

### **Preamble**

We, the students of Loyola University New Orleans, in order to promote the student welfare, to establish an effective, representative, and cooperative student leadership body, to encourage a clear and continuous exchange of ideas between students and administration, and to assume the fullest powers and responsibilities of self-government, do hereby establish this Constitution.

### **Article I: Name**

This body shall be known as the Student Government Association (SGA) of Loyola University New Orleans.

### **Article II: Purpose**

1. To act as the principal representative voice of the student body to the University.
2. To protect student rights.
3. To articulate student responsibilities.
4. To exist as an autonomous entity and operate in the form and standing of a university department and, in doing so fully, assist in the full establishment, formation, and application of institutional policy and procedure.
5. To aid in the academic and social development of a progressive student life.
6. To provide those services which are deemed useful and necessary to the student body.
7. To grant charter recognition to student organizations.
8. To budget and allocate the student fee.
9. To adjudicate student organization discipline.
10. To conduct student organization charter review.

### **Article III: Structure**

#### Section 1: Branches

The Student Government Association shall be divided into the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

### **Article IV: Membership**

#### Section 1: Student Body Membership

Every graduate and undergraduate student in the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences, College of Social Sciences, College of Business, and College of Music and Fine Arts, as defined by the regulations of this University, shall be a constituent member of the Student Government Association and shall have an equal voice and right to representation therein.

#### Section 2: Non-discrimination

Membership is open to all Loyola University New Orleans students regardless of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, physical impairment, national or ethnic origin, or age.

### Section 3: Active Membership

Active members shall be defined as those students who have been duly elected or appointed to a position within the three branches.

Active members shall not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, selection, or appointment nor during their term of office.

### **Article V: Relationship**

Any part of this Constitution or any resolution passed under its authorization that is in conflict with the laws of the United States, the State of Louisiana, or with any rules or regulations of the University, shall be null and void from the time of its enactment. The Student Government Association will support through its action and programs the goals, purposes, and values of Loyola University New Orleans (*see: Loyola Goals statement and Character and Commitment Statement*) and will abide by all university policies and procedures (*see: Student Handbook*). All fee-paying students, as defined by the university, shall be assessed the current Student Government Association fee to be transferred by the university to the Student Government Association.

### **Article VI: Composition of Branches**

#### Section 1: Executive Branch

The executive branch shall be the President and Vice President and the Executive Staff, which shall consist of, but not be limited to:

1. Chief of Staff
2. Director of Finance
3. Director of Public Relations
4. Director of Student Identity
5. Commissioner of Elections

#### Section 2: Legislative Branch

The Legislative branch shall be known as “Congress” and be composed of two bodies; a lower house, known as the “House of Representatives,” and an upper house, known as the “Senate.”

The House of Representatives shall be composed of:

1. The President
2. One Representative from each student organization that has been chartered by and is currently in good standing with the Student Government Association.
  - a. The House of Representatives will meet at least once every semester.
  - b. Each organization shall choose their representative at the end of the academic year before the House of Representatives’ final meeting in April.
  - c. If no representative is selected, the organization’s president shall automatically assume all duties as representative.
  - d. The chosen representative must be appointed to the House of Representatives by the President.

The Senate shall be composed of:

1. Vice President
2. Senators-at-Large

- a. Representation shall be proportional to one Senator-at-Large, rounded to the nearest whole number, per 800 students of the total spring enrollment of the university, excluding Law School enrollment.
  - b. The candidate winning plurality in the general or, if applicable, run off, election shall be named Senior Senator-at-Large with the other winning candidates being named Junior Senator-at-Large.
3. One College President for the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences (HNS), College of Social Sciences (SS), College of Business (CB), and College of Music and Fine Arts (MFA).
4. Senators from HNS, SS, CB, MFA
  - a. Representation shall be proportional to one Senator, rounded to the nearest whole number, per 200 students of the total spring enrollment in that college.
  - b. Each college shall be guaranteed at least one Senator regardless of total college enrollment for the spring.
5. New Student Senators from HNS, SS, CB, MFA
  - a. Representation shall be proportional to one Senator, rounded to the nearest whole number, per 200 freshman students of the total fall enrollment in that college.
  - b. Each college shall be guaranteed at least one Senator regardless of total college enrollment for the fall.

### Section 3: Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch shall be known as the “Court of Review” and the “Elections Board” and be composed of:

1. One Chief Justice
2. Eight Justices
3. One Clerk of Court, non-voting
4. Commissioner of Elections

## **Article VII: Powers**

### Section 1: Executive Power

The executive powers of this government shall be vested in the offices of President and Vice President, to be elected by the student body membership, and the offices they appoint.

