PREAMBLE

STATEMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN SENATE VALUES AND ETHICS

In an effort to lessen the disparity between group ideals and individual behaviors and to personalize these ideals in the daily undergraduate experience, the following Basic Expectations of Senate membership have been established:

In order to be a voice among the students, a source of influence upon the campus of University of Jamestown, and to administer to the affairs of the students judiciously and honestly, this Student Senate, of University of Jamestown, has hereby been founded.

Senators will respect the dignity of all people and will not tolerate injustice.

Senators will strive to improve the well-being, health and safety of all University of Jamestown students.

Senators will strive to uphold the University of Jamestown Standards of Conduct and the policies and procedures outlined in both the University of Jamestown Student Handbook and the Student Organization Handbook.

Senators will challenge one another to abide by these expectations and hold accountable all those who fail to uphold the Senate values and ethics.

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1 NAME
The name of this body shall be the University of Jamestown Student Senate, hereafter called the Student Senate or the Senate.

2 PURPOSE
The purpose of student Senate is to represent students through active collaboration within the University of Jamestown community in order to provide for the student body a way to shape University of Jamestown, foster leadership, and support the general welfare of the student body.

3 MEMBERSHIP
Students enrolled at University of Jamestown elect senators. Members of the Senate must be fulltime students who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and remain in good social standing during their term.

4 OFFICERS
4.1.1 Officers are senators who hold the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and the Standing Committee Chairs.
4.2 EXECUTIVE BOARD

4.2.1 The members of the Executive Board shall be the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian.

4.2.2 The Executive Board shall meet prior to the general Senate meeting of each week. The purpose of this meeting shall be to determine the agenda of the general Senate meeting for the week. The Secretary, prior to the Senate meeting, shall post the agenda for the upcoming meeting on the L DRIVE and the Senate bulletin board.

4.3 The President shall:

4.3.1 Preside over all meetings of the Student Senate and the Executive Board.

4.3.2 Serve as a spokesperson representing the student body to the faculty, administration and Jamestown Community as the opportunities arise.

4.3.3 Sign resolutions and present them to the President of University of Jamestown.

4.3.4 Present a report concerning current events and issues during each Senate meeting.

4.3.5 Notify Student body and Staff about any urgent information necessary for the Jamestown Campus.

4.3.6 Recognize all legislation to be considered by Student Senate.

4.3.7 To announce vacant Senate seats immediately following the resignation, removal or death of a senator. Vacancies shall be publicized.

4.3.8 To recognize a member of the gallery who wishes to speak on the issue immediately before the Student Senate. Senators will have precedence over the gallery in being recognized.

4.3.9 To call special or emergency meetings of the Student Senate in times of need or crisis, with a membership quorum.

4.3.10 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

4.4 The Vice President shall:

4.4.1 Perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

4.4.2 Hold Senators accountable to the Basic Expectations that preface the By-Laws and confronting those who do not uphold the expectations.

4.4.3 Assist in coordinating all Open Forums.

4.4.4 Monitor the involvement of Senate in committees.

4.4.5 Keep record of constituent reports.

4.4.6 Schedule the Student Senate Retreat(s) with the advisor and executive board.

4.4.7 Present a report during each Senate meeting.
4.4.8 Update and maintain the Senate L DRIVE and social media outlets.

4.4.9 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

4.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following duties:

4.5.1 Reporting and overseeing all financial transactions of the Student Senate at the end of each month and submit a report to the Collegian for publication each semester.

4.5.2 Present a report during each Senate meeting.

4.5.3 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

4.6 The Secretary to the Student Senate shall be responsible for the following duties:

4.6.1 Keep a typed record of the Senate’s proceedings and maintain a file of all correspondence to and from the Student Senate.

4.6.2 Update and send out any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules.

4.6.3 Maintain the Senate bulletin board with items such as a precise agenda for the upcoming meeting, any resolutions or bills that have been passed, any changes in these bylaws and correspondence from faculty and administration regarding resolutions and other Student Senate Actions, and the minutes of the past meeting.

