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## SGA Resolution of Governance: Circumstances Required to be Placed on Inactive Roster

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance to Clarify the Circumstances in which a Senator can be placed on the Inactive Roster.

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- Whereas:** Article IV. C of the Constitution reads “Senators will be voting members of the Senate during both academic and co-op semesters. Senators may petition the Executive Board, in writing, to have their names placed on the inactive roster. Senators who have been placed on the inactive roster must still attend Full Body meetings, unless they are outside of Boston area on a Northeastern-associated program, or are otherwise excused.” **AND**
- Whereas:** The inactive roster serves as a standing excusal from all senate meetings; **AND**
- Whereas:** Senators can be excused from meetings due to an academic commitment; personal illness or injury; illness or death in the family; unavoidable co-op commitment; religious or cultural commitment; jury duty; military service; or a reason approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board; **AND**
- Whereas:** It is the Chief of Staff’s responsibility to maintain both the active and inactive rosters; **AND**
- Whereas:** Senators must be on the active roster for four weeks before having voting rights at a Full Body senate; **AND**
- Whereas:** Senators are often away from the Boston area for six months due to co-ops; **AND**
- Whereas:** Senators who have tenure and plan on returning deserve to retain their voting rights on matters pertaining to the future of the Association. **THEREFORE**

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Article IV.C of the Constitution be modified to read “Senators will be voting members of the Senate during both academic and co-op semesters. Senators can petition the Chief of Staff to be placed on the inactive roster for long-term senate excusal, for reasons specified in the bylaws. The Chief of Staff’s decision must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Senators must have served in the Association for the previous four weeks and remain on the inactive roster for no longer than six months. Senators who have been placed on the inactive roster retain voting rights for Full Body meetings, but are excused unless choosing to be in attendance.”

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate,*

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*ATTEST:* Sean P. Maloney  
Executive Vice President

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