### Section 2: Legislative Power

The legislative power of this government shall be vested in the Senate to be elected by the student body membership. The House of Representatives will be appointed by the President to serve in an advisory capacity to the Senate.

### Section 3: Judicial Power

The judicial powers of this government shall be vested in the Court of Review (in which vacancies will be filled by presidential appointment) to be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate.

### Section 4: Voting Power

1. Executive Branch

- a. The President shall not vote, but shall reserve the power to veto acts of the Senate pursuant to Article VIII of this Constitution.
  - b. The Vice President shall have no vote in the Senate, but shall vote in any sub-committee in the event of a tie.
2. Legislative Branch
    - a. All Senators, including College Presidents, shall receive one vote in all matters under their jurisdiction as stated within this document, except his/her own removal process.
    - b. All Representatives shall receive one vote in all matters under their jurisdiction as stated within this document, except his/her own removal process.
  3. Judicial Branch
    - a. All Justices shall receive one vote on all matters before the court, except his/her removal process.

#### Section 5: Separation of Power

No person or collection of persons being in one of these branches shall exercise any power properly belonging to either of the other branches.

#### **Article VIII: Duties, Responsibilities, and Jurisdiction**

All active members shall perform the duties and uphold the responsibilities of the office in which they reside within the boundaries established by this Constitution and By-laws.

All active members shall execute the provisions of the SGA Constitution and By-laws relative to their office. All active members shall have authority to expend such funds as are appropriated and approved by the proper authority.

#### **Executive Branch**

##### Section 1: President

The President shall:

1. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the SGA and act as final authority concerning all executive decisions.
2. Act as sole authority, official contact, and spokesperson of the Executive Branch and SGA.
3. Appoint members to university committees.
4. Appoint to and remove members from the Executive Staff.
5. Appoint justices of the Court of Review.
6. Appoint representatives to the House of Representatives, as chosen by each chartered student organization.
7. Approve or veto all acts of Senate if done so before the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate. If the president does not act on a measure within this period of time, the measure shall be considered adopted.
8. Call special joint sessions of the both the House and the Senate, or special sessions of either legislative body when necessary.
9. Be allowed to remove from office at any time any executive appointments, subject to two-thirds (2/3) approval of Senate, with the exception of executive staff appointments which can be removed by the president at any time without Senate approval.
10. Be an ex-officio member of the Appropriations Committee.

11. Be responsible for regular written and/or oral reports to the University administration and to the Board of Trustees.
12. Report on the current state of Student Government affairs at regularly scheduled legislative meetings.
13. Call and take responsibility for referenda on student issues.
14. Be allowed to establish and eliminate positions within the Executive staff to carry out duties consistent with this Constitution, in accordance with Article XIV.
15. Empower the Executive Staff to create committees within the Executive Branch without approval of Congress to carry out duties consistent with this Constitution.
16. Submit a recommendation for the SGA budget at the onset of each academic semester.
17. Preside over the House of Representatives by facilitating discussion, answering questions, and aiding the House members in expressing their concerns to the University and other branches of SGA.

### Section 2: Vice President

The Vice President shall:

1. Serve as second executive officer of the SGA.
2. Act as sole authority, official contact, and spokesperson of the Legislative Branch.
3. Call and preside over all meetings of the Student Senate except in the removal process of the President or Vice President.
4. Assist the SGA President in the execution of his/her duties and assume said duties in the event of the temporary absence of the President.
5. Consult with the President on the progress of all legislation sent to the university administration and keep all SGA members informed of such progress and developments.
6. After consultation with the President, shall appoint members of the internal committees unless otherwise stipulated by this Constitution.
7. Serve as chair of the Appropriations Committee.
8. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Ways and Means Committee.
9. Submit a SGA budget, as prepared by the President, to Senate at the onset of each academic semester.
10. Ensure that official record and minutes of the Senate are kept.
11. Prepare all SGA reports and committee reports as requested by the President.
12. Provide written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches when requested by proper authority.

### Section 3: Chief of Staff

The Chief of Staff shall:

1. Oversee and supervise the Executive Staff, including administration of salaries and adherence to university guidelines for the distribution thereof.
2. Hold regular Executive Staff meetings for the purpose of planning and implementing projects and communicating updates on official business.
3. Assure that all tasks are completed as directed by the President and Vice President to the Executive Staff.
4. Supervise the internal operations of the SGA executive office and SGA organizational space and procurement of all operating supplies and expenditures.

