

**The University of New Mexico
Health Sciences Center
Health Sciences Students Council**

Bylaws

ARTICLE ONE: The Membership

1.1. UNM-HSC programs recognized by the Health Sciences Student Council and comprising the HSSC Membership shall be the following (alphabetically):

- A.** Biomedical Sciences Program (more than 100 students) = 2 representative
- B.** BS. Nursing Program (more than 600 students) = 7 representatives
- C.** BS. Population Health (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- D.** Dental Hygiene Program (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- E.** Emergency Medical Services (less than than 100 students) = 1 representatives
- F.** Graduate Nursing (more than 200 students) = 3 representatives
- G.** Masters in Public Health (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- H.** MD Program (more than 400 students) = 5 representatives
- I.** MD/PhD Program (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- J.** Medical Laboratory Sciences (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- K.** Occupational Therapy Program (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- L.** Pharm.D Program (more than 200 students) = 3 representatives
- M.** Physical Therapy Program (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- N.** Physician Assistant (less than 100 students) = 1 representative
- O.** Radiological Sciences (less than 100 students) = 1 representative

ARTICLE TWO: Executive Committee Elections

2.1. The elections shall be held anytime within the last two weeks of the month of April, or by the 2nd to last HSSC meeting, each year.

2.2. The HSSC Election Committee shall coordinate elections.

2.3. The day, time and location of all the elections shall be announced at least fourteen days in advance.

2.4. At least three days prior to the announced election date, all prospective candidates shall submit to the Election Committee their proof of enrollment in any HSC school or program and a single powerpoint slide showing their intention to run for a HSSC Executive Committee position.

2.5. The Election Committee shall issue an online link for anonymous voting.

2.6. As defined by the HSSC Constitution, the candidates attain the most number of votes cast by the HSSC students in order to win.

ARTICLE THREE: Sessions

- 3.1.** The HSSC Sessions shall convene at least once every two months during the Fall and Spring semesters. Frequency of meetings shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee at the beginning of their tenure.
- 3.2.** The location and time of the regular HSSC Sessions shall be announced and posted to the HSSC website.
- 3.3.** The President of the HSSC may call Emergency Sessions, which shall be announced at least forty-eight hours in advance.
- 3.4.** In order to conduct all the official business of the HSSC, a quorum shall be present as defined by the HSSC Constitution.
- 3.5.** In accordance with the HSSC Constitution, no one person shall represent more than one school or program at any HSSC Session.
- 3.6.** Meeting decorum will be conducted as the Executive Committee and voting representatives see fit.
- 3.7.** Any and all student, faculty or staff member of the UNM-HSC shall be encouraged and allowed to attend the HSSC Sessions as observers. The Council may allot a specific amount of time for audience participation.

ARTICLE FOUR: Vacancies

- 4.1.** Vacancies occurring in the HSSC Membership shall be filled by representatives elected by the rules defined by the constituency the position represents.
- 4.2.** Vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee within the last sixty days of the Fiscal Year may be filled by the Presidential appointment and vacancies occurring prior to the last sixty days of the Fiscal Year shall require direct elections.
- 4.3.** Upon Elections Committee approval, interested parties from the most recent election can be contacted to fill the vacant position and voted on by the representatives in lieu of direct elections.