

Referendum: From Constitution to Shared Governance. The Activation of The Student Advocacy Council (TSAC) ***“Many Voices. One Mission. One Council.”***

Who: The Senate of Metropolitan State University of Denver Student Government Assembly

In the spirit of change and creating access, we (The Student Senate) have voted unanimously in favor to dissolve The Constitution for the Student Government Assembly at MSU Denver along with all governing documents except for the bylaws for the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (SACAB) in effort to provide a more equitable student union that offers the participation of all our constituents. Historically SGA has been a place and space where conflict and harm issues have been rooted in power struggles, along with exclusionary practices with respect to GPA and credit hour requirements.

This leads us to the journey of shifting our focus away from our presiding document *The SGA Constitution* to a communal document which would be the preeminent document for The Student Advocacy Council (TSAC) and will include:

- **22 Council Members**
 - 2 SACAB representatives, 1 student advisor to the Board of Trustees, and 19 representatives who are all council members and all have voting power. Those running for office for the 2021-2022 academic year will be transitioned into the council and all members and will take office effectively July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022.
 - This council will remain in effect and continue as the student authority body unless voted on otherwise through referendum.
- **Planning & Implementation**
 - TSAC will have a summer of planning from June 1st - June 30, 2021, to begin the process of creating the communal document for TSAC and spend a year building and creating a document through the 2021 – 2022 academic year which shall express the interests, requests, and needs of students around advocacy, which is our mission.
- **Bi-Monthly Stipend**
 - TSAC Council members will be paid equitably with pay ranging from \$800-\$1500 monthly.
 - Students regardless of their GPA, completed credit hours at MSU Denver will be able to participate in TSAC as representatives. The Student Advisor position to the Board of Trustees and SACAB representatives have guidelines that are Colorado State Statue and must be changed for all students to participate.
 - Students who are on Medicaid and Food assistance will be able to participate because of the pay structure fitting within income guidelines.
 - Students who are undocumented will be able to participate. They currently cannot be work-study or hourly student employees unless they are DACA students. This would enable all students regardless of their status to be a part of TSAC.
 - Students will be able to work outside the traditional hours of Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM as designated by HR. MSU Denver is a commuter and virtual campus and has non-traditional students. Having this structure will enable the support of needs for students that arise on weekends and after hours.
- **Student Fees & Student Affairs Fees**
 - Student Fees and Student Affairs Fees are a part of the Student Affairs Board & The Senate, which is part of the former SGA union. TSAC will work with the appropriate University administrators to ensure that the TSAC is appropriately situated to contribute to the allocation and/or oversight of student fees.
 - TSAC will ensure the use of these funds are transparently communicated, and information disseminated to the student public, to ensure all funds for student affairs and students fees are appropriately managed and make recommendations to the State of Colorado for statue revisions if necessary.

Therefore, shall the students of Metropolitan State University of Denver authorize the activation of The Student Advocacy Council (TSAC) for the expansion of student leadership with the mission and objective to advocate on the behalf of students in full and to create an experience that all students can enjoy and have access to?

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