



**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY<sup>SM</sup>**  
**OF DENVER**  
Student Government Assembly

**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.

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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.

6. WHEREAS

7. The mission of MSU Denver's SGA is to advocate for students' interest, provide  
8. leadership opportunities, and enhance the university experience by unifying and  
9. empowering students.

10. WHEREAS

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

14. WHEREAS

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

18. WHEREAS

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

21. WHEREAS

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

25. THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

26. The dissolution of the Metropolitan State University of Denver's Student Government  
27. assembly constitution dated 2017, the senate bylaws, the student affairs board bylaws,  
28. the election services bylaws, election codes, and the SGA membership handbook.

29. THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

30. The postponement of the SGA elections from April 2021 until May 2021.

31. THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

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

39. THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

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