5. Report weekly to the President and Vice President on the state of internal affairs for the executive staff.
6. Enlist the help of any active member of the SGA to perform the duties of the office.
7. Provide written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches when requested by proper authority.
8. Perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Vice President.
9. Plan, implement and evaluate all SGA fundraising activities each semester.
10. Ensure that all Information Technology needs of SGA are met and all contractual agreements are upheld.

#### Section 4: Director of Finance

The Director of Finance shall:

1. Keep financial records for the Student Government Association.
2. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Appropriations Committee.
3. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Ways and Means Committee
4. Exercise stewardship over all funds provided by SGA.
5. Provide financial written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches when requested by proper authority.
6. Assist the President and Vice President in the development of the SGA budget at the onset of each academic semester.
7. Be knowledgeable of and adhere to standard Loyola business operating practices as defined by the university.
8. Be knowledgeable of and enforce those funding criteria, exclusions, and policies and procedures as established by the Student Congress.
9. Enlist the help of any active member of the SGA to perform the duties of the office.
10. Provide written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches when requested by proper authority.
11. Perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Vice President.

#### Section 5: Director of Public Relations

The Director of Public Relations shall:

1. Be responsible for all matters of publicity and public relations that affect the SGA.
2. Submit a detailed public relations plan to Congress at the onset of each semester.
3. Enlist the help of any active member of the SGA to perform the duties of the office.
4. Provide written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches when requested by proper authority.
5. Perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Vice President.

#### Section 6: Director of Student Identity

The Director of Student Identity shall:

1. Act as a liaison between the student body and the office of Mission and Ministry.
2. Oversee and maintain all campus-wide programming and student traditions as determined by the by-laws.
3. Establish working relationships with appropriate faculty and administration for the betterment of student life and the support of the university mission.
4. Enlist the help of any active member of the SGA to perform the duties of the office.

5. Perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Vice President.

## **Legislative Branch**

### Section 7: Senators at Large

Senators at Large shall:

1. Primarily represent the interests, voices, and needs of the entire student body membership to the President, Senate, and to the university administration when requested by the proper authority.
2. Author resolutions that elucidate and/or resolve constituent issues.
3. Choose and complete a Senate Initiative as agreed upon with the Vice President.
4. Serve as a resource to student organization leadership.
5. Serve as role models to other members of Congress, including developing future SGA leadership.
6. Act as a liaison between the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch.
7. The Senior Senator at Large shall serve as Chair of Senate in the absence of the Vice President.
8. Serve as member of the Appropriations Committee.

### Section 8: College Presidents

College Presidents shall:

1. Primarily represent the interests, voices, and needs of the students within their college to their respective Dean.
2. Author resolutions that elucidate and/or resolve constituent issues.
3. Solicit candidates for mid-year vacancies within the respective college.
4. Design and attempt at least one campus-wide Senate Initiative per semester that has been pre-approved by the Vice President.
5. Design and attempt at least one college-based Senate Initiative per semester that has been pre-approved by the Vice President.
6. Serve as a resource to student organization leadership.
7. Serve as role models to the Senators within their college, including developing future SGA leadership.

### Section 9: College and New Student Senators

College and New Student Senators shall:

1. Primarily represent the interests, voices, and needs of the students within their college to their respective Dean.
2. Author resolutions that elucidate and/or resolve constituent issues.
3. Design and attempt at least one campus-wide Senate Initiative per semester that has been pre-approved by the Vice President.
4. Design and attempt at least one college-based Senate Initiative per semester that has been pre-approved by the Vice President.
5. Serve as a resource to student organization leadership.
6. Serve on appointed sub-committees.

### Section 10: Senate

The presence in person of 50 percent plus one of the duly elected voting members of Senate shall constitute a quorum of that body, which shall be the required number to conduct official business. Within the area of student authority Senate as a whole shall:

1. Legislate, vote, and act on all matters brought to the floor through resolution and passed with an affirmative majority, except where otherwise provided.
2. Debate and legislate upon all matters deemed appropriate to fulfill the purposes of this Constitution and By-laws.
3. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present, the Senate shall:
  - a. Approve presidential appointments to university committees and the Executive and Judicial Branches.
  - b. Remove presidential appointments to university committees pursuant to Article XII of this Constitution.
  - c. Fill vacant congressional seats.
  - d. Grant or revoke charter recognition to a student organization.
  - e. Adopt such bylaws consistent with this Constitution that are necessary to efficiently and orderly conduct Student Government business.
4. By a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all active members, the Senate shall:
  - a. Approve proposed constitutional amendments.
  - b. Initiate a campus-wide referendum on any proposal or amendment.
  - c. Remove the President, Vice President, Chief Justice, Justices, or any member of Senate or House of Representatives pursuant to Article XII of this Constitution.
  - d. Override a Presidential veto on any act of Senate.
5. Hold and attend a weekly meeting of the Senate during the regular school year.

