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2223-0003: Executive Board Restructure

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Recognizing that requiring students interested in Executive Board roles to run on a full ticket can be discouraging due to the challenge of acquiring a full ticket of five students.

Recognizing that historically, tickets that run for the Executive Board do not remain intact throughout the duration of the academic year due to students transferring, resigning, studying abroad, student teaching, etc.

Recognizing that historically, representation from Ex Officio roles has varied, resulting in outdated and unclear descriptions of responsibilities.

It is resolved that Student Governance Council modifies its elections structure so that students may choose to run for any of the five elected Executive Board roles independently, abolishing the ticket system currently in place.

It is resolved that current Ex Officio roles are moved to a new branch of the council, where the representatives can engage with the council as a whole and serve in advisory roles.

It is resolved that Article V Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Student Governance Council Constitution be replaced with the following:

2. Seats & Line of Succession
 - a. President of the Student Body
 - b. Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - c. Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - d. Vice President of Business and Finance

- e. Vice President of Communications
 - f. Senate Chair
 - g. Chief of Staff
3. Term of Office
- a. The President of the Student Body and Vice Presidents elected in Spring Elections will serve from their date of election until the date of Spring elections the following academic year. Executive Board Members confirmed to the Executive Board during the academic year will serve from their date of confirmation until the date of Spring elections.
 - b. The Senate Chair will serve from their date of confirmation until the date of Spring elections.
 - c. The Chief of Staff will serve from their date of appointment until the date of Spring elections.
 - d. No Executive Board member will serve multiple official positions within Student Governance Council.
 - e. There will be no limit to the number of times a student can run or serve for a Student Governance Council Executive Board position.
 - f. Any Executive Board member may resign from their position at any time, adhering to following guidelines:
 - i. Executive Board members considering resignation can meet with any other members of the Executive Board to discuss their thoughts.
 - ii. A formal letter of resignation must be sent to the Senate Chair and/or the Student Governance Council advisor. This resignation will go into effect immediately, and cannot be withdrawn.
 - iii. An announcement of the resignation must be made by either the former Executive Board member, or a member of the Executive Board at the following Student Governance Council meeting.
 - iv. The Senate Chair, Student Governance Council Advisor, or a member of the Executive Board may choose to conduct an exit interview with the former Executive Board member.
4. Executive Board Meetings
- a. Executive Board members will host meetings once every week while classes are in session.
 - b. Meetings can be added, canceled or rescheduled at the discretion of the Executive Board.
 - c. The President of the Student Body, Vice Presidents, Senate Chair, and Chief of Staff will each receive one vote.
 - d. A simple majority of members of the Executive Board must be present for any vote to occur.

- e. In the event of a tie, the President of the Student Body or highest ranking member present will make the final decision.

It is resolved that Article V Sections 13, 14, and 15, pertaining to the duties of current ex officio executive board members, be removed from the Student Governance Council Constitution.

It is resolved that the following will be added as Article VI of the Student Governance Council Constitution.

ARTICLE VI: Ex Officio Positions

1. Purpose
 - a. Student Governance Council will reserve designated Ex Officio positions on the council for representatives selected by other governing bodies or departments to serve as advisors to the council.
2. Seats
 - a. Student Trustee
 - b. Vice President of the Residence Hall Association
 - c. Student Director of the Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - d. Liaison to the Students of Color Coalition
3. Term of Office
 - a. The Student Trustee will serve adhering to the guidelines of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. The Vice President of the Residence Hall Association will serve adhering to the guidelines of the Residence Hall Association Constitution.
 - c. The Student Director of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will serve adhering to the guidelines of the Alumni Association.
 - d. The Liaison to the Students of Color Coalition will serve adhering to the guidelines of the Students of Color Coalition
4. Duties
 - a. All Ex Officio members will collaborate with Student Governance Council and represent their respective groups and campus partners.
 - b. The Student Trustee will fulfill their duties to the Ithaca College Board of Trustees.
 - c. The Vice President of the Residence Hall Association will fulfill their duties to the Residence Hall Association.
 - d. The Student Director of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will fulfill their duties to the Alumni Association
5. Attendance

- a. Ex Officio representatives are not required to attend any Student Governance Council meetings or events, but are encouraged to do so.
 - b. Ex Officio representatives are expected to attend Student Governance Council meetings when they have updates or contributions to bring to the council.
6. Powers
- a. Ex Officio representatives do not hold any voting power on either the legislative branch or the executive branch of Student Governance Council.
 - b. Ex Officio representatives are considered official members of Student Governance Council and are permitted to remain in the room during Executive Sessions and other private deliberations.

It is resolved that Article VII Section 6 Subsection b Sub-subsection ii is replaced with the following:

- ii. After the motion is passed, all attendees of meetings outside of Student Governance Council must leave the meeting. Only Executive Board members, Senators, Ex Officio members, and the Student Governance Council Advisor will be permitted to remain in the meeting.

It is resolved that Article XI Section 3 is replaced with the following:

3. Executive Board Elections
- a. Executive Board elections will be held once a year, during Spring Elections. If no Executive Board is elected during Spring Elections due to a lack of any candidates, disqualification, or votes of no confidence, a special election may be held during the following Fall semester, managed by the Senate Chair.
 - b. All candidates for Executive Board positions must be in good judicial standing according to the standards of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Candidates must also have completed at least one full semester at Ithaca College at the time the term of office begins.
 - c. No candidate may run for more than one position on Student Governance Council.
 - d. Candidates for Executive Board positions may run for any one of the following five positions:
 - i. President of the Student Body
 - ii. Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - iii. Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - iv. Vice President of Business and Finance
 - v. Vice President of Communications

- e. All Executive Board candidates must complete and return the required election materials to the Elections Committee by the specified date and time.

It is resolved that all references to tickets in Article XI are removed.

It is resolved that Article XI Section 4 Subsection c, outlining campaign funding for executive board tickets, be removed.

It is resolved that Article XIII Section 3 will be retitled to “Ex Officio Members”.

It is resolved that all article references in the Student Governance Council Constitution are updated to reflect the changes made in this amendment.