

PASSED AS AMENDED 10/7/2025

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, INC.
GENERAL STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION
"INTRODUCTION OF TITLES ACT"

Date: 10-01-2025

Resolution #: 46S-POL-109-10-07-2025

AN ACT TO: Establish Titling of Resolutions, Written by Either Author or Relevant Committee and Add an "Author" Line to the Official Resolution Template within the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate.

WHEREAS, legislative documents customarily include descriptive titles to clarify their content and improve transparency; and

WHEREAS, the clarity and accessibility of legislative documents are essential to ensuring that students of all backgrounds can engage with the work of the General Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, titles provide a straightforward way to summarize the content of a resolution, making it easier for students and the broader UMaine community to understand proposed or passed actions without requiring familiarity with parliamentary language; and

WHEREAS, this change will not affect how resolutions are stored or filed, nor does it make titles mandatory; and

WHEREAS, for all cases of marketing and communications, resolutions can be more easily advertised using a title, allowing for clearer messaging, broader visibility, and stronger aggregate student understanding of the work of the General Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, titles should remain respectful, appropriate, and relevant to the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Resolution Template on page 23 of the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate be amended to include a title line, to be placed directly below the heading "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, INC. GENERAL STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION." The title shall appear in bolded, capitalized, and italicized text enclosed in quotation marks; and

RESOLVED, that the Resolution Template on page 23 of the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate be amended to include an "Author" line placed directly above the existing "Sponsor(s)" line, and that the Sponsor(s) line be optional; and

RESOLVED, *Rule V, Section C*, be amended to read as follows:

Resolutions shall take the form of a document written to express the desired action to be taken by the Senate. The format of the document shall follow the template printed at the end of this document and the following list of requirements:

1. The font shall be Times New Roman with size 12 pt.

2. The document shall be single-spaced.
3. There shall be a centered, bold heading printed as written in the template.
4. **There shall be a centered, bolded, and italicized title below the heading as written in the template.**
 - a. **Titles shall be required for all resolutions passed through the Senate, with the exception of resolutions passed through the Executive Budgetary Committee regarding funding requests for totals under \$1,000; otherwise, the 'An Act To:' clause shall function as a title.**
 - b. **Titles may only include the term, year, and relevant information on the content of the resolution. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, function, document changes, budget expenses, organizations referenced, and anything sanctioned by the committee. Resolution titles may not include profanity, hate speech, misinformation, or anything unbecoming of the General Student Senate.**
5. The date and number shall be printed in bold. The date shall take the form Month DD, YYYY (eg. July 16, 1995), and the number shall take the form ##S-Committee Acronym-##-MM-DD-YYYY. ##S-Committee Acronym ##-MM-DD-YYYY, where the first two digits are the Session number; the committee acronym could be as follows: CAB=Cabinet, EBC=Executive Budget Committee, SOC=Student Organizations Committee, SE=Student Entertainment Committee, POL=Policy & Procedure, S=Services, M=Membership, PA=Political Activism, MPR=Marketing and Public Relations.
6. Third and fourth digits are the number of Resolutions which have been passed thus far in the Session, plus the number of Resolutions already listed in "New Business" for the next Meeting of the Senate, plus one (1); and the last numbers shall be the day, month, and year as shown.
7. There shall be a section wherein to list relevant facts related to the Resolution, formatted as shown in the template. The content of this section may be expository and factual, but not speculative. This section is not required.
8. There shall be a statement or several statements of what is to be enacted by the Senate, formatted as shown in the template.
9. There shall be space allotted to print the name(s) of **Author(s) and, below that, Sponsor(s) of the Resolution, should it apply (the sponsor line may be removed if not applicable).**
10. There shall be space allotted to print the outcome of the vote of the Senate. This section shall either read "PASSED", "PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS", or "FAILED".
11. There shall be space allotted to print the recommendation of the Committee to which the Resolution was assigned, as well as the name of that Committee.
12. There shall be space allotted for the signatures of the President and Vice Presidents of UMSG, should the Resolution be passed by the Senate and the President's Cabinet.

RESOLVED, this resolution will be subject to review at the second to last meeting of the General Student Senate, of the spring term of 2026.

AUTHOR: President Tripp
SPONSOR: Senator Chapin
COMMITTEE: Policy and Procedure
RECOMMENDATION: [5-0-2] OTP AA

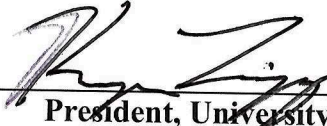
SENATE VOTE: [PASSED/PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS/FAILED]

SIGNATURE:



President, University of Maine General Student Senate

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President, University of Maine Student Government, Inc.

