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VII. OPERATIONAL APPEALS BOARD

APPROVAL AUTHORITY: Senate
REQUIRED VOTE: Simple Majority

CHANGES TAKE EFFECT: Upon Adjournment of Meeting

As outlined in Appendix A of the Constitution, the Parliamentarian will serve as the Chair of the Operational Appeals Board, as a non-voting member, for all appeals. Justices will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Executive Board and the Senate. No Justice may hold a position in any other branch of the Association while serving on the Board.

For appeals of funding decisions of the Finance Board, the Board will be comprised of the Comptroller, one (1) Justice from the general membership of the Board appointed by the Executive Board for the duration of the Executive Board's term, the University's Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, and the Student Body President as a non-voting member. Quorum will be no less than the full voting membership.

For appeals of all other matters, the Board will be comprised of between four and six student Justices, the Student Body President as a non-voting member, and a University administrator within the Division of Student Affairs to provide advising relevant to a given case as a non-voting member. Quorum will be no less than a majority of the voting membership.

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1 Mission Statement

The Operational Appeals Board is charged with hearing appeals of decisions of the Association's boards and committees and alleged violations of the Association's governing documents. Every student has the right to file an appeal with the Board and rest assured that the appeal will be heard. The Board reviews all appeals without bias.

2 Membership Responsibilities

2.1 Each member will be responsible for attending meetings promptly and preparing points of discussion for items on the agenda.
2.2 Any member with an unexcused absence will be dismissed from the Board.
2.3 In the case that an inherent conflict exists, a member should abstain from voting.
2.4 Each member is expected to maintain confidentiality.

3 Membership Application and Requirements

3.1 In order to be eligible to sit on the Board, a student must be:
  3.1.1 Enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, and
  3.1.2 In academic good standing.
3.2 Applications for seats on the Board will be accepted on a rolling basis, as seats are available.
3.3 In order to apply, a student must submit a completed application form to the Parliamentarian.
3.4 The Parliamentarian will evaluate and make a recommendation on all applicants to the President.
3.5 Preference will be given to returning members.