

**POLICY****STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION****Part 1. Establishment**

[MnSCU Board Policy 2.1](#) states that students at each college and university shall have the right to establish a student government. At Ridgewater College, the recognized student association is the Ridgewater College Student Senate. Ridgewater College's Student Senate is affiliated with the Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA) and adheres to [MnSCU Board Policy 3.7](#).

**Part 2. Duties**

The Ridgewater College Student Senate has the sole authority to recommend the chartering of clubs and organizations for approval by the College administration, as well as any other duties as listed in college and board policies and in the campus student association constitution.

**Part 3. Recognition**

The Ridgewater College Student Senate shall define in its constitution the selection of student representatives and the ratification process for student government. The College President or designee shall recognize the Student Senate as the official representative of the students, upon receipt of evidence that the student body has approved the constitution of the student government.

**Part 4. Appeal of Student Senate Decisions**

Ridgewater College has established a process for appeal to the College President or designee of decisions made by the student government association relative to chartering, funding or providing service to student organizations when such decisions may be in violation of the law, policy or procedure. Such appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the College's [Student Complaints and Grievances Policy and Procedures](#).

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*2.11.10 Adopted*