

**BYLAW CHANGES 2024:
STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AND POWERS FOR SYSTEMICALLY
MARGINALISED GROUPS AND AFFINITY GROUPS; RULES OF ORDER CHANGE.**

Amendments to reorganize and add representation to Student Council, and prohibit the AMS from the use of Robert's Rules of Order, noting a commitment to decolonizing practice.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

BYLAW 24: RULES OF ORDER

The Society is prohibited from the use of Robert's Rules of Order in any operations and capacities. This prohibition stands as a component of ongoing efforts to decolonize the structure of the Society.

BYLAW 2: MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

2. Expulsion from the Society

A Member ceases to be a member of the Society upon:

(a) failing to meet the requirements as set out in Bylaw 2(1); or

(b) upon a Resolution of the Members of the Society

(c) upon a 2/3 majority voted directive from the voting members of Council of the Black Student Union, Black Void UBC, UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, Social Justice Centre, UBC Trans Coalition, and Women's Centre.

BYLAW 5: STUDENT COUNCIL

2. Members

- (a) The Voting Members of Council shall be:
- iii) the duly elected representatives of the following Constituencies ~~provided that such representatives are elected in accordance with the constitution of the Constituency~~; ***Resource Groups, and other student groups providing that such representatives are elected in accordance with the respective constitutions of each group (if no constitution exists for the Resource Group or student group, they are permitted to create a constitution, or elect representatives by consensus of their members):***

- (1) Architecture (10) Indigenous Students
- (2) Arts (11) Kinesiology
- (3) Commerce (12) Land & Food Systems
- (4) Dentistry (13) Law
- (5) Economics (14) Medicine
- (6) Education (15) Music
- (7) Engineering (16) Nursing
- (8) Forestry (17) Pharmacy
- (9) Graduate Studies (18) Science
- (19) Black Student Union***
- (20) Black Void UBC***
- (21) UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights***
- (22) Social Justice Centre***
- (23) UBC Trans Coalition***
- (24) Women's Centre***

and all duly elected representatives of other degree granting faculties and schools of UBC Vancouver, so long as those representatives come from a faculty or school whose enrolment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total enrolment of UBC Vancouver or whose student association has been recognized as a Constituency by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council in accordance with Bylaw 13(2)(a)(i). Should the name of a Constituency, ***Resource Group, or other student group*** change, such change of name shall not affect the representation of such Constituency, and this provision of the Bylaw shall be deemed automatically amended to refer to the new name of the Constituency, ***Resource Group or other student group***.

- (j) ***The Black Student Union shall be entitled to twenty (20) voting representatives on Council.***
- (k) ***Black Void UBC shall be entitled to four (4) voting representatives on Council.***
- (l) ***UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights shall be entitled to ten (10) voting representatives on Council.***
- (m) ***Indigenous Students shall be entitled to twenty (20) voting representatives on Council.***
- (n) ***The Social Justice Centre, UBC Trans Coalition, and Women's Centre shall be entitled to fifteen (15) voting representatives each on Council, totalling forty-five (45).***
- (o) ***Noting the impacts of minority stress and other stressors, and with the aim to promote equity and accessibility, The Black Student Union, Black Void UBC, Indigenous Students, UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, Social Justice Centre, UBC Trans Coalition, and Women's Centre shall not be subject to rules, restrictions, and expulsions related to absences from Council.***

4. **Meetings**

(b) QUORUM

A quorum at a Council meeting shall be ~~forty five percent (45%) of its voting members, but in no case shall a quorum at a Council meeting be less than twelve~~ *(12) twenty-five (25)* voting members.

BYLAW 8: SIGNING OFFICERS

4. *Four voting members of Council from the Black Student Union, Black Void UBC, Indigenous Students, UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, Social Justice Centre, UBC Trans Coalition, and Women's Centre may be appointed by Council as signing officers for the Society, and have signing authority with respect to matters of the Society, and shall be bonded by fidelity bonds which shall indemnify the Society to extent that Council deems necessary.*