

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
STUDENT SENATE  
Rules and Regulations  
Revised

**APPENDIX K**

**Standing Committee Charges**

**Multicultural Affairs Committee Charges**

Standing Charges:

1. Receive complaints and provide guidance to Senate regarding minority concerns and issues of discrimination and intercultural relations.
2. Monitor the adherence of the Student Senate to University affirmative action guidelines and make recommendations to correct possible violations.
3. Act as liaison between Senate and multicultural groups by visiting those groups at their regular meetings and staying informed about their activities and goals.
4. Act as a liaison between multicultural organizations and the KU student body by working with groups to publicize multicultural events, etc.
5. Keep a working relationship with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and continue to be a resource for them in their endeavors.
6. For legislation assigned to both Multicultural Affairs and Finance, MA recommends that one of its own members escort organizations to the Finance Committee to act as an advocate on their behalf and to prevent any tensions or misunderstandings between said groups.
7. Submit to Student Senate a year-end report by the end of the Academic year. The final report should make clear what was done (or not done) about each of the charges to the committee and make recommendations to Senate for action. The report should also provide the names of the committee members and include suggestions for charges to, and the chair of, next year's committee.
8. Form Adhoc subcommittees to pursue new projects, carry out outreach, and ensure that the goals of the committee are being met as needed.
9. Regularly update Student Senate regarding events and issues surrounding the MRC.

**Finance Committee Charges:**

Standing Charges:

1. Review all legislation authorizing expenditures from the Student Senate Activity Fee Fund.
2. Perform all duties as prescribed by Article VIII of the Student Senate Rules and Regulations.
3. Conduct budget hearings and deliberations (including those for the Line-Item and Block Accounts) in the Spring Semester and submit a recommended budget to the Student Senate.
4. Display fiscal responsibility through consistency in allocations and by allocating funds not in excess of the revenues generated by the Student Senate Activity Fee.
5. Maintain a high level of communication with all student organizations eligible for Student Senate funding. This will include publicizing Finance Committee rules, general funding guidelines, and how to prepare for a Finance Committee meeting.
6. Review existing funding guidelines, evaluate their efficacy and purpose, and add, change, or remove guidelines, as considered necessary, at or before the first Finance Committee meeting. Student Senate will receive these guidelines (through the list-serve) prior to the first Student Senate meeting.
7. Direct student groups that have previously received Student Senate funding to apply for funding **through** the Line-Item or Block Allocation processes. The Finance Committee Chair will ensure that groups apply for the appropriate process.
8. Explore new ideas/actions with the intent to recruit and retain attending Finance Committee members. This will include attendance at committee meetings, hearings, deliberations, and board/subcommittee meetings.
9. Explore new ideas/actions to increase member involvement within the committee.

10. Explore new ideas/actions to improve committee relationships with student groups and to improve the public perception of the committee.
11. Explore new ideas/actions to assist both new and experienced Senators in presenting legislation to the Finance Committee.
12. Submit to Student Senate:
  - a. recommendations for actions as approved by the Finance Committee,
  - b. a recommended budget as previously mentioned, and
  - c. a final report. This report will include a summary of the Finance Committee's actions with references to the aforementioned charges, action summaries of all Finance Committee boards and subcommittees, committee-generated charges for the Finance Committee of 2010-2011, and any additional information the Finance Committee Chair chooses to provide regarding the business of the Finance Committee.

### **University Affairs Committee Charges:**

#### Standing Charges:

1. Review questions of academic freedoms and policy; inform University Authorities, Student Senate, and student representatives to policy-making bodies in such matters.
2. Review questions regarding policy, organization and function of student services at the University.
3. Address issues and legislation that involve aspects of student life at the University.
4. Submit to Student Senate:
  - a. Recommendations for action as they are approved by the committee.
  - b. A mid-year and final report. The final report should make clear what was done (or not done) about each of the charges to the committee and make recommendations to Senate for action. The report should also provide the names of the committee members and include suggestions for the charges to, and chair of, next year's committee.

#### Additional Charges:

5. Increase the amount of non-senator committee member sponsored legislation by announcing bills/resolutions-in-progress via e-mail.
6. Establish the University Affairs Committee as an open forum for the discussion of timely on-campus issues.
7. Carry out informal outreach between meetings in order to bring in a steady flow of new members and allow for greater participation in the committee process.

### **Student Rights Committee Charges:**

#### Standing Charges:

1. Receive all complaints and provide information relevant to the protections of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and serve as the guardian of such protections within the limits defined by Student Senate Rules and Regulations.
2. Monitor any proposed changes in the University CODE, the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, or any of the boards and committees as provided for in these documents. This includes changes in Student Senate Rules and Regulations with the exception of Article VIII, which is under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee.
3. Submit to Student Senate:
  - a. recommendations for action as they are approved by the committee, and
  - b. a mid-year and final report. The final report will make clear what was done (or not done) about each of the charges to the committee and make recommendations to Student Senate for action. The report will also provide the names of the committee members and include suggestions for charges to, and chair of, next year's committee. This report will be compiled with the other Student Senate committee reports and made easily accessible in the Student Senate office.
4. Continue efforts to ensure student rights in rental housing arrangements by examining local rental-housing regulations. This work should be coordinated with Student Senate, Legal Services for Students, the City of Lawrence, the Off-Campus Living Resource Center, the student body, and area landlords.

#### Additional Charges:

5. Monitor and research the impact of the recently adopted ResNet zero tolerance policy regarding illegal downloading, possibly by means of a Subcommittee. Also, examine whether the new policy unfairly limits students' rights to internet access from on-campus housing, as well as the methods of other Big XII institutions and their policies in regards to a zero tolerance approach to illegal downloading
6. Monitor and research unfair labor practices on-campus including possibly inadequate pay and unfair work restrictions. The research should include, but not be limited to, Resident Assistants, Scholarship Hall Proctors, Graduate Teaching Assistants, and hourly student workers.
7. Examine and discuss methods of creating a way for students to view the University of Kansas instructor evaluations online. This could include the establishment of a Student Rights subcommittee to research the current instructor evaluations and the feasibility of making those evaluating available online.
8. Examine recent removal of student parking spaces in yellow lots and others, and ensure that they are being replaced or compensated for in compliance with University governance policy.
9. Create and implement ways for new members to feel comfortable joining the Student Rights committee and create new opportunities for current members to take an active role in the committee.
10. Monitor other Big XII institutions regarding alcohol policies in University Housing.
11. **Review all legislation that involves expressing education about or defending student rights. This includes events, funding, and all other methods of spreading information or opinions throughout campus that require the support of the Student Senate.**