Title: Student Senate
Job Code: 9651

General Description:
• The Student Senate shall make recommendations on any matters or concerns affecting the USM undergraduate body to the appropriate University officer or policy-making body to which the question pertains.

Duties: The Student Senate’s areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to, the following:

• **1 Student Government** The Student Senate shall be responsible for the functions normally associated with student government, such as the conduct of social affairs; certification or sponsorship of student publications and communication; the charter of student social, political, or other organizations; and the sponsorship of cultural programs.

• **2 Student Life** The Student Senate shall be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations concerning policies in such areas as student life, admissions, financial aid, discipline, advising, counseling, housing, food services, placement, and recreational facilities and activities.

• **3 Nominations** The Student Senate shall be responsible, upon request, for the appointment of student representatives to standing or ad-hoc committees, boards, or councils.

• **4 Counsel** The Student Senate shall provide advice on any matter the President or USM administration chooses to bring before the Student Senate.

• **5 Student Activity Fee** The Student Senate shall be responsible for the allocation and expenditure of the Student Activity Fee. Although these funds are designed and intended for the use of Student Senate-recognized student groups and Student Senate-sponsored student events, any other funding request will be considered. In recognition of First Amendment principles, the Student Senate shall allocate 30% of gross Student Activity Fee receipts to the Student Communications Board (SCB) within three business days after disbursement by the University. In order to revoke or amend this allocation or its percentage, the bylaws which govern their expenditure, or either the SCB’s, WMPG’s or The Free Press’s recognition as a student group, a 2/3 vote of both the Student Senate and the SCB is required, or a 2/3 vote of either the entire Student Senate or SCB and a majority of those voting in a student referendum. For appropriate uses of the Student Activity Fee money, see the Student Activity Fee Statement of Policy.