### Section 11: House of Representatives

The presence in person of 25 percent of the appointed Representatives shall constitute a quorum of that body, which shall be the required number to conduct official business.

1. Vote and act on all matters brought to the floor.
2. Prioritize student needs and concerns to be transferred to the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
3. Fill vacancies on the Space Allocations Committee as according to the by-laws.
4. Fill vacancies on the Ways and Means Committee as according to the by-laws.

### **Judicial Branch**

#### Section 11: Chief Justice

The Chief Justice of the Court of Review shall:

1. Interpret the SGA Constitution and By-Laws, in consultation with the full Court of Review and SGA Advisor.
2. Act as sole authority, official contact, and spokesperson of the Court of Review.
3. Call and preside over all meetings, which are to be closed, of the Court of Review.
4. Provide preliminary review of student organization charter applications to include recommending/requiring changes to ensure compliance with university policies.
5. Forward such applications to the Vice President for subsequent presentation to Senate.

6. Preside at removal hearings before senate, except when he/she is being removed from office, in which case, the Vice President shall preside.
7. Uphold, through his/her decisions, the Code of Conduct and the Student Honor Code of Loyola University New Orleans and the rights and responsibilities charged to students therein, in accordance with existing by-laws and governing judicial documents and in proper consultation with the university judicial officer.

#### Section 12: Justices

The Court of Review Justices shall:

1. Interpret the SGA Constitution and By-Laws, in consultation with the Chief Justice.
2. Provide preliminary review of student organization charter applications to include recommending/requiring changes to ensure compliance with university policies.
3. Forward such applications to the Vice President for subsequent presentation to Senate.
4. Serve as a resource to student organization leadership.
5. Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

#### Section 13: Clerk

The Clerk of Court shall:

1. Keep the official record and minutes of the Court of Review, which shall contain, but not be limited to, attendance, new and old business, and judgment of the Court.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

#### Section 14: Court of Review

Within the area of student authority the Court of Review as a whole shall:

1. Interpret the Constitution and By-Laws, adjudicating on all constitutional questions or disputes.
2. Have jurisdiction over disputes and controversies involving student organizations.
3. Have final jurisdiction over the interpretation of any student organization constitution or by-laws.
4. Serve as the appellate body if Senate denies charter recognition to a student organization.
5. Serve as the appellate body for decisions made by the Elections Board.
6. Conduct student organization charter reviews and make recommendations about continued recognition to Senate.
7. Uphold through its decisions the Student Handbook of Loyola University New Orleans, and the rights and responsibilities charged to students therein.
8. Approve the creation or elimination of Executive Staff positions.
9. Impeach any member of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches.
10. By a majority vote, ensure that all approved constitutional amendments adhere to the University Mission and University Vision.

#### Section 15: Elections Board

The Commissioner of Elections shall:

11. Serve as administrative head of the election and referenda processes.
12. Serve as Chair of the "Elections Board," which shall consist of five (5) students, including the Commissioner of Elections, who are appointed by the President, and not affiliated with any current SGA campaigns. The Elections Board shall interpret and

enforce the election By-laws, deciding all disputes by a majority vote. Issues within the Election Board's responsibility include, but are not limited to; adjudicating all matters concerning candidate nominations, qualifying, campaign practices, balloting, and elections.

- i. In accordance with Article VII, Section 5, no active member of the SGA Congress or Court may serve on the Elections Board concurrently.
  - ii. To be eligible to serve, a member of the Legislative Branch must temporarily resign their seat in the House of Representatives or Senate before being appointed to the Elections Board, and remain resigned during the duration of their service on the Elections Board.
13. Present a defense if any election-related decision is appealed before the SGA Court of Review.
14. Sponsor and preside over debates for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates.
15. Certify general, run-off and new student elections and transmit said results to Senate.
16. Provide written reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches when requested by proper authority.
17. Perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or Vice President.
18. Enlist the help of any active member of the SGA to perform the duties of office.
19. Organize and reside over any campus referendums in accordance with the by-laws.

