

SENATE SEAT SELECTION
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name shall be Senate Seat Selection Committee, hereafter referred to as SSSC.

Section 2. The purpose of SSSC is:

- A. To select and appoint clubs and organizations to hold voting Senate Seats for the period of one academic school year as stated by the AS Constitution.
- B. To appoint clubs and organizations in a manner that will represent a diversity of opinions and activities with respect to the purposes of the variety of recognized clubs and organizations on campus.
- C. To give fair opportunity for different clubs and organizations to have representation in Senate when compared with past years and influence on campus.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall consist of:

- A. The Executive Board of the Associated Students, which includes the President and all Vice Presidents.
- B. The Dean of Students or his/her designated representative.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1. The SSSC shall meet between the deadline for applications for Senate seat selection and the first Senate meeting of the academic school year.

ARTICLE IV - PROCEDURE

Section 1. All clubs/organizations applying for a Senate seat must meet the qualifications as stated in the AS Constitution and must also submit an application to the Executive Board by the date and time established by the Executive Board at the beginning of each school year.

Section 2. The SSSC shall award Senate seats in the following way:

- A. The Executive Board shall first award one voting Senate Seat to each organization that is stated in the AS Constitution to have a mandatory seat (Article IV, section 2, line K).

B. Each of the remaining two categories (AS Constitution, Article IV, section 2, lines J and L) for clubs/organizations to apply for Senate Seat Selection will then be dealt with in the following ways:

1. All clubs/organizations of a cultural, racial, spiritual, or sexually diverse nature must be considered under this category as outlined in the AS Constitution.
2. All other clubs/organizations must be considered under the category outlined in the AS Constitution relating to "other clubs".
3. If there are an equal number or less clubs/organizations applying under one category than the constitution allows, then all such qualified clubs/organizations shall be awarded a voting Senate seat.
4. If either of the two categories is not fully applied for by qualified club/organization candidates by the deadline established by the Executive Board, the remaining seats may be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Board to any club under any category that applied by the appropriate deadline.
5. If there are more clubs/organizations applying for a Senate seat than there are Senate seats available, as outlined by the Constitution, the Executive Board shall use the following process to select the clubs/organizations that will have voting Senate seats:
 - a. If a club/organization had a Senate seat the previous year and missed more than one (1) Senate meeting, they shall be deemed "not fully qualified" and shall be considered only if there are additional seats available after all other clubs/organizations that applied by the deadline have been awarded a Senate seat.
 - b. The Senate seats shall then be awarded in a rotating fashion so that clubs/organizations that applied the previous year that were "fully qualified" and did not receive a Senate seat shall rotate with clubs/organizations of similar influence and purpose that did receive a Senate seat.
 - c. The remaining clubs/organizations that held a Senate seat the previous year and are still fully qualified will be pooled with all applying clubs/organizations of the same category that did not hold a Senate seat the previous year. They will then be selected by the EB based on criteria such as, but not limited to: 1) participation in Senate the previous year, 2) value added activities the club/organization contributes to USD and the surrounding community, and 3) relative influence on the USD campus. This shall be done to achieve a diversity of clubs/organizations.

D. Any remaining seats that are available for clubs/organizations, if all are not awarded through the application process by the Executive Board, may be appointed at any time by the President upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended in the following way:

- B. Any voting member of Senate may, at any regular meeting, submit a proposed amendment.
- C. The proposed amendment must be publicly posted in the AS Executive Office for no less than 5 school days.
- D. The Senate may then approve the proposed amendment at the next meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE VI – RATIFICATION

Section 1. These By-Laws are subject to right of appeal by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Section 2. Final ratification of these By-Laws will be effected by a two-thirds vote of the entire AS Student Senate.