

Student Assembly

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Amendments to the By-Laws and SSF Constitution

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- Aware** of the prior need for improving communication between the Student Assembly and the leadership of the Student Sustainability Fund, a fund created by Student Assembly, to produce better efficiency in working towards green and sustainable initiatives,
- Convinced** of the importance of prioritizing sustainability on the Austin College Campus, as informed by the Austin College Campus Sustainability Plan of 2018, the college's support of the Second Nature Carbon Commitment in 2008, and the mission of Austin College Thinking Green,
- Informed** of the positive feedback, relating to the creation and yearlong implementation of a new Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) Delegate position, from the Coordinator for the Center for Environmental Studies, the Director of Thinking Green Campus Awareness, and past and present student leadership of the Student Sustainability Fund Committee, as well as the passage of a EV Charging Station resolution sponsored and passed by the SSF Delegate in May of 2019,
- Be it resolved** that the Student Assembly adds the following amendments to the Student Assembly By-Laws and Student Sustainability Fund Constitution, respectively, effective December 3rd, 2019.
- Note*** After received an initial majority approval from the Student Assembly, the Assembly is then able to formally consider the amendment(s). The Charter Review Committee then reviews the amendment(s) and provide a recommendation on whether or not the Assembly should support the amendment. At this point, the amendment(s) must receive a 2/3 vote approval to be successfully added to the By-Laws and SSF Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) Delegate

Section 1 – Appointment

The President will appoint a Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) Delegate of the Assembly subject to approval of a majority of the Assembly.

Section 2 – Duties

The required duties of the SSF Delegate shall be as follows:

1. To attend all Student Assembly weekly meetings
2. To attend all meetings of Thinking Green Campus Awareness and to participate in Thinking Green Campus Awareness leadership meetings pertaining to the Student Sustainability Fund.
3. To craft and propose resolutions, in conjunction with the Student Sustainability Fund and the Coordinator of the Center for Environmental Studies, oriented around green and sustainable issues for the campus.
4. To meet with the Vice-President on a minimum monthly basis to provide updates to the Executive Board, and to maintain regular communications with the Executive Board, and, when appropriate, the Assembly.

The optional duties of the SSF delegate are as follows:

1. To serve on one of the four standing committees or another committee, subject to the discretion of the Executive Board.
2. To serve on any Task Forces or special committees, subject to the discretion of the Executive Board.
3. To craft and propose resolutions unrelated to green and sustainable issues.

Section 3 – Term

An SSF Delegate shall be chosen at the beginning of each calendar year and shall serve for one year. A member may serve multiple terms as SSF Delegate, subject to re-approval by the Assembly every year.

Section 4 – Removal

If the President believes that the SSF Delegate is acting for obvious self-interest or without regard to the aforementioned responsibilities, the President may ask to remove that member as SSF Delegate. If three-fourths of the Assembly agree, that member is removed as SSF Delegate.

Section 5 – Having no SSF Delegate

If the President believes that no SSF Delegate is needed to maintain strong relationship with the Student Sustainability Fund Committee, the President must consult with the Student Sustainability Fund Committee Leadership.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FUND CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

REVISED ARTICLE II

Representation

Section 1 – Committee

The Student Sustainability Fund Committee, hereafter known as the “Committee”, shall be composed of a group of three students with a faculty sponsor, the Director of Thinking Green Campus Awareness. The Director and Coordinator of the Center for Environmental Studies will also have input.

Two of the students will be the Thinking Green Campus Awareness (hereafter “TGCA”) President and Vice President, who are appointed by the Director of TGCA with input from the Coordinator of the Center for Environmental Studies. These students will serve on the Committee for the extent of their tenure as TGCA executives. A TGCA executive will typically serve for two academic years: one year as Vice President, and one year as President (with a new VP being appointed by the Director of TGCA each year after an open application process). However, the Director of TGCA reserves the right to refuse a VP assuming the role President in the event of poor performance (in these cases, both a new President and Vice President of TGCA will be appointed after an open application process).

The remaining position will be filled by the Student Sustainability Fund Delegate, hereafter known as the “Delegate”. The Delegate will be appointed by Student Assembly and are responsible for the following:

1. To be an active Thinking Green Campus Awareness member
2. To demonstrate a strong interest in environmental sustainability
3. To attend all Student Assembly meetings and participate in all TGCA leadership meetings where Student Sustainability Fund business is discussed.

The primary goal of the Committee will be to meet regularly to review and develop proposals that they believe will be the best possible use of SSF monies.