

Bylaws OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENT SENATE

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1.

We, the members of the Student Body of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS, do establish this organization, the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate.

Section 2.

Here after, in these Bylaws, we will refer to the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate as SHP Senate.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1.

The purpose of the SHP Senate is to establish an organization representative of all SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS students. The SHP Senate should support and facilitate student involvement as well as provide an effective voice in the development and application of policies regarding academics and student affairs, while promoting a positive relationship and mutual respect among students, faculty, and administration.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate shall be composed of at least one member and not more than four members from each educational program within the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

Section 2.

Each educational program shall have one vote on issues brought before the Senate for consideration.

Section 3.

The members of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate shall be chosen through intra-program student body elections held no later than two weeks after the beginning of the Fall semester. The newly elected representatives shall serve their respective terms the present school year. A member may serve more than one year.

Section 4.

The specific provisions for the yearly elections shall be determined by each program in the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

Section 5.

The SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate may, by two-thirds vote, designate representatives of other organizations as non-voting members.

Section 6.

In case of temporary vacancy (of a member of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate), this vacancy may be filled by an alternate from the program in which the vacancy has occurred.

Section 7.

In case of permanent vacancy or resignation, a special election will be called of that program to fill this vacancy.

Section 8.

At the end of the Spring semester, an interim chairperson shall be elected by the members of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate to assume all duties of the Chairperson over the Summer semester and to conduct the first

meeting of the following Fall semester. The Interim Chairperson may hold monthly meetings during the summer with those members whose classes are in session, at her/his discretion.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1.

The SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate shall each year, choose from among its membership, a Chairperson/Vice Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons, and a secretary/treasurer.

Section 2.

The officers shall together constitute the Executive Committee of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES

Section 1.

The Chairperson or delegate shall assume the following duties:

Preside at all meetings of the SHP Student Senate Notify all members of the SHP Senate of upcoming meetings May appoint working committees as deemed necessary Generally assume responsibility for the functioning of the SHP Senate in cooperation with the executive committee. Become an active member of Student Governing Council (attend meetings)

Section 2.

The Vice Chairperson or delegate shall assume the following duties:

Preside at all meetings of the SHP Senate during the absence of the Chairperson Generally assume responsibility for the functioning of the SHP Senate in cooperation with the executive committee

Section 3.

a. The secretary/treasurer shall assume the following duties:

Record minutes from the SHP senate meeting minutes and broadcast those minutes to the student body. Notify the University Events calendar coordinator of any upcoming SHP student senate meetings or events

b. Develop the annual budget with assistance from the executive committee, and monitor budget expenditures, reporting to the Senate on a monthly basis

c. Generally assume responsibility for the functioning of the SHP Senate in cooperation with the executive committee

Shall be responsible for collecting receipts and appropriating monies allocated by the SHP student senate in conjunction with the senate advisor. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one position if felt necessary by Student Senate.

Section 4.

a. Two graduate members and two undergraduate members, one of whom must be the Chairperson or co-chairperson, shall become active members of the Student Governing Council (attend meetings).

b. One graduate member shall become an active member of Graduate Student Council (attend meetings).

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1.

The SHP Senate shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or the request of three members to the Chairperson

Section 2.

The SHP Senate shall meet at least once in every calendar month, unless it is decided a meeting is unnecessary in the Fall or Spring semesters.

Section 3.

A simple majority of SHP program representation (greater than 50%) shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 4.

The SHP Senate meetings shall be open to all members of the Student Body of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

Section 5.

All programs within the SHP shall be notified of each meeting of the SHP Senate prior to such a meeting.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The SHP Senate shall, by two-thirds vote, establish such standing committees as it deems necessary.

Section 2.

A member of the SHP Senate shall be the Chairperson of all such committees.

ARTICLE VIII: STUDENT-FACULTY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Students shall be appointed to other committees or organizations upon request or as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX: PROCEDURE

Section 1. "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for the SHP Senate, where they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Section 2. These bylaws should be reviewed annually by the SHP Senate.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of members' representation of each SHP program by the SHP senate.

Section 2. These Bylaws shall be in full force and effect upon their approval by two-thirds vote of representatives of each academic program in the SHP.

Section 3. In such instance as these Bylaws are approved, the ad hoc SHP Senate is authorized to function as the SHP Senate with full rights, privileges, and responsibilities until such elections as provided for in ARTICLE III above are held.

These Bylaws were approved by a vote of the members of the Student Assembly (Senate) March 24, 1978, and revised and approved by a vote of the members of the SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Student Senate November 14, 1983. Revised again, and approved by a vote of the Student Senate, Fall, 1993. Third revision approved by the SHP Senate and Student Body, Spring 2000. Fourth revision approved by the 2003-04 SHP Senate, February, 2004. Fifth revision approved by the SHP Senate, March 2011.