4.6.4 Keep record of the current Senate members and liaisons to be used to do roll call at the beginning of each Senate meeting.

4.6.5 Notify, by email or phone warning, any Senator who has excessive absences at outlined in the Senate Attendance Section in the Bylaws.

4.6.6 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

4.7 The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for the following duties:

4.7.1 Be the presiding officer of the Student Senate in the absence of the President and Vice President.

4.7.2 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

4.8 The Standing Committee Chairs shall be responsible for the following duties:

4.8.1 Work 1 hour during the week in the Student Senate Office to finalize work for the next Senate meeting.

4.8.2 Compile a report each semester of activities and accomplishments of each committee.
4.8.3 Report senator’s attendance each month and make recommendations to the Student Body President and Senate for removal and replacement of members of committees.

4.8.4 Fulfill the duties of this position as outlined in the Constitution.

5 **SENATE LIAISONS**

5.1 Student Activities Committee

5.1.1 A representative from the Student Activities Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Student Senate and shall be responsible for presenting a report concerning Student Activities Committee activities during each Senate meeting.

5.2 Student Media Center

5.2.1 A representative from the Student Media Center shall be an ex-officio member of the Student Senate and shall be responsible for presenting a report concerning Student Media Center activities during each Senate meeting.

6 **SENATOR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

6.1.1 Each Senator shall act as the official representative of his/her constituency to the Student Senate; provide an effective student voice in the formation of university policy; investigate matters pertinent to the well-being of the student body; be aware of and to inform the student body of events on the local, state, and national levels, which relate to their academic growth and well-being; work closely with the faculty and administration in fostering mutual cooperation; and carry out the foregoing provisions and all other authority vested by and contained in the spirit of the constitution. Senators shall also plan and execute specific events given by the Executive Board and shall carry out other duties as deemed necessary by the consensus of the Executive Board or the Senate. Other duties vested to a Senator shall include the following:

6.2 Report on Senate activities to their constituents by email after each meeting.

6.2.1 Constituent reports must detail the business discussed in Senate that week including any important dates, events, or news relevant to the student body.

6.2.2 Constituent reports must be sent by the Wednesday after each meeting at noon and, in addition, must be sent to the Vice President to be credited.

6.3 Introduce all business brought forth by their constituents

6.3.1 Serve on at least one Student Senate Committee per semester as well as Faculty and/or Administrative Committee as needed.

6.4 Perform necessary duties as requested by the Senate.

6.5 Call for a roll call vote when the floor vote is divided.

6.6 Have people recognized from the gallery at their request.

6.7 Introduce all legislation that the Senate shall consider.

6.7.1 Attend all scheduled Senate meetings, special sessions, and committee meetings of which they are a member.

6.8 Run student polls as needed or requested by a member of Student Senate.
7  STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

7.1  Committee Chairs

7.1.1  The Chair of each committee is charged with the responsibility of monitoring Senator Committee involvement. If any Senator is not contributing to a committee, the Chair will report it to the Executive Board and decide further action to take in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

7.1.2  Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Senate, during the second meeting of the new academic year and remain the chair until the end of their term on Senate or the dissolving of said committee.

7.1.3  Student Senate shall have the following standing committees. Every senator shall serve on at least one committee by the Executive Board of the Student Senate. Each committee will have a chair who will preside over the committee and a ranking member who will be the number two senator on the committee and serve as the chair in case of an absence.

7.2  The Committee on Campus Affairs shall:

7.2.1  Make recommendations concerning all matters involving student life at University of Jamestown

7.2.2  Research and report to Student Senate issues concerning general student well-being on campus including, but not limited to campus improvement, technology, dining services, recycling, etc.

7.2.3  Meet with the administration in the Office of Student Life as well as the Foss Wellness Center, Business Affairs and Dining Services at least once a month.

7.2.4  Perform bi-weekly campus safety rounds checking for possible improvements.

7.2.5  Have two (2) members, a junior and a senior; serve on the Student Media Center Board.

7.3  The Committee for Academic Affairs shall:

7.3.1  Discuss and act on issues regarding the academic affairs of University of Jamestown students with faculty and staff, including the Dean of Academic Affairs.

