

Board of Directors Bill 1.05

109th Session

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AN ACT TO: Amend the Article XIII of the ASUW Bylaws to specify provisions for suspension of ASUW Bylaws

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors and Committees of the Board of Directors have periodically suspended provisions of the ASUW Bylaws despite lacking this specific authority; and

WHEREAS: According to Article II, Section 2 of the ASUW Bylaws, the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure governs to conduct of Board of Directors meetings; and

WHEREAS: According to the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure “Motion to Suspend the Rules” section, a rule in the bylaws may not be suspended “unless a specific section of the bylaws provides for its own suspension” and states that suspensions of the rules should only be undertaken in order to deal with procedural matters.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THAT: Article XIII of the ASUW Bylaws is amended to include a new Section 3 that reads:

Section 3: Suspension of Bylaws

- A. The Board of Directors may suspend provisions of these Bylaws and those of ASUW Committees, Entities, Programs, and Commissions by a 2/3 vote if:
 - 1. The provision pertains to a procedural rule, and does not affect ASUW policies or the fundamental rights of its members; or
 - 2. The provision is determined to be based upon a premise that does not reflect actual ASUW practices or contradicts superseding governing documents.
 - i. Upon invocation of this section, the Director of Operations shall propose amendments necessary to permanently correct the incongruence in the provision within three meetings of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors retains the sole power to suspend these Bylaws.
- C. Following a suspension of their own Bylaws, ASUW Committees must seek approval of the Board of Directors by the following Board meeting.