



Constitution

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University at Albany, State University of New York, do hereby establish the Student Association in order to provide and foster opportunities beyond those offered in the formal curriculum. The Student Association of the University at Albany, State University of New York, shall be representative of, and responsible to, all Undergraduate Student Activity Fee-paying students.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – General

Subsection 1

Regular membership in the Student Association shall be granted to an individual, who is an undergraduate student at the University at Albany, State University of New York, as defined by the University Registrar, and has paid the Undergraduate Student Activity Fee. A regular member of the Student Association is entitled the opportunity to join and participate in all Student Association activities and vote in all Student Association elections.

Subsection 2

Associated membership in the Student Association shall be granted to a registered student, as defined by the University Registrar, who has paid the undergraduate Student Activity Fee, but does not have to be an undergraduate student. An associated member is not entitled to vote in any Student Association election or hold any Student Association office, but is entitled the opportunity to join and participate in all other Student Association activities.

Subsection 3

All Student Association members seeking office in the Student Association shall be in good academic and disciplinary standing, as defined by the University at Albany, State University of New York. Any member of the Student Association who is removed from office shall be ineligible to hold or run for office within the Student Association throughout the semester in which they were removed and through the completion of the next full semester.

ARTICLE II –ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Section 1

The Elections Commission shall be composed of five (5) members each serving a one (1) year term. There shall be one (1) commissioner appointed by each the Senate Chair and the President of the Student Association. Three (3) commissioners shall be appointed by the University at Albany's Vice President for Student Affairs, or their designee. All appointments to the Elections Commission must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate.

Section 2

The Elections Commission presides over all student elections, inclusive of internal Student Association branch elections.

Section 3

No member of the Elections Commission shall hold any elected positions within the executive or judicial branches of the Student Association while holding the position of Elections Commissioner. Commissioners shall not be eligible to hold any Executive appointments while holding their position and through the completion of the next full academic semester after the last election they oversaw. Members of the Elections Commission are also ineligible from running for any elected position throughout their term on the commission.

Section 4

The Elections Commission shall be able to recommend election policies to the Student Association Senate, though all rules must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 5

The Chair of the Elections Commission shall be ex-officio, non-voting member of the Student Association Senate for the duration of their term.

Section 6

The Chair of the Elections Commission must report weekly to the Student Association Senate during every election cycle. If the Chair of the Elections Commission cannot attend, they must send a representative to the Student Association Senate to deliver their report.

ARTICLE III – STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

Section 1 – General

The legislative powers granted herein shall be vested in a governing body known as the Student Association Senate.

Section 2 – Composition

Subsection 1

Student Association Senate membership shall be derived from individuals who maintain regular membership in the Student Association.

Subsection 2

The basis of representation to the Student Association Senate shall be living areas, academic divisions, the undergraduate population, the first-year, and international student population as defined by the University.

Subsection 3

The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing living areas will be distributed at the rate of 2 representatives per on-campus housing quad or complex. If a new living area is constructed or created, the new living area will be granted 2 representatives. If a living area is vacated, the representatives will be vacated as well. The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing the University's off-campus population will be distributed at a number of one (1) Senator per every one-thousand Off-Campus students, a number which will be correlated with the most recent and available population statistics. If the remaining number of students (after the nearest one-thousand) is greater than or equal to five (5) hundred, there will be an additional Off-Campus Senator seat. Each Senator must remain at their respective living area for the election and duration of their term.

Subsection 4

The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing academic divisions will be distributed at the rate of 2 representatives for each academic division. These divisions will be the Applied and Natural Science Division, the Business and Management Division, the Humanities Division, the Law and Government Division, and the Social Science Division. Each academic division Senator must have a major declared within the division they represent as their primary major at the time of election, and maintain a major within the division they were elected to as their primary major for the duration of their term. No student who is undeclared or undecided is eligible to run for any academic division seat.

Subsection 5

The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing first year students shall be comprised of two (2) students elected in the fall election. Only students in their first academic year at the University shall be eligible to run for this position. Their term shall run concurrent with all Living Area Senators.

Subsection 6

The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing the University's undergraduate population will be distributed at a number of one (1) Senator-at-Large per every one-thousand (1,000) undergraduate students. If the remaining number of students (after the nearest one-thousand (1,000) is greater than or equal to five hundred, there will be an additional Senator-at-Large seat.

