

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President; Dr. Rodney Rogers, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. Thomas Gibson, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mr. Dave Kilmeyer, Chief Communications Officer, Dr. Marcia Salazar-Valentine, International Programs and Partnerships Executive Director

**CC:** Ms. Jodi Webb, Dean of Students; Ms. Kathleen Newman, Undergraduate Student Government Secretary; Ms. Rachele Hippler, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Jeremy Joseph, Administrative Staff Council Tri-Chair, Ms. Linda Hamman, Classified Staff Council Chair, Ms. Amira Hassnaoui, Graduate Student Senate President;

**FROM:** Ms. Amanda Dortch, Undergraduate Student Body President *ad.*

**DATE:** August 29, 2016

**RE:** Resolution 2016/2017—01

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On Monday, August 29, 2016, the Undergraduate Student Government Senate passed Resolution 2016/2017—01. The Resolution is a statement that formally amends the Constitution and Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government for the creation of the International Student Senator seat within the Senate. The Undergraduate Student Government aims to ensure all voices are represented within the Senate, so in the spirit of our mission as an organization we created a Senate seat to represent international students. This constitutional amendment to our governing documents has been approved by Dr. Thomas Gibson, Vice President of Student Affairs and Ms. Jodi Webb, Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government.

For more information, please refer to the attached document, S.R. 2016/2017—01. If you have any questions regarding this Resolution, please feel free to contact me at my office (419) 372.6026 or by email at [adortch@bgsu.edu](mailto:adortch@bgsu.edu).

# S.R. 2016/2017 – 01

## A Resolution formally amending the Constitution and Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government for the creation of an International Student Senator within the Senate.

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*In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student
2. voice at Bowling Green State University; and
  
3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government aim
4. to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and
  
5. **Whereas**, there currently exist within the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government
6. senate seats for the undergraduate student populations, also known as constituencies, at-large,
7. off-campus, non-traditional, and student athletes, as well as within residence halls, within
8. academic colleges, within the Greek councils, and with relation to diversity affairs; and
  
9. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government and Bowling Green State University aim
10. to address the specific needs of its members through representation and legislation of its
11. Senate; and
  
12. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government and Bowling Green State University have
13. created senate positions to allow for specific community's representation within the Senate;
14. and
  
15. **Whereas**, examples of these positions created were those relating to Diversity Affairs seats,
16. non-traditional student seats, Athletic Affairs Senator seat and Greek council seats; and
  
17. **Whereas**, an increasing percentage of Bowling Green State University's
18. undergraduate student body are students from outside of the United States; and
  
19. **Whereas**, undergraduate International Students have specific needs which may not be
20. recognized by the general student body; and
  
21. **Whereas**, undergraduate International Students currently address their concerns to the
22. International Student Services Office; and
  
23. **Whereas**, undergraduate International Students do not have a formal voice within the
24. Undergraduate Student Government; and

25. **Whereas**, the International Student Services Office has showed interest in maintaining and  
26. electing a representative within the Senate; and

27. **Whereas**, the International Student Services Office and the Undergraduate Student  
28. Government have discussed the creation of said Senate representative; and

29. **Whereas**, the International Student Services Office and the Undergraduate Student  
30. Government have a mutual agreement that International Students should be represented  
31. within the Senate to ensure that their voice is heard and that their specific needs are met.

32. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling  
33. Green State University understands the need to create a Senate seat specifically representing  
34. International Students; and

35. **Therefore, let it further be resolved that**, the Undergraduate Student Government of  
36. Bowling Green State University formally amends its Constitution and Bylaws to create said  
37. International Student seat; and

38. **Therefore, let it further be resolved that**, the Governing Constitution of the Undergraduate  
39. Student Government Article IV. Section B. Subsection 1. will be amended to include  
40. International Students; and

41. **Therefore, let it further be resolved that**, the Governing Bylaws of the Undergraduate  
42. Student Government Article III. Section A. Subsection 1. Subsection a. will be amended to  
43. include one (1) senator seat for International Students; and

44. **Therefore, let it finally be resolved that**, this resolution upon its passage, be presented for  
45. approval by the Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Vice President of  
46. Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University as outlined in its Governing Constitution  
47. and its Governing Bylaws.

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

**S.R. 2016/2017 – 01**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Authored by: **Nadia Oehler**, Senator At-Large

Sponsored by: Rachel Renou, Senator At-Large and Student Affairs Committee Chair

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to the Advisor of the Undergraduate Student Body and Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Jodi Webb, Adviser and Dean of Students

Dr. Thomas Gibson, Vice President of Student Affairs

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Approved by the Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government and Vice President for Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University, and so order into effect.



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Nathan Burkholder  
Acting Speaker of the Senate



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Jodi Webb  
Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

*Passes by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body  
for Approval or Veto.*

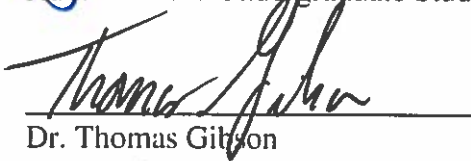


Nathan Burkholder  
Acting Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.*



Jodi Webb  
Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government



Dr. Thomas Gibson  
Vice President of Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University

*I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.*

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Jodi Webb  
Adviser of the Undergraduate Student Government

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Dr. Thomas Gibson  
Vice President of Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University