## B. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - REVISIONS TO THE BOARD GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE AS MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS AND THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE TO APPLY TO OTHER STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

RESOLVED, That the Board Guidelines for Eligibility for Service as Members and Officers of Student Government and the University Student Senate of The City University of New York adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 24, 1986, Cal. No. 7.A. and amended on November 22, 1993, Cal. No. 7.B., June 25, 2001, Cal. No. 8.E. and June 23, 2003, Cal. No. 7.A., be amended as follows:

GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE AS MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

## PREAMBLE:

In accordance with its policy making authority and responsibilities, the University Trustees have determined that satisfactory academic achievement and progress as a degree-seeking student at a college of the University is an essential prerequisite to holding and adequately fulfilling the responsibilities of student office.

It is the responsibility of the University, and its Trustees as fiduciaries, to insure that the educational and extracurricular programs of the University are operated in the best interests of students and all other affected constituencies of the University. The academic standards hereby adopted are considered essential for the personal well-being and academic progress of students who seek to take on the additional responsibility of student leadership, as well as for the students and other members of the University community.

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

The following guidelines apply to each semester a student is running for and/or holding office, whether by election, appointment, or ex-officio status, in student governments [and] the University Student Senate and other bodies. The positions subject to these guidelines are the members (senators, representatives, delegates, etc.) and officers of student governments, members of faculty-student disciplinary committees, members of the governing boards of college associations and auxiliary enterprise boards, members of allocating bodies of student activity fees, members of college governance bodies including college councils and senates, editors of student publications and officers and directors of radio and television stations, members of student elections review committees, members of personnel and search committees, members and alternate members of Board committees, and the chair, vice-chairs, the delegates, the alternates, and any other officers established by the University Student Senate. In these guidelines, credit hours refer to actual credit hours, and not equivalent or contact hours.

- 1. Students must be [enrolled] <u>matriculated</u> in a degree or credit-bearing certificate program at the college in which they serve [on the student government] <u>or which they represent</u>.
  - a. Full-time undergraduate students must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.
  - b. Part-time undergraduate students must carry a minimum of 6 credit hours.
  - c. Graduate students must carry a minimum of 3 credit hours
  - d. In order to serve each semester, a student must have completed and earned passing grades in at least 50% of the credits for which they registered the prior semester, but in no event less than 3 credits
  - e. Full-time doctoral students at Level II or III shall be making satisfactory progress and shall not be subject to subdivisions c and d hereof.
- 2. Undergraduate [and professional school] students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and be in good standing to participate in student government [and] the University Student Senate and

the other student leadership positions covered by these guidelines. Chief executive officers and the Chairperson of the University Student Senate must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Colleges may continue to administer or adopt higher <u>academic</u> standards for service in their campus student government <u>and the other student leadership positions covered by these Guidelines</u>, subject to approval by the Chancellor.

- 3. Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. <u>Law School students must be in good standing.</u>
- 4. Undergraduate students may not serve in <u>any one of the following student leadership positions: as officers</u> of student government, <u>as members of the governing boards of college associations and auxiliary enterprise boards</u>, as members of allocating bodies of student activity fees, as members of college governance bodies including college councils and senates, and editors of student publications and officers and directors of radio and television stations for more than a total of five years, to include no more than three years at community colleges. Students shall be permitted to serve in the same <u>executive</u> office in a student government, {or] the University Student Senate, or other student leadership position for a maximum of two years, except that co- chairs of the Doctoral Student Council shall be limited to a maximum of three years.
- 5. In order to participate in campus student governments <u>or serve in the other student leadership positions</u> <u>covered by these Guidelines</u>, students must be certified as being in compliance with these Guidelines by the college's chief student affairs officer, to the college president.
- 6. In order to participate in the University Student Senate <u>or on Board committees</u>, students must be certified as being in compliance with these Guidelines by the college president, or his/her designee, to the Vice Chancellor for Student Development.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments shall be effective January 1, 2007 except that students then holding office may continue to serve until the end of the term of office.

## NOTE: Matter underlined is new; Matter in brackets is deleted.

EXPLANATION: These amendments extend the Board's eligibility guidelines for participation in campus student governments, the University Student Senate, and Board committees to members of faculty-student disciplinary committees, members of the governing boards of college associations and auxiliary enterprise boards, members of allocating bodies of student activity fees, members of college governance bodies including college councils and senates, editors of student publications and officers and directors of radio and television stations, members of student elections review committees, and members of personnel and search committees. The Board's Committee Structure Resolution already imposes these eligibility requirements on student members and alternate members of Board committees, but they are also being included in this resolution to make it complete and inclusive as to student eligibility requirements. Students currently serving in leadership positions will not be affected. The Board's eligibility guidelines do not apply to student clubs and other student organizations, for which colleges may establish their own standards. Colleges may establish higher academic standards for leadership positions with respect to G.PA and credit hours, subject to approval by the Chancellor.

In addition, subdivision four is amended to include certain leadership positions outside the student government within the provision for term limits. It is also clarified to limit the application of the maximum of two years in office to executive positions, as was the original intent. As an example, an undergraduate student may serve as a member (senator, representative, delegates, etc.) of student government for five years, by may only serve as presided for two of those years. Such a student could also serve as treasurer or secretary, etc., for another two of those five years. The term limitations do not apply to service as a member of a faculty-student disciplinary committee, or as a member of a student election review committee, or as a member of a personnel and search committee. Also, Law School students are now required to have a 2.3 GPA to be in good standing rather than a 2.0 GPA.