## **Article IX: Officer Qualifications**

### Section 1: President, Vice President, Chief Justice

Candidates and elected officers must:

1. Have completed a specific amount of full time semesters of college work and be enrolled in their next semester at Loyola University:
  - a. The President must have completed at least three full time semesters of college work and be enrolled in their fourth semester at the time of filing the Intention of Candidacy Form.
  - b. The Vice President must have completed at least two full time semesters of college work and be enrolled in their third semester at the time of filing the Intention of Candidacy Form.
  - c. The Chief Justice must have completed at least two full semesters of college work and be enrolled in their third semester at the time of filing the Chief Justice application.
2. Have at least a 3.000 GPA at the time of filing the Intention of Candidacy Form or application.
3. Maintain at least a 2.500 GPA throughout the term of office.
4. Be enrolled as a full time student during each term of office.

### Section 2: Executive Staff, Justices, All Active Members of the Senate

All appointed officers must:

1. Have at least a 2.500 GPA at the time of appointment.
2. Maintain at least a 2.500 GPA throughout the term of office.
3. Be enrolled as a full time student during each term of office.

### Section 3: New Student Senators

1. Maintain at least a 2.500 GPA throughout the term of office.
2. Have been admitted as a new student to the university in the fall semester at the time of filing the Intention of Candidacy Form.
3. Be enrolled as a full time student during each term of office.

## **Article X: Terms of Office**

### Section 1: Legislative and Executive Oath of Office

Upon installment, each legislative and executive officer shall take the following oath, administered by the Chief Justice:

“I, (state your name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office to which I have been selected and that I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the SGA, the rules of Loyola University New Orleans, and the values upon which Loyola was founded, so help me God.”

### Section 2: Judicial Oath of Office

Upon installation, each judicial officer shall take the following oath, administered by the Student Government President:

“I, (state your name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed and that I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the SGA, the rules of Loyola University New Orleans, and the values upon which Loyola was founded. I affirm that I will endeavor at all times to maintain the highest degree of integrity and objectivity, and to keep foremost the principle of Justice when considering the interests and welfare of both the students concerned and Loyola University New Orleans, so help me God.”

### Section 3: President and Vice President Term Length

The President and Vice President shall hold office from the completion of their Oath of Office, which will be administered on the date of his/her installation, through the date of his/her successor’s installation the following academic year, except through resignation or impeachment from office pursuant to Article XII.

### Section 4: Executive Staff Term Length

Executive Staff shall hold office from the date of their approved appointment of one year through the date of their successor’s appointment the following academic year, except through resignation or termination or removal from office pursuant to Article XII.

### Section 5: Senate and House of Representatives term length

Each member of Congress shall hold office from the date of his/her installation in April of one year through the date of his/her successor’s installation in April of the following academic year, except through resignation or removal from office pursuant to Article XII.

### Section 6: Court of Review Term Length

Each voting member of the Court of Review shall hold office from the date of their appointment until the date of their graduation, except through resignation or removal from office pursuant to

Article XII. The Clerk of Court (non-voting) shall hold a two-semester term and shall be allowed to hold a four-semester term, as a voting justice, following his/her term as Clerk.

### **Article XI: Vacancies**

#### Section 1: President

In the event that the office of the president is vacated due to any reason, the Vice President shall assume the powers, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the President.

#### Section 2: Vice President

In the event that the office of the vice president is vacated due to any reason, the Senior Senator at Large shall assume the powers, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Vice President.

#### Section 3: Simultaneous Vacancies

In the event that both the offices of the president and the vice president are simultaneously vacant, the Senior Senator at Large shall assume the powers, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the president and another Senator at Large, elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote from senate, shall assume the powers, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Vice President.

#### Section 4: Executive Staff

In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Staff, for any reason, the President reserves the power to appoint a replacement.

#### Section 5: Senate

1. In the event of the vacancy, for any reason, of the Senior Senator at Large, Senate shall elect, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a successor from the Junior senator at Large.
2. In the event of the vacancy, for any reason, of a Junior Senator at Large, Senate shall elect, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a successor from the College Presidents, College Senators, or New Student Senators.
3. In the event of the vacancy, for any reason, of a College President, Senate shall elect, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a successor from the delegation's Senators.
4. In the event of a vacancy, for any reason, of a Senator, Congress shall appoint by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a successor from the qualified candidate pool.

