

FSL Amendment

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<p>Article VII: ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>SECTION 1. STUDENT SENATE</p> <p>The Student Senate shall be the chief legislative and policy-making branch of the Union.</p> <p>a. The Student Senate shall be presided over by the Grand Marshal.</p> <p>b. The Student Senate shall consist of 29 voting members: Seven Senators from the Graduate Class, four Senators from each undergraduate class, three Independent Senators, and three Greek Senators. [As amended by Amendment III.]</p> <p>c. It shall be responsible for initiating all legislative action in those areas which affect the Union.</p> <p>d. It shall pass such by-laws as are necessary for its operation by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of its total voting membership.</p> <p>e. It shall determine the amount of the Union Activity Fee by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of its total voting membership.</p> <p>f. It shall establish procedures for selection and removal of the student members of the committees of the Board of Trustees and all other appointments.</p> <p>g. It shall be the responsibility of all senators to regularly report to their respective councils</p>	<p>Article VII: ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>SECTION 1. STUDENT SENATE</p> <p>The Student Senate shall be the chief legislative and policy-making branch of the Union.</p> <p>a. The Student Senate shall be presided over by the Grand Marshal.</p> <p>b. The Student Senate shall consist of 28 voting members: Seven Senators from the Graduate Class, four Senators from each undergraduate class, three Independent Senators, and three Fraternity and Sorority Life Senators. [As amended by Amendments III and VI.]</p> <p><i>i. Affiliation with a fraternity or sorority shall be determined by the Director of the Union or a designee.</i></p> <p>c. It shall be responsible for initiating all legislative action in those areas which affect the Union.</p> <p>d. It shall pass such by-laws as are necessary for its operation by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of its total voting membership.</p> <p>e. It shall determine the amount of the Union Activity Fee by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of its total voting membership.</p> <p>f. It shall establish procedures for selection and removal of the student members of the committees of the Board of Trustees and all other appointments.</p> <p>g. It shall be the responsibility of all senators to regularly report to their respective councils.</p>

Article VIII: ELECTIONS

SECTION 5. GREEK STATUS

- a. To be eligible for the office of Independent Senator, a student must not be a member of a fraternity or sorority at Rensselaer.
- b. To be eligible for the office of Greek Senator, a student must be a member of a fraternity or sorority at Rensselaer. [As amended by Amendment III.]
 - i. Fraternal affiliation shall be determined by the Dean of Students Office.
 - c. **Of the three Greek Senator positions, one position each will be allocated to the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Fraternity and Sorority Council. [As amended by Amendment III.]**
 - d. **Of the candidates for Greek Senator, the member with the highest number of votes from each council will be elected as Greek Senator for that council. [As amended by Amendment III.]**

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 - i. Fraternal affiliation shall be determined by the Dean of Students Office.
 - c. **During the election of Fraternity and Sorority Life Senators, all candidates on the ballot shall be classified within a grouping based on the chapter of Fraternity and Sorority Life that they have a membership in. Write-in candidates will not be classified, hereby referred to as “unclassified” candidates.**
 - i. The Student Senate shall determine the various groupings in its election procedure, based primarily on the existing structure of Fraternity and Sorority Life and those councils under its jurisdiction.
 - ii. Each active chapter or organization under the jurisdiction of Fraternity and Sorority Life must be classified into one and only one grouping, and no two chapters under the jurisdiction of the same council may be classified into different groupings.
 - iii. If a candidate is affiliated with multiple Fraternity and Sorority Life organizations, they must choose one to represent for election purposes.
 - d. **To select the Fraternity and Sorority Life Senators, the following process shall be used.**

[As amended by Amendments III and VI.]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall win the first position.ii. The second position shall go to the highest-voted candidate that does not share their classification with the first winner or is unclassified, unless all eligible candidates are unclassified, in which case the candidate with the second-highest number of votes will win.iii. The third position shall go to the highest-voted candidate that does not share a classification with either of the other winners or is unclassified, unless all eligible candidates are unclassified, in which case the position shall go to the candidate with the highest number of votes excluding the other winners.
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Protecting Democracy Amendment

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Article VIII: ELECTIONS SECTION 8. The candidates for Senators, representatives to the Graduate Council, the Undergraduate Class Councils, the President of the Graduate Council, and President of the Undergraduate Council receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected	Article VIII: ELECTIONS SECTION 8. Unless otherwise specified in the Union Constitution, the candidates for all available positions that receive the most votes shall be elected.