

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Student Advisory Council (STAC) CONSTITUTION

Article I: Council Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Student Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as STAC.

Section 2. The purpose of STAC shall be to maintain channels of communication through which UMUC students may provide input regarding, and stay informed of, significant institutional decisions. STAC members (“Members”) shall act in an advisory capacity to the UMUC President (the “President”) and other UMUC officials as appropriate.

Article II: Member Eligibility, Distribution, and Selection

Section 1. Members must meet certain minimum eligibility requirements to serve on STAC. Candidates for membership shall be reviewed for eligibility by an ex officio member, as that term is used in Section 4 of this Article, from each STAC division, as listed in the Bylaws.

- Undergraduate Members must be seeking a UMUC undergraduate degree or certificate with a minimum cumulative UMUC GPA of 2.5 and must have completed at least one (1) UMUC course within the Academic Year prior to seeking election to STAC. Undergraduate Members must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

- Graduate Members must be seeking a UMUC graduate degree or certificate, in active status, and must have successfully completed at least nine (9) UMUC graduate credits prior to the commencement of the Member’s first Term Year. Graduate Members must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

- Any candidate who has been found responsible for a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Code of Civility shall not be eligible for STAC membership.

- All Members must be eligible to serve on STAC for at least two Term Years, as that term is defined in Art. III, § 1.

- All Members must have access to appropriate technology so as to effectively serve, such as e-mail, the World Wide Web, and a telephone. Members must be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 2. The number and composition of Members selected from the undergraduate and graduate student bodies, and from the various divisions of UMUC, shall be outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Members and Officers shall be selected according to the election process outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The President shall designate a UMUC staff member(s) to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member(s) of STAC. This designated representative(s) shall appoint at least one additional ex officio, non-voting member from each of the three (3) UMUC divisions (Stateside, Europe, and Asia).

Article III: Council Term and Tenure

Section 1. A STAC term year shall be from January 1 through December 31 (“Term Year”), and shall comprise the spring, summer, and fall semesters.

Section 2. Each Member, other than ex officio members, shall serve on STAC for two (2) Term Years (a “STAC Term”). Any Member who wishes to continue to serve after his/her STAC Term must nominate him/herself as a candidate for STAC membership and be re-elected according to the election process for an additional STAC Term. Members may not serve more than two (2) STAC Terms. Administration may be allowed to appoint current members of STAC for an additional term at their discretion and without those members going through the re-election process as long as the total number is less than 25% of the total STAC membership.

Article IV: Council Officers and Other Council Representation

Section 1. The officers of STAC shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary (the “Officers”, or individually, an “Officer”). The Officers shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws. These positions together shall constitute the STAC Executive Committee (the “Executive Committee”). The Executive Committee may establish additional officers as deemed necessary or essential to the operation of STAC.

Section 4. A Member serving on another council shall be a voting member of the respective council.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall solicit Members’ interest in serving as council representatives prior to any Member’s appointment as a council representative. The Executive Committee shall recommend one (1) or more Members to serve as council representatives to the Provost, who shall make council appointments.

Section 6. The Executive Committee and those Members serving on other councils shall serve a term of one (1) year on the Executive Committee or council. Vacancies in any office shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article V: Council Meetings

Section 1. STAC shall meet at least five (5) times from January through December (the calendar year)) Meetings shall be conducted by teleconference unless otherwise specified. The Executive Committee may choose an alternative method to conduct meetings, if necessary, and if able to be accommodated by UMUC.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall arrange the details of each meeting including date, time, and telecommunication systems, as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article VI: Ratification and Adoption

Section 1. STAC shall establish Bylaws, consistent with this Constitution, to guide its operations and rules of order. Bylaws shall be adopted, and may be amended, by a simple majority vote of voting Members.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of voting Members. In accordance with the Board of Regents (BOR) and UMUC policies on shared governance, amendments shall be subject to approval by the President before implementation.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Graduate Member Requirements (2/1/2013) – If a student seeks nomination to STAC as a Graduate member and has received an undergraduate degree from UMUC during the 24 months previous to the start of the term to which they are seeking nomination/election as a graduate student, the 9 credit minimum outlined in Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution shall be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
2. "The David Rule"(2/1/2013) – In order to allow for the current and future complexities of UMUC partnerships and enrollment agreements with other institutions, with a two thirds majority vote and representation from each division, on an as needed basis, the Council can make exceptions to the academic requirements for seeking and holding STAC office.