

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

POLICY**Part 1. Establishment**

[Minnesota State 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 [LeadMN](#) and adheres to [Minnesota State 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 President, as well as any other duties as listed in College policies, Minnesota State policies, and the Ridgewater College Student Senate constitution.

Part 3. Recognition

The Ridgewater College Student Senate shall define in its constitution the process for selection of student representatives and the ratification of student government in its constitution. Diverse student representation is encouraged and Student Senate membership is open to all currently enrolled students without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

The Ridgewater College President or designee shall recognize the Student Senate as the official representative of the student body. The Student Senate will host Exchange of Views (EOV) meetings every semester with the administration of Ridgewater College. These meetings offer an opportunity for student representatives and administration to bring forward and receive feedback on current issues, ideas or updates.

Part 4. Appeal of Student Senate Decisions

Ridgewater College has established a process for appeal of decisions made by the Ridgewater College Student Senate. Appeals are made to the Ridgewater College President or designee and are relative to Student Senate decisions regarding 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 Ridgewater College's [Student Complaints and Grievances Policy and Procedures](#).

2.11.10 Adopted

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