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# Constitution of the Student Association of Springfield College

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**PREAMBLE:** We, the students of Springfield College, in order to unify the student body, to promote the interests and welfare of the student body and to guide and finance student activities, do hereby organize the Student Association Constitution. The name of the organization shall be the Student Association of Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

**ARTICLE I: STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Student Association shall include all matriculating, fee paying students of Springfield College. As members of the Association and representatives of the institution, students are expected to uphold the reputation and philosophy of Springfield College as well as its policies. Such policies may be found in the Springfield College Student Handbook. Adherence to these guidelines is expected at all activities, functions, retreats, conferences, and events where students are representing Springfield College. Members of the Student Association and their respective organizations will be held accountable for actions that violate Springfield College policies. The locations of events by recognized Student Association groups will be considered an extension of the Springfield College campus and all policies will remain in effect for the duration of the program.

**ARTICLE II: STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

The Student Association shall have a governing body called the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA will be comprised of an Executive Board, a Student Senate, and collectively, the General Council.

*Section One: Executive Board*

- A. The Executive Board shall be composed of:
  - 1. The President
  - 2. The Vice President of Student Affairs
  - 3. The Vice President of Student Organizations
  - 4. The Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - 5. The Vice President of Business Affairs
  - 6. The Coordinator of Public Relations
  - 7. Secretary/Parliamentarian
- B. All members of the Executive Board shall work together to complete assigned tasks.
- C. All members of the Executive Board must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 and must be in and maintain good standing (academically and judicially) with the College during tenure of office.
- D. The President of SGA shall not hold an executive board position (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) on any student organization recognized by SGA. This excludes Class Board Officer positions.

*Section Two: Student Senate*

- A. The Student Senate shall be composed of:
  - 1. Four (4) elected members of the Senior Class, including the class President
  - 2. Four (4) elected members of the Junior Class, including the class President
  - 3. Four (4) elected members of the Sophomore Class, including the class President
  - 4. Four (4) elected members of the Freshman Class, including the class President

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5. The elected President of the Graduate Student Organization (or designee)
  6. All members of the Student Senate must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 and must be in and maintain good standing (academically and judicially) with the College during tenure of office.
- B. Student Senators
1. Student Senators shall represent the Student Association and voice the opinions of the student organizations and members of their class that they represent.
  2. Duties and Jurisdiction
    - a. Senators will be required to be in contact with the student organizations that they represent and complete monthly student organization reports, one for each of their represented student organizations.
    - b. Senators must keep the student organizations that they represent informed of Student Organization (SO) Meetings in addition to any information that affects them or the Student Association.
    - c. Senators are required to attend a minimum of one meeting or event of each of their represented student organizations each semester and report back to the Student Council.
    - d. Senators shall serve on ad-hoc committees that will assist in accomplishing the tasks of the Student Senate and General Council.
    - e. Senators shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.
- C. Senate Leader
1. Senate Leader selection process
    - a. Nominations and election of the Senate Leader shall occur during April following elections for the following academic year.
    - b. Nominations for the position of Senate Leader shall be made by the voting members of the General Council.
    - c. Nominees will be voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council. A majority of the vote will determine the Senate Leader.
  2. Duties and Jurisdiction
    - a. The responsibilities of this position include all duties of a Student Senator (Article II, Section Two. B. 2).
    - b. Senate Leader shall preside over Student Senate meetings in addition to organizing and overseeing the work of the Student Senate.
    - c. Senate Leader shall delegate duties amongst the members of the Student Senate and create ad-hoc committees that will assist in accomplishing the tasks of the Student Senate and General Council, as well as those assigned by the SGA Executive Board.
    - d. Senate Leader shall meet with the SGA President prior to General Council meetings.

*Section Three: General Council*

- A. Voting members of the General Council shall consist of:
  1. Each of the four (4) Vice Presidents of the SGA Executive Board.
  2. The Coordinator of Public Relations of the SGA Executive Board.
  3. Each of the sixteen (16) members of the Senate (four (4) elected members of each class, one (1) of which shall be the President of each Class).
  4. The elected President of the Graduate Student Organization.
- B. There shall be one (1) ex-officio student member of the SGA Executive Board present who shall have no voting or veto powers.

