

### *SGA Formal Meetings Template for Internal Motion Proposals*

**Purpose:** The purpose of this motion is to increase the diversity of students that are a part of the Finance Committee by addressing the composition of its members and the number. With this motion, there would be a more variety of perspectives that could be heard when evaluating finance funding requests.

**The What:** I propose that the Finance Committee should have new regulations on the types of members that should be on the Finance Committee. Currently, almost half of the members on the Finance Committee are seniors and almost all of the members are Economics majors/minors. This leads to a less variety of perspectives to allow a better understanding of other clubs and that there may be various circumstances that we are unaware of. The selection of Finance Committee members is currently up to the Treasurer in conjunction with the President and Vice President of SGA. There are no guidelines for what the composition of types of members must be in the Finance Committee.

**The How:** By amending the constitution, particularly in Article IV, Section 3, §B- IV & V. These lines currently stat that "" Students may apply for the committee and are to be selected by the Treasurer in coordination with the President and Vice President following the application process initiated by the SGA Vice President with all other committee application creation." and "The committee should aim to have at least one member from each class." For this section, I propose that we amend these lines to add the minimum requirements for selecting the members of the Finance Committee. There can be more members than what is listed below, but the additional members should be people with various backgrounds. I propose that the composition should be the following:

- The SGA members on the Finance Committee must be selected and appointed by the Vice President
  - There must be one representative of each year in the Finance Committee
  - The Vice President must try to get a variety of different majors/minor with those that have an interest in working with the Finance Committee
  - The Vice President must try to get an equal number of genders for SGA members in the Finance Committee if possible
- The non-SGA members must be selected and approved by the Treasurer, Vice President, and President of SGA to keep accountability of the members of SGA
  - There must be one representative of each year in the Finance Committee
  - There must be a variety of different majors/minor with those that have an interest in working with the Finance Committee
  - There must be an equal number of genders for SGA members in the Finance Committee if possible

So, the changes to the constitution's writing would be as follows:

Article IV, Section 3, §B- IV: “Students may apply for the committee and are to be selected by the Treasurer in coordination with the President and Vice President following the application process initiated by the SGA Vice President with all other committee application creation. **The selection of said committee should attempt to be as diverse as possible, creating a platform where various different voices can be heard. Examples can include and are not limited to: Major/minor, Gender, and Club Affiliation.**”

Article IV, Section 3, §B- IV: “The committee should aim to have at least one **SGA and one non-SGA** member from each class”

**The Who:** I have talked to Genesis who has also expressed concerns about the limited diversity of the members that are on the committee. Many of the members are Economics majors/minors and do not always understand the perspectives of other clubs and backgrounds on campus to the fullest extent.

**Strengths and Importance:** This proposal would allow for more voices to be heard on the Finance Committee. I would allow for more perspectives to be seen when deliberating on granting funding requests. This will also hold more people in the involvement of the selection of committee members so that there are not people of the same friend group making these major decisions.

**Possible Risk Areas:** A possible problem with this is the logistics planning of getting the interest of people and going through the applicants to appoint them to this position. For this reason, this information should be made publicly available to all students to show their interest in the groups. This should be sent out fairly early in the year so that membership selection can be done in a timely manner.

#### **Intuition and Questions Already Addressed:**

- What happens if a member drops out or goes abroad before the end of the year?
  - If this were to occur, then depending on if it were an SGA member or not, there would need to be a replacement for that person. If it is a SGA member, the Vice President would need to find a replacement. If it is a non-SGA member, then it is up to the Treasurer to find someone and have them approved by the President and Vice President.
- What if someone needs to be removed from Finance Committee?
  - The same procedures for what would occur if someone were to drop would need to commence. There would need to be a replacement found as soon as possible.
- What if we want more than 8 people in Finance Committee?
  - That is perfectly fine. This motion is just to help set out a guideline for what kind

What types of things have you already thought through that SGA members should know about?

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