

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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Cabinet Exceptions in the Wake of COVID-19 and its Impact on the Wake Forest Community

Special Senate Fall 2020

May 1, 2020	Introduced by Speaker of the House Ally Swartzberg, President Miles Middleton, Treasurer Victoria Parker, Secretary Caroline Walker, and Chief of Staff Drew Skilton
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May 5, 2020	Resolution passed by the Senate

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Due to the unforeseen and unprecedented spread of COVID-19 and the subsequent need to alter drastically Wake Forest’s academic and extracurricular procedures and norms for an unknown period of time, and;

WHEREAS: Per Article III, Section 2, Subsection 1 of the Student Government Constitution, the primary function of Senate is to “Represent the interests of students in social and academic matters”, and;

WHEREAS: The Student Government Constitution further dictates that committee chairs must have at least one semester of experience in the Student Government Senate, and;

WHEREAS: The Constitution could not predict the spread of a global pandemic or the move to remote learning, and;

WHEREAS: The Student Government Executive Board has interviewed all interested candidates for co-chair positions and found that two individuals, though they are without prior senator experience, have demonstrated the dedication, leadership, knowledge, and involvement necessary to effectively serve in a co-chair capacity, and;

WHEREAS: These students represent experiences, views, and groups on campus that are otherwise left unrepresented with the changes to our community structure caused by COVID-19 response.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) Having demonstrated their ability to serve in a co-chair capacity, Emanuelle Bernardo and Jess Schmidt will be allowed to serve as Co-Chairs of the Diversity and Inclusion and Public Relations Committees, respectively, for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.
- 2) This will mark an exception to, but not an amendment of, the Student Government Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

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