7.3.2  Report to the Senate its recommendations concerning the relationship between students and faculty, staff and administration.

7.3.3  Meet with the Dean of Academic Affairs at least once a month.

7.3.4  Report to the Senate its suggestions for changes in the curriculum offered by University of Jamestown.

7.3.5  Report to the Senate its recommendations concerning all academic areas.

7.3.6  Assist with any Student Senate related programs when necessary.

7.3.7  Have two members attend the Faculty Senate meetings.

7.4  The Committee for Campus Outreach shall:

7.4.1  Create ways to enhance Senator relations with the student body, faculty, staff and administration.
7.4.2 Be responsible for keeping administration and the student body educated about Student Senate and its goals and mission.

7.4.3 Make recommendations concerning the relationships of University of Jamestown to the public, including image-building and recruitment.

7.4.4 Work with the President of Student Senate to produce all materials that advertise the events that Student Senate organizes.

7.4.5 Improve campus and public awareness of Student Senate events.

7.4.6 Meet with the Vice President for Institutional Advancement once each semester.

7.4.7 Facilitate the creation and maintenance of the Student Senate website.

7.5 Committee on Student Organization Advisory shall:

7.5.1 Report to the Senate its recommendations concerning the relationship of University of Jamestown’s campus organizations to the Student Body.

7.5.2 Shall attend and assist with Student Organization meetings and fairs.

7.5.3 Each Senator shall attend at least one Student Organization meeting each week.

7.5.4 Outline criteria necessary for Organizations to meet in order to receive Student Organization Fund money.

7.5.5 Meet with the President of each Campus Organization.

7.5.6 Shall review Student Organizations and provide advice and assistance for constitutions, bylaws, structure and function.

8 STUDENT SENATE MEETINGS

8.1 Regular meetings of the Student Senate must be held on Sundays at 7pm. However, meetings shall not take place during vacations or final examination periods.

8.2 The President or one-third of the voting members of the Student Senate may call for a special meeting of the Senate.

8.3 All meetings of the Student Senate shall consist of a quorum. A quorum of the Student Senate shall consist of two-thirds of the Senate members.

8.4 Any member of the Student Body, Faculty, or Administration may attend Senate meetings as a member of the gallery. In order to speak during debate, they must be allocated speaking time from an elected senator.

9 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

9.1 The proceedings of the University of Jamestown Student Senate shall be governed by the Robert’s Rules of Order.

9.2 Exceptions to Robert’s Rules of Order shall be stated within these bylaws.

9.3 The motions to "table" (or "lay on the table") and to "postpone" shall be equivalent and shall require a majority vote. A motion to table indefinitely shall be equivalent to the motion to “postpone indefinitely,” which shall mean to kill the motion. Any other motion
to table or postpone must be made to a certain time, which may not be beyond the meeting immediately succeeding the one in which it was made. If a member of the Senate determines that the chair, in error, has permitted a motion to be tabled without a certain time, during any meeting (before the end of the Senate session in which the motion was made) a member of the Senate shall reinstate the question by a point of order.

9.4 Friendly amendments, of any type, shall be out of order except for the following purpose: if a resolution shall contain grammatical or other typographical mistakes, a member may propose this amendment to correct it. In such an event, this amendment shall require only the approval of the sponsor.

9.5 When the presiding officer has closed debate, and at such times when the call for the vote may be in order, he or she shall take the vote by ordering a roll call vote. Other methods may be used if desired. Where an election or confirmation vote is in order, a ballot vote shall be the only form of voting used. When there is a final vote on a resolution, a roll call vote shall be the desired voting method. A majority vote of the Senate shall order a change in vote taking techniques on any item not already prescribed in these rules.

9.6 When a roll call vote is ordered, the names of senators shall be called alphabetically; each senator shall, without debate, declare his or her vote on the question. No senator shall be permitted to vote after the discussion shall have been announced by the presiding officer, but may, for sufficient reasons, with unanimous consent, change or withdraw his or her vote. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor shall the presiding officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

9.7 Unanimous Consent. Following the call for a vote by the presiding officer, but not after the first vote is cast; any senator may call for consent. The presiding officer will then ask the Senate for consent. Should any senator decline consent, the appropriate vote shall proceed.