Subsection 7

The voting members of the Student Association Senate representing international students shall be comprised of two (2) students elected in the fall election. Only international students shall be eligible to run and vote for this position. Their term shall run concurrent with all Living Area Senators.

Subsection 8

Living area, first year at-Large, and international representatives shall be elected in the fall; at-Large and academic division representatives shall be elected in the spring. Terms of office for fall elected senators shall run until the last day of classes in accordance with the University's academic calendar.

For spring elected senators, terms of office shall run until the conclusion of the academic year consecutively after the year in which representatives have been elected. Specially elected senators in any term shall hold office until the conclusion of the seat in which they're filling. All spring elected senators shall be sworn in at the last senate meeting of the semester they have been elected in.

Section 3 – Duties and Powers

Subsection 1

The Student Association Senate shall be empowered to make all bylaws necessary for the operation of the Student Association. The Student Association Senate shall be empowered to enact legislation subject to consent of the President. Any bill not acted upon by the President within six (6) business days of its passage will become law. If the President vetoes the legislation, then the Student Association Senate shall have the power to override the veto by a two-thirds (2/3) approval. Any Student Association Senate rule cannot be vetoed.

Subsection 2

The Student Association Senate shall have the power to reject any policies, procedures, and actions not explicitly granted within the Student Association Constitution by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Student Association Senate members present and voting.

Subsection 3

The Student Association Senate may remove any nominated, selected, or elected members of the Student Association from a Senate meeting on the basis of neglect of duty or unethical behavior by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate.

Section 4 – Elected Officers

Subsection 1

The Student Association Senate shall elect from its voting membership a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson and they will be elected as follows. In the first three (3) rounds, a

candidate can be elected with a two-thirds (2/3) vote. After this point, if two (2) candidates are remaining, a candidate can be elected with a simple majority vote.

Subsection 2

The election of the Student Association Senate Chairperson for the next academic year shall be the last act of the Student Association Senate during an academic year-

Subsection 3

The election of the Student Association Senate Vice Chairperson shall be at the meeting after the first administration of the Oath of Office to the Student Association Senate during an academic year.

Section 5 – Duties of Elected Officers

Subsection 1

The Student Association Senate Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Student Association Senate, have the power to call special sessions of the Student Association Senate, and must notify the President of all actions taken by the Student Association Senate. Notice must be given to all Senators at least 24 hours prior to the start of the special sessions. Special sessions may not be called after the last day of classes for any given semester. A special session may not be called until the first day of classes of the following semester. In order for the Senate to take action during a special session, two thirds (2/3) of all current Senators must be present.

Subsection 2

The Student Association Senate Chairperson shall have the power to organize the Student Association Senate into separate committees. The Student Association Senate Chairperson shall have the power to appoint Chairpersons and ranking members of all Student Association Senate committees with two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 3

The Vice Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson or at their request, shall assume any and all duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson.

Subsection 4

It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to coordinate the efforts of the Student Association Senate regarding internal operations of the Senate.

Subsection 5

In case of a vacancy of the office of Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of that office for the remainder of the academic year. In the event that the Vice Chairperson assumes the responsibilities of the office of Chairperson, a new election will be held to fill the office of Vice Chairperson.

Section 6– Impeachment and Recall

A Student Association Senator may be subject to impeachment due to neglect of duty, abuse of power, or violation of signed documentation on their behalf that is relevant to their position. Impeachment proceedings may commence through a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate by submitting an impeachment request to the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate. Impeachment proceedings may also commence through the recommendation of a committee empowered to impose sanctions. In this case, an impeachment request requires only a simple majority. Impeachment may also commence through a recall initiated via constituents. Recall proceedings may be instituted by a written petition of one-sixth (1/6) of the constituents of the elected officer. Impeachment proceedings may also commence through a recall initiated via constituents. Following a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Association Senate for impeachment, the matter shall be referred to the Supreme Court of the Student Association (SCSA) for removal from office. Upon a majority vote of the SCSA in favor of removal, the Senator shall be deemed removed from office, and the office shall be considered vacant.

Section 8-7 – Vacation of Office

Subsection 1

An office is considered vacated when a person resigns, no longer lives in the same area which they were elected to represent, no longer majors in a major of an academic division they represent, ceases to be a student, or is removed from office.

