



To The Board of Trustees and Affiliates,

We The Senate of the Student Government Assembly of Metropolitan State University of Denver in the spirit of change and creating access, have voted to dissolve The Constitution for the Student Government Assembly 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.

We came to the journey of shifting our focus away from our presiding document *The Constitution* to a document that would emerge through the participation of 20 council members and 2 SACAB representatives that would encompass a summer of student engagement that is set to begin June 1st through June 30th, 2021 and would continue with conversation and integration of the student voices across campus including undergraduate and graduate level students along with the inclusion of student clubs and organizations.

Since our time of activation We The Senate have worked tenaciously to build legislation and or offer our support of student inclusion and voices and we have successfully done measures that include:

1. Having a BIPOC woman lead the Senate which was voted on, and in favor of with our shared unanimous consensus.
2. Having supported the BIPOC Safer Spaces Resolution which was voted on, and in favor of with our shared unanimous consensus.
3. Having activated the student voice, and student fee review committees which was voted on, and in favor of with our shared unanimous consensus.
4. Having drafted together, and written the From Constitution to Shared Governance Resolution which was voted on, and in favor of with our shared unanimous consensus.

We The Senate of the Metropolitan State University of Denver Student Government Assembly voted unanimously to abolish the Constitution of our union, bylaws, and governing documents except the bylaws for the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board in lieu of the 2020 Elections where multiple runs took place and our constitution was not honored.

We had the lowest voter turnout in a 7 year history of SGA during 2020, and the abolishment of our governing documents was to address the inequities in power and provide shared governance. Historically SGA has been a place and space where conflict and harm issues have been rooted in power struggles within our union.

For that reason we created the Student Advocacy Council where our mission and objective is to advocate on the behalf of students in full and to create an experience that all students enjoy and have access to regardless of their GPA, credit hours, and status we want our institution to provide opportunities for all.

We have requested to postpone the elections until May 2021 to gain more student involvement within SGA and to reconcile the issues of the previous SGA and current for the transition to the advocacy council, and ensure all our students have the opportunity to imagine this possibility with us and their voices and their persons in mind.

Please know this letter expresses the full thoughts and minds of The Student Senate of Metropolitan State University of Denver,

Alondra Banuelos- Speaker of The Senate
Jessie Jennett- Pro Tempore of The Senate
Maryan Issack- Parliamentarian of The Senate
X (Antwaun D. Johnson)- Chair of The Student Voice Committee of The Senate