9.8 If a senator feels they are not informed on an issue, he or she can abstain from voting. A senator may also abstain on any matter when he or she believes that his or her voting would be a conflict of interest.

9.9 Confirmation of appointments shall require a vote based on all members present on the roll; abstentions shall be equivalent to a negative vote. After discussion, the vote must be by secret ballot.

9.10 When a candidate is considered for appointment or confirmation the individual shall be permitted three minutes to speak to the Senate. After the Senate has heard the candidate, for a period of up to 10 minutes, each senator may be permitted questions which may be ruled out of order at the discretion of the chair upon objection. After questioning, the candidate shall be absent from the Senate chamber until the vote is tallied. Once the candidate is removed from the room, the Senate shall discuss the appointment or confirmation. Discussion shall begin with one statement supporting the candidate, followed by a statement against the candidate. Discussion will continue in that fashion until there is no supporting or opposing statement. Each member may only speak once and their discussion shall be limited to 30 seconds. Members of the Executive Board shall not be permitted to speak for or against a candidate.

9.11 In the event more candidates are considered in a meeting than vacant seats exist, all candidates shall be considered individually. Of the group of candidates applying for the limited number of seats, the candidate(s) that receive the largest affirmative vote tallies shall be elected to the vacant seat(s) in successive order from the candidate with the highest affirmative vote tally to the lowest. Should any tie exist for a vacant seat, a re-vote must be taken between the [tied] candidates. No candidate may receive a seat that did not obtain at least a majority vote of the Senate.

10 LEGISLATION

10.1 Any member of the Student Body may initiate a referendum in the Student
Senate. The Senate must approve the resolution. The resolution must be first presented to the Secretary of the Student Senate 24 hours prior to the Senate meeting.

10.2 All legislation of the Senate shall be in the form of resolutions.

10.3 Each piece of legislation shall embrace only one subject. The subject shall be expressed in the title.

10.4 Any resolution intended for consideration by the Senate shall be submitted to the Senate President. Submissions shall be given in typewritten or word-processed form as well as electronic format as a file prepared using Microsoft Word or compatible software. The Senate President shall not unnecessarily prevent the appearance of resolutions to the Senate that were submitted within the appropriate time frame. The President of the Senate may add things to the agenda after the aforementioned deadline.

10.5 Any member of the Student Senate may author legislation. All resolutions shall contain the name of the author and the sponsor.

10.6 Debate will continue and will be open to all members of the Senate.

10.7 At any point during debate, the sponsor can choose to pull their bill and have it removed from consideration by the Senate.

10.8 Decorum during debate will adhere to the following principles:

10.8.1 Remarks must be confined to the merits of the pending question.

10.8.2 A member’s motives may not be attacked.

10.8.3 No member may comment adversely on any prior act of the Senate that is not pending.

10.8.4 No filibuster may be implemented at any point during a Senate Meeting.

11 FINANCE

11.1 The Executive Board of the Student Senate shall present all budgets, approved by the Senate, to the Dean of Students’ office in a timely manner prior to graduation.

11.2 The books shall be closed prior to the first of June of each year. The Student Senate Treasurer shall issue a financial statement before the midterm of the first semester to be published in the Collegian.

11.3 The Treasurer shall issue a report each month of the financial transactions that have taken place since the previous report.

11.4 All Student Senate committees are expected to function within their budget limits. All spending that exceeds budgeted amounts must have approval by Senate Advisor.

12 STUDENT SENATE OFFICE

12.1 The Student Senate Office is located on the 2nd Level of the Nafus Student Center.

12.2 Office hours will be held by Executive Board members and Committee Chairs.

12.3 Executive Board and Committee Chairs will sign up for slots or projects with the advisor, and reports on progress will be given at designated times. Failure to complete the minimum hours will result in an unexcused absence.
13 ELECTIONS

13.1 Each Fall and Spring Semester, there will be a special committee known as the Election Committee whose purpose shall be to supervise all elections pertaining to the Student Senate. The Committee is responsible to inform and enforce election policies and procedures. The Committee shall issue a final report of all results to be published in the Collegian. The Parliamentarian will sit as a voting member of said committee.