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- C. The Student Trustee shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
  - D. The President of the SGA shall preside over the General Council meetings.
  - E. The President of the SGA shall only vote in the event of a tie.

*Section Four: Tenure of Membership*

- A. The SGA Executive Board and Senate Leader shall hold office for a term of one fiscal year in accordance with the SGA fiscal year by virtue of their elected or appointed position.
- B. The Student Senate shall hold office for a term of one academic year in accordance with the College academic year by virtue of their elected or appointed position.

*Section Five: Advisor*

The advisor to the Student Association, SGA Executive Board (including Business Affairs Committee), Student Senate, General Council Board shall be the Director of Student Activities and Campus Programs and shall retain veto power over violation of College, Local, State, or Federal laws, policies, or procedures.

*Section Six: General Council*

- A. Duties and responsibilities of the General Council:
  - 1. To act upon matters that relate to the Student Association.
  - 2. To appoint ad-hoc committees as are deemed necessary.
  - 3. To act upon recommendations presented by the Executive Board or Student Senate.
  - 4. To refer matters to the SGA Executive Board, Office of Student Activities & Campus Programs, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, College departments and/or the student body as deemed necessary.
  - 5. To refer matters to the appropriate Vice President of SGA and to assist with his/her work.
- B. Meetings
  - 1. The first meeting of the academic year shall be held within two (2) weeks of the start of the academic year.
  - 2. Special meetings of the General Council may be called by any of the following:
    - a. The President of the SGA.
    - b. One-third (1/3) of the General Council via written request to the President of the SGA.
    - c. Ten (10) percent of the student body via written request to the President of the SGA.
  - 3. All meetings shall be open to the entire College community.
  - 4. Meetings shall be conducted according to the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- C. Quorum
  - 1. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership of the General Council.
  - 2. No action shall be taken on any business matter without a quorum being present.

*Section Seven: Executive Board Officers and Duties*

- A. The President
  - 1. The President is the chief executive officer of the SGA and shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board and General Council.
  - 2. Duties and Jurisdiction

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- a. Shall appoint the SGA Executive Board consisting of: Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Student Organizations, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Business Affairs, Coordinator of Public Relations, and Secretary/Parliamentarian. The positions shall be announced to all full-time matriculating, fee paying students at Springfield College. The President will review applications, conduct interviews, and make appointments prior to the Stepping Up Day Ceremony.
  - b. In the event of a resignation or vacancy of an SGA Executive Board member, the President shall appoint a replacement.
  - c. Shall call meetings of the General Council and Executive Board.
  - d. Shall represent the SGA and student body upon request and shall appoint a representative in case of his/her absence.
  - e. Shall be a non-voting member (ex-officio) of all committees set up by the SGA.
  - f. Shall, by virtue of this position, be a member of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Institutional Advancement.
  - g. Shall serve on the Safety Committee.
  - h. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.

B. The Vice President of Student Affairs

- 1. The Vice President of Student Affairs shall counsel and advise the SGA on matters of policy and procedures relating to the life and general welfare of the student body, as well as the subsequent quality thereof.
- 2. Duties and Jurisdiction
  - a. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Executive Board of the SGA.
  - b. Shall consider such matters, as may be designated, for research and consideration by the SGA. This information shall be made available to the student body.
  - c. Shall be the direct liaison between the SGA and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
  - d. Shall communicate the affairs of the office to the Executive Board and the General Council.
  - e. Shall create ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary at any time to assist his/her work. Committees shall be approved by the SGA.
  - f. Shall be responsible for the organization and implementation of the annual Stepping Up Day Ceremony.
  - g. Shall have the responsibility to coordinate the dates for and supervise the SGA, class executive boards, and Student Senate elections in March; as well as the freshman class elections in September.
  - h. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Student Affairs.
  - i. Shall, by virtue of position, be the representative for the SGA any meeting deemed necessary including but not limited to:
    - i. Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate
    - ii. Food Service Advisory Committee
    - iii. Conduct and Judicial Review Committee
  - j. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.

