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Cabinet Policies

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ARTICLE I - *NAME*

SECTION 1 - NAME

This body shall be known as the "Cabinet."

ARTICLE II - *PURPOSE*

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Cabinet to serve as an advisory body to the President of Student Government, to help coordinate the activities of Student Government, and to advise the GSS on policy matters.

ARTICLE III - *MEMBERSHIP*

SECTION 1 - MEMBERS

Shall consist of the Vice-President of Student Government, the VPFA, the VPSE, the VPSO, the VPSL, a representative from each Representative board, a representative from each Community Association, and two senators from GSS. The President shall appoint these positions no later than two academic weeks into the President's term. The Senators appointed by the President for the cabinet must be confirmed by the Senate through a majority roll call vote in executive session, with the potentially appointed Senators not present. The President shall have the discretion of appointing ex officio members as they deem necessary, with the advice and approval of the GSS.

SECTION 2 - ABSENCES

Any member of the Cabinet who is absent and fails to send a representative to two (2) meetings of the Cabinet shall lose all the rights and privileges of membership and shall not count toward a quorum until reinstated by a majority vote of the General Student Senate. Following removal, the member must attend two consecutive meetings to re-obtain voting privileges.

SECTION 3 - PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY

It shall be the President's authority to remove any Cabinet member from their position, only to replace that member as described in Section 1. Replacement of that member must occur by the next Cabinet meeting.

ARTICLE IV - *THE CHAIR*

SECTION 1 - CHAIR

The Chairperson of the Cabinet shall be the President of Student Government. In the event that the President cannot chair, the Vice President of Student Government shall take their place.

ARTICLE V - *MEETINGS OF THE CABINET*

SECTION 1 - MEETING SCHEDULE

Shall meet after each GSS meeting before the end of the day on the following Wednesday.

SECTION 2 - GOVERNANCE

The cabinet shall run in accordance with its own governing documents.

SECTION 3 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Cabinet may be held at the discretion of the President or upon the request of at least three (3) members of the Cabinet.

SECTION 4 - REPORTS

Upon request of the President, the Cabinet members shall again give their reports about their respective organizations.

SECTION 5 - ROBERTS RULES

Cabinet shall run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and in accordance with these policies.

ARTICLE VI - *CABINET AUTHORITY*

SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY

Shall have the authority to propose resolutions to the GSS or veto any Resolution passed by the GSS with a 2/3 vote of members present, provided a quorum exists. The GSS may overturn this veto by a 2/3 roll-call vote at the following GSS meeting.

ARTICLE VII - *VETO POWER*

SECTION 1 - STANDING

The Cabinet has the power to veto any resolution passed by the GSS.

SECTION 2 - PROCEDURE

To veto, a Cabinet member must motion to veto, followed by a period of debate and then a vote. A veto requires a 2/3rds vote to pass.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITION

A "veto" is defined herein as the rejection of a resolution in its entirety; any type of partial or "line-item" veto that strikes out only a portion of a resolution is null and void.

SECTION 4 - REPORTING DUTIES

The President of Student Government must report to the GSS any vetoed resolutions via email before the following Friday. The email must include the vote tally and a copy of the resolution.

ARTICLE VIII - *AMENDMENTS*

SECTION 1 - THE 2/3RDS THRESHOLD

Amendments to these policies require a 2/3 vote of the General Student Senate.

ARTICLE IX - *SUPREMACY*

SECTION 1 - CONSTITUTIONAL SUPREMACY

These policies are subject to the Constitution of the University of Maine Student Government. Any parts of these policies in contravention of these policies are null and void.