Subsection 2

If a seat should be vacated within two (2) weeks of the swearing in of the new officer, the seat shall be offered to the next runner-up from the election. Should the first runner-up refuse the position, it shall be offered to each subsequent runner-up until someone accepts the position, or the pool of runners-up is exhausted. Should the list be exhausted, the position must be filled with another election.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – General

The executive power shall be the sole responsibility of the President of the Student Association unless expressly given by this Constitution to another office. The President shall act as the official spokesperson for the Student Association and be an advocate for student issues.

Section 2 – Composition

Subsection 1

Elected from the membership of the Student Association shall be a President and a Vice President. A Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate must run on a single ticket. Tickets will be subject to run-off voting, where the top two (2) tickets shall run against each other, in the case that a ticket does not receive a majority of the votes cast. A majority shall be defined as 50% +1 of the ballots cast. The elections of President and Vice-President shall be held during the spring elections.

Subsection 2

Both the President and the Vice President shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Student Association Senate. The terms of office shall be one (1) year, commencing on May 1st and concluding April 31st the following year. There shall be a public ceremonial swearing in which shall consist of the oath of Office for the President and Vice President at the final Senate meeting of the academic year.

Subsection 3

All individuals who receive a stipend, with the exception of those in the Office of the Comptroller, shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate. These individuals receiving a stipend, shall be known as; Directors and shall be officers of the Executive Branch. All Directors must make a report to the Student Association Senate at every Student Association Senate meeting, while it is in session, to inform the Legislative Branch of the activities of their respective office.

Section 3 – Duties and Powers of the President

Subsection 1

The President is hereby empowered to carry out this Constitution and shall expedite all measures resolved by the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 2

The President shall have the power to call the Student Association Senate into special session. Notice must be given to all Senators at least 24 hours prior to the start of the

meeting. Special sessions may not be called after the last day of classes for any given semester. A special session may not be called until the first day of classes of the following semester. In order for the Senate to take action during a special session, two thirds (**2/3**) of all current Senators must be present.

Subsection 3

The President must report weekly to the Student Association Senate while it is in session. If the President cannot attend, they must send a representative to the Student Association Senate to deliver their report.

Subsection 4

At the beginning of their term, the President shall have the power to recommend the organization of the executive branch to the Student Association Senate. This shall go into effect upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 5

The President shall have the power to grant organizational recognition in accordance with the procedures established by the Student Association Senate and shall report the status of such request to the body.

Subsection 6

The President shall nominate members to the Supreme Court when there are vacancies. These nominations shall be subject to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of Student Association Senate.

Subsection 7

The President must make two (2) public speeches during the academic year specifically to the entire student body. The first must be at the beginning of the fall semester outlining the direction and goals of their office. The second must be at the end of their term, to highlight their achievements and accomplishments, in addition to reporting unresolved issues and problems.

Subsection 8

The President shall have the power to act for the Student Association in an emergency with the written approval of the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate, the Vice President of the Student Association, and the Comptroller of the Student Association. An emergency is defined as any occurrence that arises that cannot be postponed until the next regular Student Association Senate meeting.

Section 4 – Duties and Powers of the Vice President

Subsection 1

The Vice President shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Student Association. The Vice President shall work in conjunction with the President on all concerns.

Subsection 2

The Vice President must report weekly to the Student Association Senate while it is in session. If the Vice President cannot attend, ~~he or she~~ **they** must send a representative to the Student Association Senate to deliver ~~his or her~~ **their** report.

Section 5 – Director of Legal Services and Student Association Attorney

Subsection 1

The Director of Legal Services shall provide legal counsel to any student litigant.

Subsection 2

The Student Association Attorney shall represent the Student Association in all legal cases.

Subsection 3

The President has thirty days while classes are in session to present a nominee for the position(s) of Director of Legal Services or Student Association Attorney to the Student Association Senate, should there be a vacancy. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is necessary to confirm the nominee. After the thirty day period expires, the Student Association Senate shall be empowered to fill the vacancy.

Subsection 4

The Director of Legal Services and the Student Association Attorney shall serve at the will of the President and will serve an indefinite term that will be at the discretion of the President.

Section 6 – Impeachment

Anyone who serves under the Executive Branch may be subject to impeachment due to neglect of duty, abuse of power, or violation of signed documentation on their behalf that is relevant to their position. Impeachment proceedings may commence through a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate by submitting an impeachment request to the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate. Impeachment proceedings may also commence through a recall initiated via constituents. Following a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Association Senate in favor of impeachment, the matter shall be referred to the SCSA for removal from office. Upon a majority vote of the Supreme Court of the Student Association (SCSA) in favor of removal, the officer shall be deemed removed from office, and the office shall be considered vacant.