C. The Vice President of Student Organizations

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1. The Vice President of Student Organizations shall be a liaison for student organizations to the SGA and the Office of Student Activities & Campus Programs.
  2. Duties and Jurisdiction
    - a. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the SGA Executive Board.
    - b. Shall consider such matters as may be designated for research and consideration by the SGA. This information shall be made available to the student body.
    - c. Shall create ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary at any time to assist with his/her work. Committees must be approved by the SGA.
    - d. Shall communicate the affairs of the office to the Executive Board and the General Council.
    - e. Shall communicate effectively with all student organizations concerning the policies of the SGA and continually be the liaison between the SGA and these groups.
    - f. Shall hold monthly meetings with the President and Treasurer from each student organization to discuss current issues in SGA.
    - g. Shall meet with each student organization individually during the spring semester, as needed, to help with individual needs of each student organization including, but not limited to elections and allocations.
    - h. Shall have the responsibility of obtaining an updated list of all active student organizations recognized by SGA and obtain a copy of each student organization's current constitution yearly (if said constitution has been amended, revised, or altered) at allocations to keep on file in the SGA office binder and Office of Student Activities & Campus Programs.
    - i. Shall have the responsibility to review all requests for the formation of a new student organization that seeks recognition by the SGA. No new student organizations shall be recognized without following the guidelines established by the SGA.
    - j. Shall be in charge of requests for status changes of student organizations from non-funded to funded.
    - k. Shall be responsible to coordinate the annual Student Organization Fair within the first three (3) weeks of the academic year.
    - l. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Campus Buildings and Grounds.
    - m. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Transportation Committee.
    - n. Shall serve on the Business Affairs Committee.
    - o. Shall keep the binders of the student organizations up to date in the SGA office for five fiscal years after the year that the document was produced. Information in said binder shall include:
      - i. The student organization's constitution
      - ii. Event/meeting attendance
      - iii. Meeting minutes
      - iv. Organization discussions.
    - p. Shall meet, as needed, at the beginning of each semester with the advisor of each of student organization to discuss:
      - i. Guidelines to follow as an advisor
      - ii. New rules and issues in SGA
    - q. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.
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D. The Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. The Vice President for Academic Affairs acts upon matters dealing with any phase of the academic atmosphere of Springfield College including, but not limited to: academic programs, curriculum, student/faculty relations, instructional support, registration, advisement, and student concerns and opinions.
2. Duties and Jurisdiction
  - a. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Executive Board of the SGA.
  - b. Shall consider such matters as may be designated for research and consideration by the SGA. This information shall be made available to the student body.
  - c. Shall create ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary at any time to assist his/her work. Ad-hoc committees must be approved by the SGA.
  - d. Shall communicate the affairs of the office to the Executive Board and General Council.
  - e. Shall communicate regularly with the College Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate's chairperson of Academic Affairs about student related academic issues and concerns.
  - f. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Academic Affairs.
  - g. Shall, by virtue of the position, be the SGA representative to the Career Center Student Advisory Committee.
  - h. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the students to Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities in accordance with the designated guidelines.
  - i. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.

E. The Vice President of Business Affairs

1. The Vice President of Business Affairs shall act as the treasurer of the Student Association.
2. Shall have the right to appoint a Co-Vice President to assist in the everyday duties of the Office of the Vice President of Business Affairs.
3. Shall, by virtue of the position, abide by the Constitution of the Business Affairs Committee.
4. Shall assist the new President-elect with selection of the Vice President of Business Affairs for the following academic year prior to Stepping Up Day.
5. Duties and Jurisdiction
  - a. Shall, by virtue of the position, be a member of the Executive Board of the SGA.
  - b. Shall receive and disburse all monies of the SGA.
  - c. Shall keep an accurate accounting of all monies received and disbursed and a list of all assessments due and paid.
  - d. Shall be the treasurer for the A, B, and T accounts.
  - e. Shall, by virtue of position, chair the Business Affairs Committee; and shall appoint five (5) members, one (1) from each undergraduate class and one (1) from the graduate student class to serve as members of the Business Affairs Committee, and present to the General Council, the composition, for final approval.
    - 1) Duties and Jurisdiction of the Business Affairs Committee:

