the agenda.

2. The LAT shall serve as UNC's student lobbying arm and will make trips to the capitol in order present and observe legislative proceedings.
- B. Membership
Voting membership of the LAT shall include any number of students approved by Student Senate
- C. Term of Appointment
Each appointed member shall serve from the time appointed until the end of the current academic year.
- D. Meetings
1. Must be held at least once a month during the fall semester.
 2. Must be held every other week during the spring semester.
 3. The chair may hold special meetings at his or her discretion.
- E. Amendments
1. Amendments in this subsection of the bylaws must be proposed by a voting member of LAT in writing one week prior to its consideration.
 2. Amendments must be passed by at least two thirds of the LAT.
 3. Amendments shall become effective upon two thirds approval by Student Senate.
- F. Parliamentary Authority
The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the LAT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the LAT bylaws.

Subsection 2: Diversity Council

- A. Purpose
1. It is the purpose of the Diversity Council to formulate and make recommendations, by means of the chair, to Student Senate concerning any subject matter the chair deems necessary to put on the agenda.
 2. With the input of the Diversity Council, Student Senate will develop a stance on current issues affecting diversity in any form on or off campus.
- B. Membership
Voting membership of the Diversity Council shall include:
1. One student approved by each Cultural Center and Resource Center director/coordinator.
 - a. Asian/Pacific American Student Services
 - b. Center for International Education
 - c. Cesar Chavez Cultural Center
 - d. Disability Support Services
 - e. GLBTA Resource Center
 - f. Marcus Garvey Culture Center
 - g. Native American Student Services
 - h. Women's Resource Center
 2. Any number of students approved through Diversity Council by two thirds of the entire membership.
- C. Term of Appointment
Each appointed member shall serve from the time appointed until the end of the current academic year.
- D. Meetings
1. Must be held at least once a month.
 2. The chair may hold special meetings at his or her discretion.
- E. Amendments

1. Amendments in this subsection of the bylaws must be proposed by a voting member of Diversity Council in writing one week prior to its consideration.
2. Amendments must be passed by at least two thirds of the Diversity Council.
3. Amendments shall become effective upon two thirds approval by Student Senate.

F. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Diversity Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Diversity Council bylaws.

Sub-Section 3: Student Organizations Team (SOT)

A. Purpose

1. Determine charter recognition of each club and forward the recommendation to Student Senate
2. Determine funding allocated to each club and forward the recommendation to Student Senate
3. Review/Remove charter or funding privileges for violations in policy.
4. Serve as a resource for dispute resolution.
5. Forward recommendations to Student Senate or the University on behalf of student organizations.
6. Throughout the academic year, advise the Director of Student Organizations on concerns and issues that are important to student organizations.

B. Membership

Voting membership of the SOT shall include three to seven students recommended by the Director of Student Organizations and approved by Student Senate.

C. Term of Appointment

Each appointed member shall serve from the time appointed until the end of the current academic year.

D. Meetings

1. Must be held at least once a month.
2. The chair may hold special meetings at his or her discretion.

E. Amendments

1. Amendments in this subsection of the bylaws must be proposed by a voting member of SOT in writing one week prior to its consideration.
2. Amendments must be passed by at least two thirds of the SOT.
3. Amendments shall become effective upon two thirds approval by Student Senate.

F. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the SOT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the SOT bylaws.

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