13.2 Spring Elections

13.2.1 All members of the Student Body shall elect four officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary in the annual Spring elections.

13.2.2 Graduating seniors will not be allowed to vote for the Senior Senators, nor the executive board, of the following year.

13.2.3 An open forum will be held in order that the voting body may assess the Presidential candidate(s). This open forum shall be held in the form of an open question-and-answer session or a debate with a moderator. This open forum shall be held on the Monday before the election of officers.

13.2.4 The election of officers shall follow the following schedule: On the Monday of the first entire week of classes following Spring Break, an email shall be sent to the Student Body to allow for the nomination of officers. Nominations shall cease at noon on Friday of the same week. By 5:00 pm on that same Friday, an email shall be sent to the nominees informing them of their nomination. On Monday or Tuesday of the following week, an open forum for the presidential candidates shall be held in accordance with 13.2.3. Voting will commence Wednesday of that week and will end Friday of the same week. New officers shall be informed through email by 9:00 pm Friday night. The election of Senators shall proceed with the same timeline within 72 hours immediately following the announcement of the Executive Board. Those candidates, not elected, shall be able to run as Senators. The newly elected officers and Senators shall take office at the commencement of the next academic school year.

13.2.5 The election of officers shall be completed 14 days prior to the election of the Senators. All candidates running for office must notify the Election Committee, in writing (via email), 10 days prior to the commencement of elections. Class status is based on academic year as recorded by the Registrar’s Office.

13.2.6 All candidates running for office must notify the Election Committee, via email, 10 days prior to the commencement of elections. The upper-class Senators: Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes shall notify the Election Committee ten days prior to the commencement of elections. These eighteen Senators shall only be elected by their respective class members of the Student Body.

13.2.7 The Election Committee of the Student Senate shall also be responsible for running the Board of Student Media elections. These shall be held in conjunction with the Student Senate elections and shall be performed using the same criteria as the Senate elections.
13.3 Fall Elections

13.3.1 The six New Student Senators shall be elected by the first day of October. Each New Student, wishing to run for the Student Senate, shall attend one session of the Senate before the week of elections. Each candidate must notify the Election Committee, via email, seven days prior to the commencement of elections. Only New Students are eligible to vote for New Student Senators.

13.4 General Election Policies and Procedures

13.4.1 The President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

13.4.2 All members of their respective classes shall elect six Senators from each of the New Student, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

13.4.3 All positions not filled upon completion of election shall be appointed by the President-Elect of the Student Senate and subject to approval of the Senate-Elect by a majority consensus.

13.4.4 All voting shall take place by secret ballot with the exception of email ballots.

13.4.5 No Student Senate funds shall be used by any member running for a seat in the Senate. Candidates may organize political parties or campaign individually. Candidates shall not campaign within 50 feet of the voting area. Persons may be elected to office without declaring their candidacy to the Election Committee. These write-in candidates must acquire a majority of votes during the election.

13.4.6 It is the responsibility of the Election Committee to post the list of candidates and the offices (which they seek) four days prior to elections.

13.4.7 The Election Committee is responsible in ensuring that each member of the Student Body votes only once. The Election Committee shall maintain a list of all eligible voters. Each student’s name shall be marked when he or she votes in person or via email.

13.4.8 To initiate election recall proceedings, a petition with the signatures of one-fifth of the Student Body must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

13.4.8.1 The Election Committee will call for a recall vote seven days after the submission of the petition.

13.4.8.2 One-third of the Student Body must vote for the recall to be valid. A recall motion must be approved by two-thirds of the total votes cast.

