

The Liberty University

Student Government Association Constitution

PREAMBLE

We the students of Liberty University, by the authority vested in us by the Liberty University Administration, to secure equity, ensure representation, promote unity, and glorify God, do establish this Constitution for the Liberty University Student Government Association.

ARTICLE I AUTHORITY

1. This Constitution, the Liberty Way, all other relevant policies of the Administration, and other governing documents within the Student Government shall be the binding documents of the Student Government and its members.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications

1. Membership in the Student Government shall be open to all residential and commuter undergraduate students attending Liberty University who meet the following qualifications during their term of service:
 - a. All members shall maintain good academic standing according to the Academic Policy Handbook;
 - b. No individual shall be a member who has been convicted of any offense of eighteen points or more, according to the Student Honor Code, within the past two semesters. No individual shall be an officer who has been convicted of any offense of twelve points or more, according to the Student Honor Code, within the past two semesters;
 - c. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, all Class Presidents, and Court Justices shall maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 and shall be full-time undergraduate students at the University. Additionally, the Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President shall be at least Juniors by total semester credit hours according to the

Academic Policy Handbook;

- d. Neither the Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, Class Presidents, Speaker of the House, Senate President, nor the Chief Justice shall be a Resident Assistant and the Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President shall have served at least two semesters in the Student Government;
- e. The Speaker of the House and the Senate President shall have served at least one semester in the Representative branch prior to their term of service. The Chief Justice shall have served at least one semester within the Judicial branch prior to their term of service.

Section 2 – Restrictions and Duties

1. No member may simultaneously hold two or more positions named in this Constitution, nor may they simultaneously serve in more than one Branch, unless explicitly stated by this Constitution.
2. Only members who are a part of a body within the Student Government may vote on matters discussed within that body.

ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – Legislative Powers

1. The legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Representative branch of the Student Government, which shall be composed of a House of Delegates and a Senate.
2. By resolution, the Representative branch and each house thereof shall have the power to suggest courses of action to the Administration. These may be to improve student life or suggest changes to the Administration's policies. The vote count to pass a resolution shall be determined by a simple majority unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.
3. By bill, the Representative branch shall have the power to alter governing documents and policies, excepting this Constitution and Administration policies, in the Student Government. The vote count to pass a bill shall be determined by a simple majority or by whatever amount the governing document being altered shall deem necessary.

Section 2 – House of Delegates

1. