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Constitutional Convention to Reorganize Structure of Student Government

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A Constitutional Convention has been called to reorganize the structure of student government at the University of Dayton. The convention, an outgrowth of an appeal to Student Council by the Student's Progressive Party, a University student political party, will open on Saturday, October 1, and meet weekly through December.

Members of Student Council passed a bill last spring to hold the convention and named Robert Battenberg, a senior from Toledo, Ohio, as chairman. Battenberg feels that "the student government is in bad shape at the present time. We hope that the convention will result in a more representative legislature and a directly elected student council president, separated from the legislature. This in itself will strengthen our student government."

The Convention structure, aimed toward improved inter-University communication, will be of two main parts. A Details and Styles Committee, comprised of ten members chosen by Student Council, will handle the agenda and planning procedures. The General Assembly, 59 members to be elected through Campus Organizations and from Residential areas (dorms and off-campus zones), will be the voice of the student body. Chairman Battenberg and Assistant Chairman Kelly Downard will also work closely with an Executive Cabinet, 10 representative members of the administration and faculty who will serve in an advisory capacity.

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