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- a) Shall conduct budget hearings for all approved student organizations for each fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and approve budget allocations.
  - b) Shall approve all fundraising activities and acceptance of monies from sources other than Student Association funds.
  - c) Shall, by May 1, present to the SGA and Director of Student Activities & Campus Programs, a budget for final approval.
  - d) The Business Affairs Committee shall designate student organizations to have an A or B Account:
    - i. "A" accounts being those that serve the entire College community
    - ii. "B" accounts being those that serve their own membership
  - f. Shall, by virtue of the position, serve as a member of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Business Affairs.
  - g. Shall, by virtue of position, serve as a member of the Parking Committee.
  - h. Shall hold monthly meetings with the President and Treasurer from each student organization to discuss current issues in SGA.
  - i. Shall communicate the affairs of the office to the Executive Board and the General Council.
  - j. Shall up-hold the student organization binders for five (5) fiscal years. Information in said binders shall include:
    - i. Budget Request Forms and Supplemental Budget Request Forms
    - ii. Conference Fund Request Forms
    - iii. Fundraising Proposal and Reporting forms
    - iv. A/B/T Accounts statements
    - v. Discussions and agreements made by the student organizations and the Vice President of Business Affairs.
  - k. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.
- F. Coordinator of Public Relations
- 1. The Coordinator of Public Relations is responsible for coordinating publicity and information for SGA events via newspaper, posters, electronic media, etc.
  - 2. Duties and Jurisdiction
    - a. Shall be a voting member of the SGA Executive Board and a voting member of the General Council.
    - b. Shall coordinate the publicity efforts of all SGA related programs, activities and news.
    - c. Shall create ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary at any time to assist his/her work. Committees shall be approved by the SGA.
    - d. Shall be a direct liaison from the SGA to the Office of Marketing and Communications of the College.
    - e. Shall, by virtue of position, serve on the William Simpson Fine Arts Series Committee.
    - f. Shall serve as an affiliate to the President of the SGA.
    - g. Shall coordinate at least one fundraising activity per semester of the SGA Executive Board.
    - h. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings.
- G. Secretary/Parliamentarian
- 1. The Secretary/Parliamentarian shall be a voting member of the SGA Executive Board and a non-voting member of the General Council.
  - 2. Duties and Jurisdiction
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- a. Shall keep the attendance records and minutes of all meetings of the SGA.
  - b. Shall consult with the Vice Presidents to identify agenda items for the General Council meetings.
  - c. Shall send out the minutes of the SGA meetings to all members of the SGA, the chief officers of each student organization, the President of the College, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and the Director of Student Activities & Campus Programs.
  - d. Shall identify and maintain contact with the voting members of the SGA.
  - e. Shall keep up-to-date files of all members of all ad-hoc committees and commissions.
  - f. Shall advise the President on the rules and precedents governing the meetings of the SGA.
  - g. Shall, by virtue of position, serve on the William Simpson Fine Arts Series Committee.
  - h. Shall maintain an active role in SGA by attending all regularly scheduled and special meetings. See Article VI for attendance policies.

### **ARTICLE III: LINE OF SUCCESSION**

In the absence of the President of the SGA, resignation or withdrawal from Springfield College, or his/her inability to serve in that office, the Vice President shall serve in that capacity and manner of the President in the following order:

1. Vice President of Student Affairs
2. Vice President of Academic Affairs
3. Vice President of Student Organizations
4. Vice President of Business Affairs
5. The President shall fill any vacancy on the Executive Board by appointment.

### **ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS**

#### *Section One: Candidates*

#### **A. Eligibility**

Any fee paying, matriculating, full-time, undergraduate student, in good standing (academically and judicially) with the College, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, at the time of application, may run for office provided such a member meets the qualifications as provided herein.

