

Fall 2020 Suspended By-Laws (8/26/2020 - 9/24/2020)

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“The Council President shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
Passed Unanimously (6-0-0)
2. **Article III, Section 3, #8**
“The Council Vice President shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
Passed Unanimously (6-0-0)
3. **Article III, Section 4, #12**
“The Council Secretary shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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4. **Article III, Section 5, #10**
“The Council Treasurer shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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5. **Article III, Section 6, #6**
“The Council ICA Chair shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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6. **Article III, Section 7, #5**
“The Student Representative shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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7. **Article III, Section 8, #10**
“The Council Regulations Chair shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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8. **Article III, Section 9, #7**
“The Council Publicity Chair shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
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9. **Article III, Section 10, #5**
“The Council Historian shall attend at least two office hours each week.”
Passed Unanimously (6-0-0)
10. **Article III, Section 11, #4**
“Affiliates shall attend at least one office hour each week.”
Passed Unanimously (6-0-0)
11. **Article IV, Section 1, #1**
“Applications for FAC and ICA funding will be made available to organizations within the first three weeks of each semester”
Passed Unanimously (6-0-0)
12. **Article IV, Section 1, #3**
“Separate applications for FAC and ICA funding will be due no earlier than the end of the sixth week of each semester and no later than six weeks before the end of each semester.”
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Organization Leaders,

While Funds Allotment Council makes every effort to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws, the Coronavirus pandemic and Truman policies have created an environment wherein abiding by some of our provisions is not possible. For circumstances like these, we have a section of our Constitution laying out what we may do:

Article IV, Section 2, Clauses 3-5:

Clause 3

Under extenuating circumstances, the executive committee shall have the authority to vote to suspend parts of the FAC Constitution or By-Laws with a 2/3-majority vote.

Clause 4

Suspension of any parts of the Constitution or By-Laws will last one semester unless there is a continuance vote which extends the suspension for another semester.

Clause 5

In the event the executive committee suspends any portion of the Constitution or By-Laws, the Council President will notify all U&I chartered organizations leadership as soon as possible.

As per Clause 5, we are obligated to provide you information on these By-Law suspensions. For your convenience, all twelve suspended By-Laws are listed as a PDF attachment to this email.

The first ten By-Law suspensions all pertain to our Council's requirement that all members must have office hours to assist funded groups and groups that may seek funding in the future. We have suspended all these provisions because we feel our small office would not allow appropriate social distancing and sanitation measures. As a substitute, we have instituted a policy requiring weekly contact between our members and their assigned groups to ensure each group receives the help it needs. While this is not ideal, we hope it provides an avenue for adequate communication.

Next comes our application timeline By-Laws (Article IV, Section 1, #1 and #3). As you know, we typically make funding applications available in the beginning of the semester for events in the next semester. This means we make funding applications available for Spring in the Fall and vice-versa. Unfortunately, because we haven't been able to fund groups for Fall 2020 as of today, we cannot make our application for Spring 2021 available. We hope to fund events for Fall 2020 and then make applications available for Spring 2021 shortly thereafter. We will give you more details about our timeline this semester in the coming days.

Finally, Funds Allotment Council unanimously agreed to send this statement regarding sanctions for last semester along with this email:

Although FAC has the ability to sanction groups under Article VI, Section 2, #4 for "fail[ure] to spend at least 50% of its allotted funds" and Article VI, Section 4 for failure to publicize, FAC will nonetheless not vote to determine groups misused funds for their failure to abide by these By-Laws if that failure was caused by circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Please note that this is a one-time absolution of Article VI, Section 2, #4 and Article VI, Section 4, and that this does not discharge groups from their duty to spend funds in accordance with our regulations in Fall 2020 and future semesters.

Thank you,
Justin Peterson
Regulations Chair
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