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**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, INC.**  
**GENERAL STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION**  
**“EXPANDING REPRESENTATION TO THE UMMSS ACT”**

**Date: 02-04-2026**

**Resolution #: 47S-POL-08-02-10-2026**

**AN ACT TO:** Establish the Representative to the Machias Student Senate position within the General Student Senate and update the relevant governing documents accordingly.

**WHEREAS,** the University of Maine Machias became an academic unit of the University of Maine on July 1st, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** much like our existing relationship with the Graduate Student Government, we share the same senior administration and have other vested interests in fostering a structured and institutional relationship with our counterpart down east; and

**WHEREAS,** both Student Governments represent the voices of undergraduate students within their respective campus communities and benefit from regular communication and collaboration on shared issues of student life, policy, and representation; and

**WHEREAS,** the current language of Rule V, Section 2, Subsection B of the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate is also currently missing the Representative to the University of Maine Graduate Student Government.

**RESOLVED,** the UMSG Representative to the Machias Student Senate, alongside it's UMMSS counterpart, will iron out what works best for this communication. It is infeasible to have someone attend in person, and UMMSS does not live-stream its meetings, so a 1:1 meeting structure with UMMSS's counterpart would need to be established. The non-specifics in this resolution regarding the method are intended to allow the representatives discretion over what is most productive; and

**RESOLVED,** that the “Elected Positions” of Rule V, Section 2, Subsection B of the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate shall be amended as follows:

*Where the document now reads:*

“There shall be several positions to which persons shall be nominated and elected by the Senate whenever a position falls vacant. At the end of every Session, these

positions shall be vacated, and the incumbent shall serve as the interim at the beginning of the next session, if applicable. These positions, their constituencies, and the number of persons to be nominated and elected to them shall be as follows. The Senate shall nominate and elect:

1. four (4) Senators to serve on the Executive Budgetary Committee,
2. one (1) Senator to serve as the Representative to the University of Maine Faculty Senate,
3. one (1) member of the Undergraduate Student Body who is not already a member of UMSG to serve as the Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission,
4. one (1) Senator to serve as the Legal Services Liaison,
5. four (4) Senators to serve on the Student Organizations Committee,
6. one (1) Senator to serve as the Chair of each Standing Committee.”

*Shall be amended to read:*

“There shall be several positions to which persons shall be nominated and elected by the Senate whenever a position falls vacant. At the end of every Session, these positions shall be vacated, and the incumbent shall serve as the interim at the beginning of the next session, if applicable. These positions, their constituencies, and the number of persons to be nominated and elected to them shall be as follows. The Senate shall nominate and elect:

1. **Four (4) Senators to serve on the Executive Budgetary Committee,**
2. **One (1) Senator to serve as the Representative to the University of Maine Faculty Senate,**
3. **One (1) Senator to serve as the Representative to the University of Maine Graduate Student Government,**
4. **One (1) Senator to serve as the Representative to the University of Maine Machias Student Senate,**
5. **One (1) member of the Undergraduate Student Body who is not already a member of UMSG to serve as the Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission,**
6. **One (1) Senator to serve as the Legal Services Liaison,**
7. **Four (4) Senators to serve on the Student Organizations Committee,**
8. **One (1) Senator to serve as the Chair of each Standing Committee.”; and**

**RESOLVED**, that the “Periodic Reports” of Rule IV, Section 1, Subsection C, Line 11 of the Standing Rules of the General Student Senate shall be amended as follows:

*Where the document now reads:*

“Periodic Reports

- a. Faculty Senate Student Representative
- b. University of Maine Board of Trustees Student Representative
- c. Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission
- d. Student Legal Services Liaison
- e. Representative to the Graduate Student Senate
- f. Orono Town Council Liaison
- g. Old Town City Council Liaison
- h. Representative of Military and Veteran Student Affairs
- i. Director of Communications
- j. Director of Technology
- k. University of Maine Security Representative
- l. The Center for Undergraduate Research Liaison”

*Shall be amended to read:*

- “Periodic Reports
- a. Faculty Senate Student Representative
  - b. University of Maine Board of Trustees Student Representative
  - c. Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission
  - d. Student Legal Services Liaison
  - e. Representative to the Graduate Student Senate
  - f. Representative to the Machias Student Senate**
  - g. Orono Town Council Liaison
  - h. Old Town City Council Liaison
  - i. Representative of Military and Veteran Student Affairs
  - j. Director of Communications
  - k. Director of Technology
  - l. University of Maine Security Representative
  - m. The Center for Undergraduate Research Liaison”; and

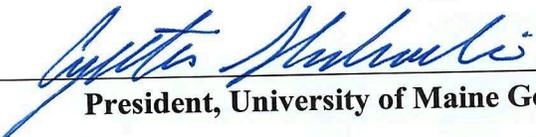
**RESOLVED**, it shall be the responsibility of the senator elected to the Representative to the Machias Student Senate to...

1. Maintain consistent communication between the UMaine and UMM Student Senates.
2. Meet consistently with Machias’ designated UMSG liaison.
3. Update the GSS on UMMSS legislative and advocacy efforts through their weekly reports.
4. Connect the leadership of the two organizations on shared issues such as student life, academic policy, or university/system governance, as needed.
5. When appropriate, serve as a communication channel between the Dean's Office of UMaine Machias and UMSG on matters of joint concern.

**AUTHOR:** President Tripp  
**COMMITTEE:** Policy and Procedure  
**RECOMMENDATION:** [3-0-1] OTP

**SENATE VOTE:** [PASSED]

**SIGNATURE:**

  
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President, University of Maine General Student Senate

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