Proposal I: Advising

ARTICLE V, SECTION 7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
a. The voting membership of Executive Council shall be comprised of the Executive Officers of Student Union and the Speakers of the Senate and the Treasury.
b. The ex-officio, non-voting, advisory membership of Executive Council shall be comprised of the Chief Justice and, at the discretion of the President, advisors to Student Union.
c. The duties and powers of Executive Council
   The Executive Council shall:
   1. Advise the President in the functioning of Student Union.
   2. Act for Student Union during periods when the applicable legislative body cannot meet. The President or their designee shall present any such actions to the affected body for review by majority vote of the officers present.
   3. Aid the chairs in the supervision and coordination of the legislative committees.
   4. Decide, by a majority vote, financial appeals which are not to be reviewed by the Treasury or the Vice President of Finance.
   5. Annually outline the framework for advising by members of the faculty, staff, and administration of Washington University in consultation with the standing advisors to Student Union.
d. When Executive Council must act and there is no defined decision-making process, the President shall deem the appropriate process for decision making within Executive Council and have the power to act on Executive Council decisions. A proposed decision-making process may be vetoed by a majority vote of the other officers of Executive Council. If such a process is vetoed, the authority to deem the appropriate process for decision-making shall fall back to the President.

DESCRIPTION: The addition of Article V, Section 7, (c), (5) addresses the need to include language regarding advisors to the Constitution. The added clause charges the SU Executive Council with annually determining the advising structure for Student Union by the faculty, staff, and administration at the University.
Proposal II: Conflict-of-interest

ARTICLE IX. COMPENSATION

No officers of the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches of Student Union, defined as members of the Executive Council, members of the Constitutional Council, and the elected representatives of the constituency, will receive any type of monetary compensation, salary or otherwise, from the Student Union budget for their duties of those Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches. This legislation shall not preclude Student Union officers for receiving compensation, monies or otherwise, from funding sources other than the student activity fee or any reimbursement type of payments for monies spent.

ARTICLE IX. COMPENSATION AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST

SECTION 1. OFFICER COMPENSATION

a. No officer of Student Union shall receive any type of monetary compensation, salary or otherwise, from the Student Union budget for their duties as such an officer of Student Union.

b. This section shall not be construed to preclude Student Union officers for receiving compensation, monies or otherwise, from funding sources other than the student activity fee or any reimbursement type of payments for monies spent.

SECTION 2. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST

a. Student Union officers and Student Union-recognized groups have a responsibility to conduct business in a manner that is objective, ethical, and compliant with all laws, regulations, and University policies.

b. The goal of all business dealings shall be to support the University community or the applicable Student Union-recognized group.

c. For-profit enterprises are ineligible to receive Student Union-recognition, petition for block funding, or appeal for Student Union funds.

DESCRIPTION: The proposal for Article IX, Section 1 is a re-formatting of the existing Compensation clause for consistency. The proposal for Section 2 is a new conflict-of-interest policy for the SU Constitution which was adapted after a review of the How Things Work procedure manual conflict-of-interest policy. Section 2 aims to set guiding standards by which Student Union and student groups should conduct business and ensure that the student activity fee does not directly fund for-profit enterprises.