#### Section 6: House of Representatives

In the event of a vacancy, the president of the corresponding organization shall temporarily assume all associated duties of the office, until that organizational president officially communicates a replacement to the Student Government President, and the President appoints that person pursuant to Article VIII.

#### Section 7: Court of Review

In the event of the vacancy, for any reason, of the Chief Justice, Justice, or Clerk of the Court of Review, the President shall appoint a successor, subject to the approval of Congress.

### **Article XII: Resignation, Impeachment and Removal from Office**

#### Section 1: President and Vice President

The President and/or Vice President shall leave office when he/she:

1. Resigns.
2. Is recalled by a majority of the voting constituency.
3. Reaches an end to his/her term of office and is replaced by the installation of the duly elected successor.
4. Is impeached.

### Section 2: Impeachment in the Executive Branch

Any active member of the Student Government Association, as defined by Article IV, Section 3 of this Constitution, may draw articles of impeachment against the President and/or Vice President, showing proof and just cause. The criteria for articles of impeachment are as follows:

1. Conduct unbecoming of a Student Government officer.
2. Failure to uphold the ideals of this Constitution and University.
3. Malfeasance in office.
4. Election fraud.

The articles of impeachment must be approved by the majority of the Court of Review. If approved, documented proof will be made public and the officer is said to be impeached. The impeachment must then be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of Congress, with the Chief Justice, who is allowed no vote, presiding. If approved by Congress, the officer shall be immediately removed from office and forfeit all duties, responsibilities, powers, and privileges thereof.

### Section 3: Legislative Officers

Senators at Large, College Presidents, College Senators, New Student Senators, and Organization Representatives shall leave office when he/she:

1. Resigns.
2. Is recalled by the voting constituency.
3. Is replaced by the installation of the duly elected successor.
4. Is removed by the Vice President for failing to meet qualifications of office.
5. Expires his/her term of office.
6. Is impeached.

### Section 4: Impeachment of Legislative Offices

Any active member of the Student Government Association, as defined by Article IV, Section 3 of this Constitution, may draw articles of impeachment against a member of the Legislative Branch, showing proof and just cause. The criteria for articles of impeachment are as follows:

1. Conduct unbecoming of a Student Government officer.
2. Failure to uphold the ideals of this Constitution and University.
3. Malfeasance in office.
4. Election fraud.
5. Failure to attend at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total amount of regularly scheduled Senate meetings within one semester.

The articles of impeachment must be approved by the majority of the Court of Review, with the Chief Justice only voting in the event of a tie. If approved, documented proof will be made public and the officer is said to be impeached. The impeachment must then be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) of Senate, with the Chief Justice, who is allowed no vote, presiding. If

approved by Congress, the officer shall be immediately removed from office and all duties, responsibilities, powers, and privileges thereof.

#### Section 5: Chief Justice, Justices, and Clerk

The Chief Justice, Justices, and Clerk of the Court of Review shall leave office when he/she:

1. Resigns.
2. Is replaced by the installation of the duly appointed successor.
3. Expires his/her term of office.
4. Is impeached.

#### Section 6: Impeachment in the Judicial Branch

Any member of the Court of Review may draw articles of impeachment against the Chief Justice, Justices, or Clerk, showing proof and just cause. The criteria for articles of impeachment are as follows:

1. Conduct unbecoming of a Student Government officer.
2. Failure to uphold the ideals of this Constitution and University.
3. Malfeasance in office.
4. Any drug and/or alcohol related violation.

The member to whom the articles are addressed may not vote in the proceedings. A majority of the Court must approve the articles, and the officer is said to be impeached. The impeachment must then be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) of Congress, in a closed hearing, with the Vice President presiding.

#### **Article XIII: Consultation and Managerial Responsibility**

The Student Government Association shall regularly report to and consult with the Vice President of Student Affairs. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate can express a vote of “no confidence” in the Vice President of Student Affairs. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate can transfer all managerial duties as according to the bylaws from the Vice President of Student onto an administrator of the Senate’s choice. The judicial branch shall operate in consultation with the university judicial officer, taking his/her directions under advisement.

#### **Article XIV: Amendments**

##### Section 1: Proposed Amendments

1. Any active member of SGA may author an amendment to this Constitution.
2. The amendment must be approved either by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of Senate or a majority of votes (half of the total number of votes cast plus one) in a campus-wide referendum.
3. Amendments shall take effect immediately upon Senate approval or passage within the referendum process.