



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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AMUN Policies and Practices Update

Information about AMUN Conference Handbooks, Faculty Advisor Roles and Special Commission Participation.

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. We hope that you've been having an enjoyable summer. In advance of your conference preparations for this year's 2018 AMUN Conference we wanted to take a moment to notify you of three changes to AMUN Policies and Practices going into effect this year.

AMUN Conference Handbooks

This year AMUN will no longer be providing a printed copy of the Issues at AMUN and the AMUN Rules and Procedures handbooks. These handbooks will now be exclusively available online. They can be found at <https://www.amun.org/handbooks/> once they're available in the fall. For those of you who hate trees (or love reading comprehension), these online handbooks will be printer-friendly. This also means that these handbooks are no longer available for purchase from the AMUN Store. AMUN will continue to print our Conference Program for all Representatives at Conference.

Faculty Advisors Roles and Participation

In response to feedback from schools and faculty over the years we are making the following changes to AMUN's recommended roles and participation for faculty advisors.

- Moving forward, each school (not delegation) will be allowed to bring a total of four (4) faculty advisors to the AMUN Conference. Full language for this policy can be found in Chapter One of the AMUN Rules and Procedures handbook, under the section "Minimum and Maximum Delegation Counts."
- Some concerns have been raised over the years by faculty advisors and representatives regarding faculty participation during Conference. Addressing this concern, AMUN has updated our language on faculty advisor roles, found in Chapter Two of the AMUN Rules and Procedures handbook, under the section "The Faculty Advisor," the full text of this section can be found online. For your ease, the language specific to this change is also listed below.

"AMUN recognizes the important role faculty advisors have in a delegation's preparation for and negotiating the logistics of attending the Conference. Faculty can act as a sounding

board for their students during the Conference, but that advice and consult should generally be given outside of official session times. If consultation during sessions is required, it should take place outside of committee rooms. It is important to note that faculty are not delegates to the Conference. It is therefore inappropriate for faculty to participate in or interfere with the work of the body. Faculty will not engage in caucusing or resolution drafting and may not take a seat at the Member State's placard. Faculty from one school should never engage representatives from another school in debate on issues relating to conference participation. Faculty are welcome to observe formal debate from the gallery seating provided at the back of committee rooms. Faculty should model the level of professionalism expected of all attendees of the conference."

Special Commission Participation

The 2018 Special Commission will be the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and participation in that simulation will be limited to one (1) representative per delegation, without exceptions. AMUN had previously allowed exceptions to this rule on a case-by-case basis to allow a second representative in this simulation.

If it appears that your school will have a couple of extra representatives we encourage you to have your students submit applications to the [International Press Delegation \(IPD\)](#), the [International Court of Justice \(ICJ Justices\)](#) or the [Commission on Inquiry of 2005 \(COI05\)](#). Each of these simulations is a first-come, first-serve applicant based participation but generally, only one person from a school can participate on each of these simulations.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about the changes to AMUN policies or practices, please contact us directly at mail@amun.org and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's model UN club or class, please contact us at mail@amun.org with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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