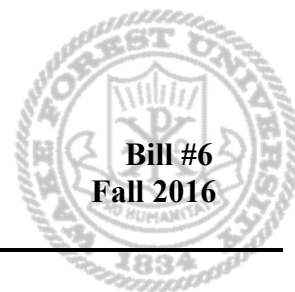


WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**Senate and Committee Meetings Constitutional Amendment**  
**Office of the Secretary**



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- WHEREAS: The Bylaws of the constitution currently state that “The legislature will meet once every other week at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. The Committees of the Legislature will meet during the same time between the meetings of the Legislature (that is, every other Tuesday that Legislature does not meet) unless they have no business to transact. These meetings of the Legislature will occur unless regularly scheduled meetings fall within a holiday or examination period. It is left to the discretion of the Speaker to cancel or reschedule/relocate meetings if circumstances prohibit the meeting of the Legislature or the Committees at the regular time or at the designated location;” and
- WHEREAS: The constitution states that the duty of the senate is to “represent the interests of students in social and academic matters;” and
- WHEREAS: Meeting bi-weekly restricts the timeliness of responses to events that require immediate attention, limiting the effectiveness and legitimacy of Student Government; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting bi-weekly leads to greater time spent on executive and committee reports, decreasing time allotted for discussions, guest speakers, and presentations; and
- WHEREAS: The practices of Wake Forest University’s peer institutions have been researched and it has been found that the majority of these Student Governments have historically held weekly meetings for their governing bodies; and
- WHEREAS: It is the responsibility as elected officials of Wake Forest University’s Student Government to best represent the interests of the student body. To fulfill this, Student Government must take stances and/or act on important matters, which impact our campus and student body, in a timely manner; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting weekly will enable the senate and committees to quickly and effectively discuss and act on time sensitive issues which may impact the Wake Forest student body; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting weekly will decrease the time needed on executive and committee reports, which have historically taken a majority of the time allotted for the senate meetings; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting weekly will provide more time for important discussions, guest speakers, and presentations during senate and committee, allowing for a renewed involvement in the affairs of the student body.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 3 Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Constitution be changed to state that “The legislature will meet weekly at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. The Committees of the Legislature will also meet weekly at a time designated by the committee itself between the meetings of the Legislature, unless they have no business to transact. These meetings of the Legislature will occur unless regularly scheduled meetings fall within a holiday or examination period. It is left to the discretion of the Speaker to cancel or reschedule/relocate meetings if circumstances prohibit the meeting of the Legislature or the Committees at the regular time or at the designated location.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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