Section 7 – Vacancy of Office and Rules for Succession

Subsection 1

In case of a vacancy of the office of President, the Vice President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of that office.

Subsection 2

In case of a vacancy of the office of Vice President, the President shall appoint an interim Vice President with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 3

In the case of a vacancy of the offices of both the President and the Vice President simultaneously, the Comptroller of the Student Association shall assume all duties and responsibilities of President.

Subsection 4

In the case of a vacancy of the offices of the President, the Vice President, and the Comptroller simultaneously, the Student Association Senate Chairperson shall assume all duties and responsibilities of President.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF FINANCE

Section 1 – General

The Board of Finance of the Student Association is established to monitor and ensure the fiscal responsibility and integrity of the Student Association.

Section 2 – Composition of the Board of Finance

Subsection 1

The Board of Finance shall be composed of seven (7) members. All appointees to the Board of Finance must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate, with the exception of the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate committee *on Appropriations*.

Subsection 2

The Student Association Senate Chairperson shall appoint four (4) Student Association Senate members to the Board of Finance. These members must be Student Association Senate members at the time of their appointment. Two (2) of these appointments must be members of the Student Association committee on Appropriations, and one (1) of the two (2) appointments must be the Chairperson of said committee.

Subsection 3

The President of the Student Association shall appoint three (3) Student Association members to the Board of Finance.

Subsection 4

The Immediate Past-Comptroller shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Finance, if they so choose, for all matters not relating to personnel or investigation of the Comptroller's office or their actions.

Section 3 – Terms of Office

Members of the Board of Finance appointed by the Student Association Senate Chairperson shall serve a term of one (1) year. One (1) of the appointments of the President of the Student Association shall serve a term of two (2) years. The remaining appointments of the President of the Student Association shall serve a term of one (1) year. Appointments for the Board of Finance must be made in conjunction of the Student Association Senate Chairperson's committee structure proposal, and the term will commence once the Student Association Senate approves the member. The term shall be deemed complete upon the submission of the Senate Chair's committee structure proposal.

Section 4 – Duties and Powers of the Board of Finance

Subsection 1

The Board of Finance shall review applicants and select a nominee to serve as Comptroller. The nominee shall become Comptroller if approved by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 2

The Board of Finance shall be empowered to inquire and investigate any and all transactions made by the Office of the Comptroller of the Student Association. The Board of Finance shall oversee the Student Association budget, and ensure that it is followed.

Subsection 3

The Board of Finance may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, remove the Comptroller from office for reasons of neglect of duty or abuse of office. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate must confirm the removal in order for it to be carried out.

Subsection 4

The Board of Finance shall compose a budget proposal for the next fiscal year. Said budget shall adhere to all policies set forth by the SUNY Board of Trustees governing the use and administration of Student activity fee money.

Subsection 5

That Board of Finance shall exercise any and all procedures granted to it by the Student Association Senate.

Section 5 – Elected Officers

Subsection 1

The members of the Board of Finance shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as Chairperson of the Board by a simple majority.

Subsection 2

The members of the Board of Finance shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board by a simple majority.

Section 6 – Duties of the Chairperson of the Board of Finance

Subsection 1

The Chairperson of the Board of Finance shall be empowered to call emergency meetings of the Board of Finance.

Subsection 2

The Chairperson of the Board of Finance must ensure that the Board meets at least once a month while the Student Association Senate is in session.

Subsection 3

The Chairperson shall report the financial situation of the Student Association monthly to the Student Association Senate while it is in session.

Subsection 4

The Chairperson shall vote last on any and all business of the Board of Finance.

Section 7 – Duties of the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Finance

The Vice Chairperson shall take attendance at all meetings of the Board of Finance, record the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Finance, and preside over meetings of the Board of Finance in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 8 – Impeachment

Members of the Board of Finance may be subject to impeachment due to neglect of duty, abuse of power, or violation of signed documentation on their behalf that is relevant to their position. Impeachment proceedings may commence in the same manner as a Student Association Senator. The Comptroller is not subject to impeachment in this manner, and can only be removed from office through the procedure established in Article 4, Section 4 of this Constitution.

Section 9 - Comptroller Succession

The Comptroller's term shall commence on the first business day after the end of Spring final examinations as defined by the Registrar's Office. The Comptroller may amend the commencement date of their term upon the written approval of the Immediate Past-Comptroller."

