ITS ALL IN THE NAME
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History
When the class of 2005-2006 made the decision to split student government into to distinct bodies they unintentionally created confusion. The names of the bodies were the Academic Senate and the Executive Council. Whiles both have clearly defined and distinct roles, the naming of one is incomplete. The Academic Senate is granted the power to deal with things that are not necessarily specific to academics. This power is often not realized because of confusion. We are not simply an academic advisory board; we are officers who are elected to speak on behalf of all issues that affect our colleges. Although the constituency in which we specifically represent is clearly defined, as a whole, the senate represents all students at Utah State University on all manners that affect the said students. By allowing us to be christened “the Senate,” the confusion will be less and the role of the Senate will be more defined in terms of its namesake

Strengths
- This change would more clearly articulate the roll of the Senate

- This would lessen confusion in the eyes of students when matters that are not specifically concerned with academics, but which still fall within the realm and intent of the Senate, are addressed.

Weaknesses
- It will require work from the senate to ensure that the avenues are addressed and the name change does take place.

- It will require work from the senate in articulating the necessity for the change to the student body.