

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**S.B.10**

Formalizing the Student Government Historian Position

**Spring 2022**

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**BILL**

*Be it Enacted by the Senate of the Wake Forest University Student Government here assembled,*

**SECTION I.** Findings of the Historian’s Executive Action Committee:

In September 2021, the President established the Historian Executive Action Committee to address “the need for more comprehensive and consistent records of past legislative terms to assist in the adequate completion of [Student Government’s] duties as outlined in the Constitution.” After reviewing the work of Historian Ethan Wearner, it has been determined that there is a continued need for the Historian position. Despite significant progress, there are still outstanding documents that need to be archived and organized. A full digitization of Student Government records will be completed in the coming years. Periodic organization and maintenance of these records will be essential. There are also a substantial number of documents produced every legislative session that require archiving. Hence, the Historian ensures that future Student Governments have access to necessary documents and precedent from previous Student Governments. Additionally, the Historian assists in cataloging each year’s business and works to summarize annual accomplishments and achievements for future reference.

**SECTION II.** Amendments to the Bylaws:

Art. I, § 1 of the Wake Forest Student Government Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

“The officers of the legislature shall be the Speaker of the House, Speaker Pro Tempore, Secretary, Treasurer, President, Chief of Staff, Parliamentarian, [Historian,] and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.

**SECTION III. Amendments to the Bylaws:**

Art. I, § 2 of the Wake Forest Student Government Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

“The duties of the Speaker of the House, Secretary, Treasurer, President, Chief of Staff, and Committee Co-Chairs are as they appear in the Constitution. The duties of the remaining officers of the legislature are as follows:

1. Speaker Pro Tempore: The student shall perform the duties of the Speaker at the request of the Speaker of the House, in absence of the Speaker, or if the Speaker is removed from office during the interim until a Speaker is elected. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be appointed by the Speaker from the membership of the Senate and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.
2. Parliamentarian: The student shall make certain that the Bylaws are adhered to at all times and shall assist when needed in maintaining proper parliamentary law in legislative meetings. They shall further ensure that the Governing Documents are up to date after any alteration of said documents. The Parliamentarian shall review all pending legislation for grammatical errors and make such necessary adjustments in collaboration with the Speaker of the House. The position is appointed by the Speaker, is advisory, is allowed to speak at will, shall serve as a non-voting member of the Judiciary Committee unless they are elected or appointed, and is a non-voting member of the Senate unless they are elected or appointed.
3. [Historian: The Historian is responsible for archiving and reviewing existing and created documents to ensure the longevity and actions of Student Government are preserved. The exact duties of the Historian are to be determined by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the other Executive Officers, but these duties should include updating the Student Government Z. Smith Reynolds Special Collections Archive and the Student Government Google Drive Archives and regularly updating the Speaker of the House and Secretary on their progress. The Historian is appointed by the Speaker of the House and upon appointment will become a non-voting member of the Senate unless also appointed or elected as a Senator. The Historian also serves as a non-voting member of the Public Relations committee.]”

Respectfully submitted,

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