13.4.8.3 Voting on all recall proceedings will be by anonymous ballot with the exception of email.

14 Senate Oath
14.1 Elected Senators and Executive Board members shall be considered Senators-Elect until the following oath is recited and agreed to at the first Senate meeting of the fall semester. Senators and Executive Board members who are elected or appointed subsequent to this meeting during the year will take the oath at the first Senate meeting, which they attend following their election or appointment. The oath is as follows:

14.2 I, (Senator’s name), understand that my position as a Student Senator is of great importance to the University of Jamestown. I will strive to represent the opinions and views of the students of the University of Jamestown to the best of my abilities and bring forth their concerns to the rest of the Senate. I will read, understand, and abide by the Student Senate constitution and bylaws and hold myself to the standards set forth by the preamble of the bylaws of Student Senate.

15 **SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

15.1 All special elections must be held within two weeks after the seat has been vacated.
15.2 During the week following the opening of a seat, nominations will be accepted until 5pm Friday. The Monday and Tuesday of the following week will be open for campaigning. Wednesday through Friday, elections will be held closing at 5pm on Friday. Senators will be sworn in during Senate’s next meeting.

16 **RESIGNATION OF STUDENT SENATE MEMBERS**

16.1 Senators wishing to resign shall do so, in writing, to the Senate Secretary.
16.2 Senators, who have resigned, shall be replaced by a new Senator elected during a special election. As outlined in Section 15.
16.3 Executive Board Members who resign any time during the year shall be replaced by an existing Senator, appointed by the President, with approval and ratification by the Senate. The promoted Senator shall then be replaced by a new Senator elected during a special election. As outlined in Section 15.

17 **DISMISSAL OF STUDENT SENATE MEMBERS**

17.1 All Student Senators who fail to fulfill their responsibilities, as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be subject to dismissal by the Student Senate.
17.2 Senators, who have had three unexcused absences per semester, shall be declared out of office by the Executive Board. These members shall also be barred from holding an office within the Senate until the next election. An absence includes missing a regular Senate meeting or two missed constituent reports. Excused absences will consist of any absence due to a school-sanctioned function. Any other absence must be appealed to the executive board within two weeks of the absence. If the absence is not appealed, it will remain unexcused permanently on the
In case of a violation of the Bylaws and/or Constitution the Vice President shall notify said senator. The senator shall appear in front of the Executive board during their next meeting. The board will determine the disciplinary action necessary with approval of the Senate Advisor. Said Senator has the right to appeal to the Student Senate Body who will make a final decision with a 2/3 vote.

Committee chairs failing to fulfill leadership responsibilities are subject to removal from said position by the Executive Board and/or the Senate. A motion of removal must be tabled for a minimum of one week’s time. The chairperson in question will be asked to leave the meeting and a vote by paper ballot will be cast. Ballots will be counted by the Secretary and the Senate Advisor.

18 AMENDMENTS

18.1 All amendments to student senate documents shall:

18.1.1 All proposed amendments must be made available to the senate no less than three (3) academic calendar days prior to a vote by the Senate.

18.1.2 Be effective upon a 2/3 vote of quorum provided the amendment was submitted as an internal resolution at a regular meeting of the Student Senate.

18.2.1 All written proposals for amending a document of Student Senate must come out of the Academic Affairs Committee. These written proposals will then be brought to the executive board for discussion and approval. The item is then added to the agenda. The following general senate meeting the proposal is discussed; there will be no voting on the matter during the first meeting. Following suggestions from the Senate body, the Academic Affairs Committee will rewrite the proposal and again bring it to the executive board. The item is again placed on the agenda. The following General Senate meeting shall consist of discussion and one of two actions; the bill is either re-tabled for Academic Affairs to rework, or the matter is brought to a vote.

18.2.2 Ratification of an amendment shall require a 2/3 balloted vote.

18.2.3 “Necessity Clause” If during discussion of a bill, a Senator feels that the amendment in question is pertinent to the Student Body as a whole; they may call for a “Vote of Referendum.” This is subject to a balloted vote, requiring a 2/3 majority of Senate for approval. Once approved the Elections Committee is tasked with setting a date for the referendum to be voted on by the student body; this date shall be set no later than 2 weeks following the approval of the Senate. A simple majority of ballots cast by the student body shall be required to approve the referendum in question.

18.2.4 The amendment following approval shall be taken into immediate effect.