

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE LEWIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE**

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Article II: Membership

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C. Executive Board members are able to serve in an Executive Board role without compensation

1. The voting body of the Lewis University Student Senate shall consist of the following members:
 - A. Director of Communications
 - B. Director of Finance
 - C. One Representative from the Freshman Class
 - D. One Representative from the Sophomore Class
 - E. One Representative from the Junior Class
 - F. One Representative from the Senior Class
 - G. One Representatives of Commuter Students
 - H. One Representative of Residential Students
 - I. One Representative of International Students
 - J. One Representative of Transfer Students
 - K. One Representative of Student Organizations
 - L. One Representative of Student Athletes
 - M. One Representative of Greek Organizations and Honors Societies
 - N. One Representatives from the College of Aviation, Science & Technology
 - O. One Representative from the College of Humanities, Fine Arts & Communications
 - P. One Representatives from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Q. One Representative from the College of Education & Social Sciences
 - R. One Representative from the College of Business
 - S. One Representative from the College of Graduate, Professional, and Continued Learning
 - T. One At-Large Representative
 - U. One Representative of University Mission, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - V. One Representative from the Armed Forces/Veterans/ROTC
 - W. One Representative from Campus Recreation
 2. More seats may be added in the future as needed by an act of majority of the LUSS.
 3. Duties and Powers of the Senators shall be:
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1. Executive Vacancies

4. Committee meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Board immediately after the weekly LUSS general meeting has adjourned.
5. LUSS Attendance Policy:
 - A. Members of the LUSS and executive board shall report anticipated absences to the Director of Communication for approval no later than 24 hours prior to a LUSS function. In the event of an emergency, members shall notify the Director of Communication as soon as possible.
 - B. In the event that any E-board member cannot attend an event, they shall notify the President or advisor of their absence
 - C. An absence is defined as fifteen or more minutes late or no attendance whatsoever. Members must stay for the duration of the function unless an early departure has been approved by the Director of Communications 24 hours in advance. Leaving a LUSS function without prior approval will be counted as one unexcused absence.
 - D. Members of the LUSS are allowed 1 unexcused absence at LUSS functions. A second unexcused absence shall result in impeachment hearings by the Judicial Review committee.
 - E. Excused absences are limited to illness, a mental health day, and family emergencies. Members of the LUSS are allowed 1 excused absence at LUSS functions. Any other absence shall be labeled as unexcused unless approved by the Director of Communications. Appeals of unexcused absences may be brought to the LUSS advisor.
 - F. Absences are approved by the Director of Communications.
 - G. Campus Outreach committee must give two weeks' notice on functions.
6. LUSS Tardy Policy:
 - A. Tardiness is defined as more than 1 and less than 15 minutes late to a LUSS function.
 - B. Tardiness must be excused by the Director of Communications.
 - C. Tardiness at three LUSS functions is equivalent to one unexcused absence.
7. Agenda Topics:
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 - B. the Director of Communication shall provide the agenda to the
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1. Elections or appointments will be for one term of service.

2. Replacement of vacant senate seats is by Presidential appointment and must be approved by simple-majority vote of the LUSS.
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1. Members shall comply with all Lewis University policies, local ordinances, and state and federal laws. Any internal infraction may be subject to Judicial Review by the Executive Board and Advisor. Any external infraction will be handled by LUSS Advisor and/or local authorities.
 2. Members may be removed by the LUSS Advisor if they are no longer in good judicial or academic standing.
 3. If a senator fails to uphold their duty as outlined in this constitution, any voting member of the LUSS may introduce an impeachment resolution as outlined in Article III.
 - a. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority by the voting members of the LUSS is required to remove a LUSS or executive board member from their position.
 4. All members are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater. Should a member's cumulative GPA fall below 2.5, the student shall have one semester to raise their GPA to the required 2.5. Failure to do so will be subject to removal.
 5. Any student not registered as a Lewis University student will automatically forfeit their seat.
 - A. This is inclusive of Fall Semester graduates

Article VI: Amendments

1. All proposed amendments must be submitted to or drafted by the Constitution Review Committee. After review and majority approval by the committee, they are presented in writing to the LUSS.
2. Amendments must be distributed to all members of the LUSS and Executive Board at least 1 week prior to the LUSS meeting in order to be brought to a vote.

1. Amendments require a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority by LUSS voting members and AcM $\frac{3}{4}$ er rev M11gt\$ s

2. Senators will be recognized by the presiding officer as motions and request for recognition are brought forward

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