ARTICLE VI – JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1 – General

The judicial power of the Student Association shall be vested in the Supreme Court of the Student Association (hereafter referred to as the SCSA). The SCSA must adhere to both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of New York. The judicial power shall extend to all cases in law and equity arising under the Constitution of the Student Association, the laws of the Student Association (and its subsidiary bodies) and enactments made, or which shall be made. The Constitution of the Student Association shall be considered supreme to any bylaw or policy adopted, or to any action taken by the any Student Association governmental branch, and the Court must defer to the Constitution in any conflicts arising between such actions and this document. The court shall have original jurisdiction in all cases that are not delegated to another judicial or quasi-judicial body and shall have appellate jurisdiction over all other judicial or quasi- judicial bodies.

Section 2 – Composition of the SCSA

The SCSA shall be composed of seven (7) (Justices nominated by the President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Association Senate.

Section 3 - Officers of the SCSA

Subsection 1

The SCSA shall elect from amongst its own membership both a Chief Justice and a Deputy Chief Justice.

Subsection 2

The Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice shall both be elected at the end of the spring semester, after any vacancies on the court are filled by appointment and confirmation. Should any vacancies remain, the election of court officers shall be delayed until the court is filled in the Fall Semester, or October 1st, whichever comes first.

Subsection 3

The Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice shall each serve a one (1) year term. This term shall begin on the day of the election concluding and the individual shall serve as Chief Justice or Deputy Chief Justice until May 31st of the same academic year.

Section 4 – Terms of Office

Appointments are made for two (2) academic years. A Justice's term of office shall run through the conclusion of two (2) academic years, regardless of time of appointment. Any and all Justices must maintain regular membership within the Student Association. Justices of the SCSA are prohibited from serving in any other elected or appointed positions of the Student Association's legislative or executive branches.

Section 5 – Duties and Powers of the SCSA

Subsection 1

The SCSA shall have the authority to hold a hearing pertaining to any disputes found within the Student Association and its subsidiary bodies. The SCSA shall also have the authority to hold a hearing pertaining to disputes of any governing documents of the Student Association and its subsidiary bodies.

Subsection 2

The decisions of the SCSA (consisting of a majority opinion of the SCSA) must be delivered as soon as possible after the case has been decided. The decision and any dissent or concurrence to the decision shall be issued together in writing no later than ten (11) Student Association business days after the hearing. The hearing must be made public, and copies of the decision must be distributed to the parties involved.

Subsection 3

The SCSA shall have the power to place restrictive injunctions (after following hearing procedures) on all governmental branches of the Student Association (and its subsidiary bodies) for taking any action which is contrary to the Constitution of the Student Association or, violation of any policy that applies to the branch (or subsidiary body) in question. Temporary injunctions may be issued by three (3) or more Justices and shall not extend for more than five (5) Student Association business days, at which point the injunction will be deemed invalid. Temporary injunctions may be rescinded or extended to a permanent injunction by the majority of the court.

Subsection 4

The SCSA shall have the power of subpoena. Subpoenas may be issued to any regular or associated member of the Student Association, for the purpose of participation in a judicial proceeding. Subpoenas may also be issued for the temporary surrendering of records or other pertinent material possessed by the Student Association and its subsidiary bodies. At the time the subpoena is issued, the SCSA must also issue the consequences of not adhering to the subpoena.

Subsection 5

The SCSA shall have the power to review the constitutions of all subsidiary bodies of the Student Association. All subsidiary constitutions, and changes to these constitutions, must be reviewed by the SCSA prior to being declared valid by the Student Association.

Section 6 – Duties and Powers of the Chief Justice of the SCSA

Subsection 1

The Chief Justice of the SCSA shall have the power to call special meetings of the SCSA and must notify the President of all actions taken by the SCSA and all changes in membership.

Subsection 2

The Chief Justice of the SCSA shall schedule all, and preside over, the hearings of the SCSA. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court must also generate and maintain the documentation used for requesting a hearing through the SCSA.

Subsection 3

The Chief Justice of the SCSA shall have signatory power to deem valid constitutions of all subsidiary bodies of the Student Association, with the majority consent of the SCSA.

Subsection 4

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Student Association shall publicly administer the Oath of Office to all Student Association elected officials at their first meeting in attendance of the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 5

The Chief Justice of the SCSA must attend all Senate meetings and make bi-weekly reports to the Student Association Senate.

Section 7 – Duties and Powers of the Deputy Chief Justice of the SCSA

The Deputy Chief Justice of the SCSA, in the absence of the Chief Justice of the SCSA, or at their request, shall assume any or all duties and responsibilities of the Chief Justice of the SCSA

Section 8 – Impeachment

Subsection 1

A Justice of the SCSA may be subject to impeachment due to neglect of duty, abuse of power, or violation of signed documentation on their behalf that is relevant to their position.

Subsection 2

Impeachment proceedings shall commence after a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Association Senate, by recommendation of a committee or by submitting an

impeachment request to the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate. All impeachment proceedings of Justices of the SCSA will be conducted in an executive session of the Student Association Senate.

Subsection 3

The Vice President of the Student Association shall preside over the proceedings.

Subsection 4

A Justice shall be considered impeached via a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Student Association Senate with quorum and after the Justice has been given a fair trial and due process has been ensured.

Section 9 – Vacation of Office

If the thirty-day nomination period given to the President of the Student Association expires, the court shall be empowered to consider any application. In this instance an applicant may appear before the Student Association Senate for confirmation upon a majority vote of the court. These nominations shall be subject to a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) approval of the Student Association Senate.

ARTICLE VII – OATH OF OFFICE

The Chief Justice of the SCSA shall be responsible for administering the following oath of office before Student Associations officers or members of Student Association Senate upon the execution of their office. “I (name) do solemnly ~~(affirm)~~ to uphold the Student Association Constitution and fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability.”

ARTICLE VIII- IMPEACHMENT VIA CONSTITUENCY & CONSTITUENCY RECALL

Section 1

Subsection 1

Any elected officer of the Student Association for reasons of neglect of duty, or abuse of power shall be subject to recall via constituency. Recall proceedings may be instituted by a written petition of one-sixth ($\frac{1}{6}$) of the constituents of the elected officer.

Subsection 2

These petitions shall be submitted to the Office of the Elections Commission and verified by the Office of Student Affairs before an official recall election can be initiated.

Subsection 3

All recall elections shall follow the proper procedures of a normal election for the specific branch no more than four (4) weeks after verification of the petition by the Office of Student Affairs.

Subsection 4

Any elected officer of the Student Association for reasons of neglect of duty, or abuse of power shall be subject to impeachment via its constituency.

Subsection 5

Impeachment proceedings may be instituted by written petition of at least one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of the constituents of any representative.

Subsection 6

All impeachment proceedings will follow the process for their respective branch.

Subsection 7

These petitions must be presented to the Chairperson of the Student Association Senate, the Elections Commission, and verified by the Office of Student Affairs.

ARTICLE IX – CONSTITUTIONAL SUPREMACY

This constitution shall be considered the highest authority within the Student Association. Any policies or bylaws adopted by the Student Association must not contradict with any provisions within this document. Any such actions shall be voidable by the Supreme Court of the Student Association. There shall be no statute of limitation for the adjudication of any such conflicts.

ARTICLE X– CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Section 1 – Amendments

An amendment to the Constitution may be placed on the ballot by written petition of ten (10) percent of the Student Association members or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate for two (2) consecutive semesters. The Chairperson of the Senate shall be responsible for receiving all amendment petitions. Any amendment must be ratified through referendum by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those who voted during the Student Association spring elections.

Section 2 – Constitutional Convention

To rewrite this Constitution, a proposal to place a referendum on the spring ballot for the purpose of holding a Constitutional Convention must be passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Association Senate. If the student body passes the referendum by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Student Association members voting, the Student Association must establish a constitutional convention consisting of seven (7) Student Association Senators (appointed by the Student Association Senate Chairperson), three (3) members of the Student Association selected by the President, and three (3) SCSA Justices (appointed by the Chief Justice of the SCSA) and one (1) elections commissioner (appointed by the Chair of the Elections Commission). The aforementioned appointments must be chosen by the November 1st of the academic year. The Chair of the Constitutional Convention, elected by a majority of its members, shall report a final and revised Constitution to the Student Association Senate. The proposal of the Constitutional Convention is subject to two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Association Senate. If approved by the Student Association Senate, the Constitution will be placed, as a referendum, on the spring ballot subject to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Association members voting. Any constitution which is ratified in any other way than established in this Constitution will be null and void.

ARTICLE XI – IMPLEMENTATION

If this Constitution is approved via referendum on the spring General Election ballot, this Constitution will be implemented upon the swearing in of the President and Vice President in the spring in that semester.