STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY OF METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

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From Constitution to Shared Governance

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ABSTRACT: This resolution is created to abolish the Metropolitan State University of Denver’s Student Government Assembly’s Constitution and all governing documents except for SACAB Bylaws. Our intention is to root out exclusionary practices that are embedded in white supremacy culture i.e. constitutions and/or positions of leadership and power that are foundationally rooted in whiteness.

1. WHEREAS
2. The preamble in the constitution states that the constitution is supposed to maximize
3. student involvement in student affairs, promote academic excellence, provide a form for
4. expression of ideas, opinions and concerns of the student body and to promote
5. harmony and cooperation within the entire MSU Denver community.
WHEREAS
7. The mission of MSU Denver’s SGA is to advocate for students' interest, provide leadership opportunities, and enhance the university experience by unifying and empowering students.

WHEREAS
11. The 2020 SGA elections supported the run of some students running for multiple positions, impacting the outcome of student leadership in said positions. As well as it being the lowest voter turnout in the in history of SGA.

WHEREAS
15. Throughout SGA history there has been issues of conflict, division, harms, and lack of student support and advocacy stifling student empowerment, involvement and activism.

WHEREAS
19. Access to participating in student government because of the credit and GPA requirements have not enabled all students to participate.

WHEREAS
22. The current structure of SGA prioritizes the emphasis on some student leadership but not all and this is noted through hours of service and pay along with committee makeup.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED
26. The dissolution of the Metropolitan State University of Denver’s Student Government assembly constitution dated 2017, the senate bylaws, the student affairs board bylaws, the election services bylaws, election codes, and the SGA membership handbook.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED
30. The postponement of the SGA elections from April 2021 until May 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED
32. The Student Advocacy Council of MSU Denver to ensure the access and participation of all students of MSU Denver. The council is required to connect to every school, department, and student clubs and organization to ensure the needs and desires of students are heard and so that equity is made available to all students. The council is to be made up of 20 councilmembers and 2 SACAB representatives so that there is one member for every 1,000 students. It is suggested that 15 members be undergraduate, and 5 members be graduate students in alignment of the current makeup.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
40. The 20 Council members and 2 SACAB reps will take office on July 1st and their term will end on June 30th. June 1st - June 30th will be the council onboarding, planning and transitioning time. All council members are required to go through trainings addressing oppression of all kinds (i.e. ableism, sex, gender, age, race, religion, creed, national origin, language).
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