

Appalachian State University Student Government Association
The Committee on External Affairs Bylaws



Official Seal of the Appalachian State University Student Government Association Committee on External Affairs.
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The External Affairs Committee Preamble

The Senate Committee on External Affairs is founded on the principle that those individuals who are students of Appalachian State University are also integral members of Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina, and the United States of America as a whole. Our mission as a committee is to advocate on behalf of the Student Body for all matters external to Appalachian State University.

Standing Rules

Section I: Committee Positions

1. Director of External Affairs
 - a. This position is nominated by the Student Body Vice-President and confirmed by the Student Body Senate.
 - b. They will serve as the Chairperson of the External Affairs Committee and as Chief Diplomat to all corporate and governing bodies external to the Student Body Government of Appalachian State University.
2. Deputy Director of External Affairs
 - a. This position is nominated by the Director of External Affairs and confirmed by the External Affairs Committee by a majority vote.
 - b. They will serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Director of External Affairs and assist the Director of External Affairs when necessary.
3. Local Government Coordinator
 - a. Local Government Coordinator is responsible for reporting and advising the committee and the chair on important events that take place within the town of Boone and Watauga County.
4. State Government Coordinator
 - a. State Government Coordinator is responsible for reporting and advising the committee and the chair on important events that take place within the state of North Carolina.
5. Federal Government Coordinator
 - a. Federal Government Coordinator is responsible for reporting and advising the committee and the chair on important events that take place within the United States of American and internationally.
6. Additional positions and corresponding job descriptions may be proposed by the Director of External Affairs and approved by the External Affairs Committee by a majority vote.
 - a. Additional positions may only exist until the conclusion of the session in which they are created but may be renewed in the next session.

- b. All appointees to additional positions must be proposed by the Director of External Affairs and approved by the External Affairs Committee by a majority vote.

Section II: Chairpersonship

1. The Director of External Affairs shall serve as the chair of the External Affairs Committee.
 - a. In the absence of the Director of External Affairs, the Deputy Director of External Affairs shall serve as chair of the committee.
 - b. In the absence of the both the Director and Deputy Director of External Affairs, the chairpersonship will be filled in accordance with the line of succession.
2. The line of succession shall be as follows:
 - i. Director of External Affairs
 - ii. Deputy Director of External Affairs
 - iii. Local Government Coordinator
 - iv. State Government Coordinator
 - v. Federal Government Coordinator
 - vi. Any additional positions established by the committee, in an order established by the Director of External Affairs.

Section III: Committee Procedure

1. The Committee will operate under the same edition of Roberts Rules of Order as the Student Senate.
2. Quorum will be 50%+ 1 of member-senators.
3. All members of the Student Body have the right to attend official meetings of the External Affairs Committee.
 - a. All persons in attendance have the right to speak with the recognition of the committee chair.
 - b. At the beginning of each meeting there shall be a period of public comment in which all visitors in attendance have the right to speak.
 - c. Executive Session may only be invoked through a 2/3 vote of member-senators present.
4. The chair may not motion for a vote or object to any motions.
 - a. The chair of the External Affairs Committee may only vote in the case of a tie, in which case the vote shall be decisive.
 - b. If the chair of the External Affairs Committee recuses themselves as chair, and they are not a senator, they may not exercise any parliamentary rights other than to reclaim the chair.
5. If a senator chooses to present legislation before the External Affairs Committee, the committee may amend the legislation with the permission of the presenter and a simple majority vote by member-senators present.

6. The External Affairs Committee may draft and submit legislation as a singular body.
 - a. All legislation drafted by the committee must be approved by the committee through a majority vote of all member-senators present before it can be submitted to the docket.
7. The External Affairs Committee may draft and release statements on their own behalf.
 - a. Statements may only be released by the External Affairs Committee if approved by a majority vote of all member-senators present.
 - b. If a statement is approved by the External Affairs Committee, it must be automatically submitted to the Student Senate docket in the form of a Support Bill.
 - i. If the Support Bill is not approved by the Student Senate, the External Affairs Committee must immediately retract their statement.
 - ii. If the Support Bill is not entered onto the docket by the Vice-President, it may still be considered by the Senate Rules Committee and forwarded to the Student Senate as old-business.
8. The External Affairs Committee may allow non-senator ex-officio members to sit on the committee.
 - a. Ex-officio members may be added to the committee by the nomination of the Director of External Affairs and the approval of the committee by a majority vote of member-senators present.
 - b. Ex-officio members shall not count towards quorum.
 - c. Ex-officio members shall have all parliamentary rights except for the ability to vote on items.
 - d. All ex-officio members shall be automatically removed from the committee at the conclusion of every session.
 - e. The Director of External Affairs may remove ex-officio members from the committee at their discretion but must notify the member-senators of the removal.
 - i. The removal of an ex-officio member may be overridden by a 2/3 vote of member-senators present.
9. These Bylaws shall be posted on the official website of the Student Government Association of Appalachian State University.

Section IV: Committee History

49th Session

Chair: Adrian K. Thompson

Accomplishments:

50th Session

Chair: Anderson B. Clayton

Accomplishments:

51st Session

Chair: Nicholas V. Williams
Accomplishments: