

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the members of the student body of Kentucky State University, recognizing the need for a representative, functional, and democratic form of student government, for participating in the policy and decisionmaking processes of the University community, promoting communication and understanding within and beyond the confines of the University, and for encouraging awareness of and activity in the processes of a democratic society, do unite in establishing an association of the student body which will for its government the following constitution:

Article I

Name and Function

Section 1The name of this representative body shall be the Student Government Association of Kentucky State University (the "SGA").

Section 2The Student Government Associati

Government Association may also call for and set up general student elections or referendums when decisions involved affect at least one third of the student body.

Article III
Membership and Privileges
Section 1.

activities throughout the school year and coordinate a minimum of (2) community service activities during the academic year (off campus).

Section 7 Mr. KSU shall serve on the Student Government Association and have the duty of representing the University at all requested activities. In addition, she shall be required to perform community service activities, assist in University recruitment, perform two (2) campus activities throughout the school year and coordinate a minimum of two (2) community service activities during the academic year (off campus).

Section 8 The Secretary of the Student Government Association is the recording officer of the assembly and custodian of its record except such as are specifically assigned to others, as the treasurers books. In addition, register or roll of the society members and to call the roll when required; to notify officers, committees and delegates of their appointment and to furnish committees with all papers referred to them and delegates with credentials. (Parts of this statement were taken directly from Robert's Rule of Order)

Section 9 The Treasurer of the Student Government Association has the responsibility of acting as a banker, merely holding the funds deposited with him/her and paying them out on the order of SGA signed by the president and the secretary (of SGA). He/she is always required to make a weekly updated report to the senate and executive board. (Parts of this statement were taken directly from Robert's Rule of Order)

Section 10 The Chief Justice shall serve as the Chief Administrator in the judicial branch of the Student Government Association and will, with the assistance of his/her Student Court Justices, interpret the Student Government Constitution. Additional duties of the Chief Justice are listed under section 4 of the Student Judicial Review Process.

Section 11 The Chief of Staff shall serve as chief supervisor and adviser to the President/Student Regent and the Executive Board to ensure its continued efficiency and productivity. He/She shall operate as a Chief Operating Officer or Office Manager to ensure the effectiveness of the Board and to assist them in all goals and assignments.

Section 12 In the event that a vacancy occurs among the Student Government Executive officers, the President of the SGA may appoint a member of the Student Government Association to carry out the unexpired term upon confirmation by the Student Senate.

Section 13 In the event that the President is unable to fulfill his/her term or becomes ineligible to continue in said office, natural succession shall be as follows: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Justice.

Section 14 (A) An Executive Officer shall lose his/her seat if he/she fails to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 g.p.a. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration and Admission.

Article V.

General Assembly (Town Hall Meetings)

Section 1 The Student Government Association shall meet during the first two weeks after the fall term begins, and shall meet regularly at least twice a month thereafter.

Section 2 A meeting of the Student Government Association may be called by the President of the Association or by a majority vote of the Student Senate or by a petition bearing the signatures of 100 students. In that event, meetings shall be chaired by the President of the Student Government Association.

Section 3The President of the Student Government Association shall convene a General Assembly (Town Hall meeting) of the student body not earlier than one week after the mid term examinations in the Fall Semester and in the Spring Semester of the academic year with which his/her term coincides. At the General Assemblies, the President of the Student Government Association shall report on the activities of the Student Government Association. The student body may conduct its business at the General Assemblies providing that notices of the meetings and copies of the proposed business, whether originating from the Student Government Association or the student body, have been posted in prominent locations on the University campus at least one week prior to the meetings.

Article VI.

Student Senate

Section 1Title

The voting representatives of the Student Government Association shall be called the Student Senate.

Section 2These meetings shall serve as a forum for the discussion of student interests. At such meetings, the membership of the "SGA" shall have power to make general recommendations to the Student Senate.

Section 3Representation

(A) For every seventy-five students, in each academic class there shall be one Student Senator who has paid the University's activity fee. Students may only be candidates for their respective classes.

(B) Elections shall be held during the third week of the Fall Semester. The Executive Board shall conduct the Senate elections for each class.

Section 4Officers

(A) The Senate shall, at its first regular meeting following Fall Semester elections, nominate from the floor and elect from its membership the Chairperson and the First Vice President of the First Vice President in the event of the First Vice President's inability to serve as Chairperson of this body. This is upon the discretion of the First Vice President.

(B) The Chairperson of the Senate shall appoint a SGA member to the position of Clerk who shall keep a permanent record of attendance of members and minutes of each meeting. The records shall be filed in the Student Government Association Office. In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairperson shall appoint a temporary clerk.

Section 5Authority

(A) The Senate may impeach, for cause, an Executive Officer, Senator, or Justice of the Student Court by a two-thirds vote of the Senate membership.

(B) The Senate may override a veto of the President of the Student Government Association by a majority vote of its membership.

(C) The Senate may establish special committees needed for the performance of its duties.

(D) The Student Senate may establish and amend its bylaws by a two-thirds vote after a first reading of the amendments at a meeting preceding the vote. The first reading shall precede the vote by at least twenty-four hours.

(E) The Student Senate shall have the authority to reverse any action

taken by an officer or by officers of the Student Government Association by ~~at~~ ^{two} thirds vote.
The Senate also shall have the power to direct an officer his/her performance by majority vote,

Section 2The Executive Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President of the Student Government Association and four members of the Student Senate elected by the Student Senate for one year terms, with no more than one elected from any academic classification.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the President of the Student Government Association.

(C) The Committee shall be empowered to take emergency actions otherwise under Student Senate jurisdiction when the Senate cannot be called into session; however, such action shall be negated effective at the next Senate meeting if the Senate fails to ratify the action by a majority vote.

(D) The Committee may make recommendations to the Student Senate on interpretation of Student Government Association constitution or bylaws. Rulings made by the Senate on constitutional matters shall be sent to the Committee for study and suggestions and amendment(s).

(E) The Committee shall receive all recommendations or suggestions for changes in this constitution and in the Student Government Association bylaws. The Committee shall prepare recommendations concerning proposed amendments and submit its recommendations on these amendments to the Student Senate. The submission will constitute the first reading on the proposed amendments. If the Committee fails to act on a proposal after two regular meetings or 30 days, whichever is less, it shall be sent to the Senate automatically.

(F) The Committee shall study and make recommendations on matters referred to it by the Student Senate.

Section 3The Student Center Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Student Center Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of the Student Government Association and nine voting Senators elected by the Student Senate for one year terms, with no more than three elected from the same academic classification, and three students selected by the Director of Student Life. The Student Government Association President shall be a voting member of the Student Center Committee.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Secretary of the Student Government Association.

(C) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Student Senate on the program of activities submitted to it and on the budgeting of fees for student activities.

(D) The Committee may make recommendations on requests from student organizations for the financing of student activities.

(E) The Committee shall study and make recommendations on student services to the Student Senate and the Director of Student Life.

Section 4The Student Organizations Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Student Organizations Committee shall be composed of nine students elected by the Student Senate, with no more than two elected from the same academic classification. The Student Government Association President shall be a voting member of the Student Organization Committee.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Second Vice President of the Student Government Association. He/she shall serve a one year term.

(C) The Committee shall review and recommend student organizations' constitutions to the Student Senate for chartering as campus organizations provided they meet the ~~rules~~ ~~regulations~~ established by the Student Senate.

(D) The Committee shall review the charters and practices of campus organizations at regular intervals to ensure that they are operating in accordance with their own established procedures and with University Rules and Regulations.

Section 5 Food Service Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Food Service Committee shall be composed of nine volunteer students of the Student body and one executive board member.

(B) Their purpose is to gather and ~~report~~ ~~concerns~~ dealing with food service (Underwood Café and Grill areas) to the current food se

Section 6 Community Service Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Community Service Committee is composed of ~~one~~ ~~nine~~ volunteer students of the Student body and one executive board member.

(B) Their purpose is to execute services on campus as well as off.

Article IX

Formation of Bylaws

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall have the authority to ~~pass~~ ~~by~~ its government action and to amend the same as shall best suit its needs, provided that the bylaws shall not conflict with the provisions of the constitution or any amendment herein made.

Article X

Formation of Amendments

Section 1 Proposed Amendments

(A) All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Student Government Association Executive Committee, which shall prepare recommendations concerning the amendment for consideration by the Student Senate. The ~~Executive~~ ~~Board~~ shall present its recommendations on the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee at a regular meeting for the first reading, along with a copy of the original proposal.

(B) The Student Government Association President shall present ~~it~~ ~~to~~ ~~Student~~ ~~Senators~~ a written copy of the Executive Board's report.

(C) The Senate may then adopt the amendment(s) by ~~two~~ ~~thirds~~ vote.

Article XI

Election Procedures

Section 1.

(A) The Election Committee, composed of five, ~~five~~ ~~four~~ students nominated ~~and~~ ~~appointed~~ by the Student Senate of the Student Government Associated pu 1 0 0 1 72.024 3 151(e)8()-3()8(54(e)4

elections and shall serve as the basis for campaign sanctions. All candidates and their campaign staff are bound by the rules outlined in the Official Election Guidelines and must remain in full compliance with the guidelines until election results are publicly announced. Failure to.9b4g id.71

recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(C) Second Vice President: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a fulltime undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 4 completed semester hours upon declaration and must have a clear conduct record. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or have served as an officer in a recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. He/she must be a commuting student. Stipend.

(D) Secretary: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a fulltime undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment and must have a clear conduct record. Must have a minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(E) Treasurer: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a fulltime undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment and must have a clear conduct record. Must have a minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(F) Officers of Classes (Sophomore, Junior, Senior): Minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., classification must have earned enough hours to demonstrate rank in class for which he/she is running for office, an undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University during each semester of enrollment. He/She must have a clear conduct

Section 3 Senate must have a two-thirds vote to move proceedings forward to the impeachment committee. The impeachment committee members are appointed by the senate upon two-thirds confirmation vote. The impeachment committee shall be advised by the Vice President of Student Affairs designee and the General Counsel of the University.

Section 4 The impeachment committee shall investigate allegations presented in the report submitted. There is an allowance of one week for the investigation with the possibility of an extension to be determined by the designee from the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Section 5 The impeachment committee shall present all information found to the senate at the designated meeting. At this time the accused officer has the choice to present his or her case before the senate. The chair of the Impeachment committee will preside over the impeachment portion of the meeting.

Section 6 After the information of the impeachment committee has been brought forth and the accused officer has presented his/her case, the senate shall move to vote on whether or not to vote on the impeachment of the officer by majority vote. If the move is passed, the senate will vote on the impeachment of the officer; this vote requires two-thirds vote for impeachment.

Article XIV

Installation of Officers

Section 1 All students elected to the offices of the Student Government Association shall take the following pledge upon assuming office:

"I (Name of Person) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as (Name of Office) I will uphold to the best of my ability the Constitution of the Student Government Association, that I will carry out the duties of my office, and that I will abide by the rules and regulations governing my life