#### **B. Qualifications**

##### **1. President**

- a. The position of the President of the SGA shall be open to any fee paying, matriculating, full-time, undergraduate student, in good standing (academically and judicially) with the college, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, at the time of application. The candidate must be able to serve their term for one fiscal year in accordance with the SGA fiscal year by virtue of his/her elected position.
- b. Candidates should have previously held a leadership position on campus and have a current knowledge of campus issues, policies and procedures.
- c. A minimum of seven (7) Student Senators shall vote in the affirmative to place a candidate on the ballot for Student Government President.

##### **2. Student Senator**

- a. The position of Student Senator of the SGA shall be open to any fee paying, matriculating, full-time, undergraduate student, in good standing

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- (academically and judicially) with the college, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, at the time of application.
  - b. No person shall serve as a Class Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer and as a Student Senator.
  - c. The candidate's undergraduate classification (class standing) shall be established by the total number of semester hour a student has earned: Senior – 93 and above semester hours; Junior – 62 to 92 semester hours; Sophomore – 31 to 61 semester hours; Freshman – 0 to 30 semester hours.
  - d. The candidate's undergraduate classification shall determine which class he/she will be elected from.
3. Term Limits
- a. No student shall hold the office of SGA President for more than one term of office.
4. Student Organization Executive Board
- a. All student organization's executive boards within the SGA shall be open to any fee paying, matriculating, full-time student in good standing (academically and judicially).
  - b. All student organization's executive board elections must be held prior to the annual allocations interviews.
  - c. The length of tenure for each office shall be determined by each specific student organization's constitution.
  - d. All members of the student organization executive boards must be in and maintain good standing (academically and judicially) with the College during tenure of office.

*Section Two: Voting Privileges*

Voting privileges shall be extended to all full-time, matriculating, fee paying, undergraduate students. Voting eligibility shall be for the class for which one is eligible to vote.

*Section Three: Vacancies*

Vacant positions on Student Senate shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board with the approval of the General Council or through special election.

**ARTICLE V: STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

- A. A meeting of the General Council of the SGA may be called by:
  - 1. The President of SGA
  - 2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council
  - 3. A petition consisting of the signatures from ten (10) percent of the eligible student body when submitted to the President.
- B. The SGA President shall preside over all General Council meetings. If the President is absent for a meeting the Line of Succession as stated in Article III shall be abided by.
- C. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be used.

**ARTICLE VI: ATTENDANCE**

- A. All members, voting and ex-officio shall be required to attend General Council meetings. Quorum is based upon the voting membership at the time of the meeting.
- B. The Executive Board shall draft and present to the General Council an attendance policy for approval annually, no later than the second meeting of General Council.

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This policy will determine a designated number of absences from Executive Board and/or General Council meetings. Exceeding the designated number of absences may lead to removal from office.

- C. Any member of the campus community may attend General Council meetings, and address the meetings upon recognition of the presiding officer.

## **ARTICLE VII: IMPEACHMENT**

*Section One: Reasons For Review (any position within the SGA)*

- A. A deliberate attempt to circumvent the constitution.
- B. The failure to fulfill duties.
- C. Failure to abide by attendance policies.
- D. Failure to maintain a good standing with the College.
- E. Any other malfeasance in office.

*Section Two: Procedures for Impeachment*

- A. Charges for impeachment shall be presented to the General Council and may be brought by:
  - 1. Ten (10) percent of the student body via written request.
  - 2. Any member of the General Council presenting a statement of charges for impeachment.
- B. Process for Notification of Impeachment
  - 1. Charges shall be presented at a meeting of the General Council.
  - 2. The accused shall be notified in writing of charges immediately after the General Council meeting in which charges were presented.
  - 3. The accused shall have until the next scheduled General Council meeting to prepare a defense or submit a letter of resignation to the advisor of the SGA.
- C. Process of Impeachment at General Council meeting.
  - 1. The accused shall have the right to examine the accusers and shall have the right to have internal counsel present.
  - 2. The President, Vice Presidents, and Senate Leader shall have the right to act as a Judicial Committee chaired by the President of SGA. In the event the accused is a member of the Executive Board or the Senate Leader, the SGA Executive Board shall choose a substitute. In case of impeachment against the President, the rules of succession shall apply for the Judicial Committee.
  - 3. The General Council shall query the accused as well as the accuser.
  - 4. The General Council shall have the right to query any of the accusers or the accused.
  - 5. The General Council shall act as a jury and its decision shall be binding.
  - 6. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Council membership shall be necessary for impeachment of a General Council member or Executive Board member.
  - 7. Neither the accused nor the accuser shall have voting privileges in impeachment procedures.

## **ARTICLE VIII: STUDENT ORGANIZATION FORMATION**

*Section One: Procedures for Recognizing and Funding Student Organizations.*

- A. SGA is the organization responsible for recognizing funded student organizations and shall determine a process by which requests for recognition shall be done.

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- B. Funding may not be immediate. Pending no violations of College or SGA policies or procedures, after one academic year, funding may then be applied for through the allocations process as stated in the Constitution of the Business Affairs Committee.
  - C. Limitations of Leadership
    - 1. No student shall hold the office of President or Treasurer, or combination thereof, of a student organization in more than three (3) student organizations.
    - 2. Students shall not be limited to the number of student organizations in which the student holds the office of Vice President or Secretary.

**ARTICLE IX: RESIGNATION**

*Section One: Resignation from Student Senate:*

- A. A letter is to be submitted to the President of SGA notifying the SGA of the pending resignation.
- B. This vacancy shall be filled by nomination from the President of the SGA and presented to the General Council for confirmation by simple majority.

*Section Two: Resignation from Executive Board:*

- A. A letter is to be submitted to the Advisor of SGA notifying the SGA of the pending resignation or the Vice President of Student Affairs in the case of resignation by the President.
- B. The President shall make an appointment to fill the vacant position following the same guidelines as established Article II. Section Seven. A. 2. b.

**ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS, NULLIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION AND PETITIONS**

*Section One: Amendments*

- A. Amendments to the Constitution of the Student Association shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council.
- B. If this action is not satisfactory to the student body, they shall have the right to challenge the amendment as stated. This shall be done according to the guidelines in Article X. Section Three.
- C. Amendments shall be printed and sent to each member of the SGA, the President of the College, the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and all interested and concerned students. They shall be kept as inserts to the constitution.

*Section Two: Nullification of this Constitution*

Nullification of this constitution shall require the affirmation of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the General Council or simple majority of the members of the Student Association. At such time, the proposed constitution shall be made available to interested Student Association members.

*Section Three: Petitions and Referenda*

Students or groups in disagreement with any decision or legislation of the SGA on any matter (other than budget requests and financial transactions between the SGA and student organizations) shall have the right to request a "Petition Form" from the Vice President for Student Affairs of the SGA.

- A. The student or group requesting the petition shall be required to receive the signatures of ten (10) percent of the student body in order to hold a referendum. The petition shall state the decision or legislation enacted by the SGA and the reason seen to overturn the decision or legislation.

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- B. Completed petitions shall be returned to the Secretary/Parliamentarian of the SGA.
  - C. It shall be the responsibility of the group or organization requesting the referenda to handle any and all publicity. Voting on the referenda shall be coordinated and administered by the Office of Student Activities & Campus Programs.
  - D. Voting on the referenda shall begin no less than four (4) and no more than seven (7) school days following the presentation of the said petition to the Secretary/Parliamentarian of the SGA.
  - E. Voting shall be open to all full-time, matriculating, fee paying student and shall be held for a period of two (2) days.
  - F. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting population of the Student Association is required to overturn any decision or legislation of the SGA. In such cases, the proposed legislation by the individual or group, shall be binding. If the proposed referendum fails, the decision or legislation originally enacted by the SGA shall remain as such.

**ARTICLE XI: SAVING CLAUSE**

*Section One: Implied Powers and Authority*

In addition to specific powers and authority set forth in this constitution, the SGA shall have further powers and authority deemed reasonable implied from the provisions of the constitution.

*Section Two: Correctable Errors*

If the SGA partially or completely fails to comply with the provisions of the SGA in respect to dates and times, or in the documentation of those said dates and times, or makes in error in the phraseology of the notice of proposals, and the voting majority of a meeting feel that these errors do not cause substantial injury to the rights of the members of the affected party, the actions of proceedings are nonetheless valid.

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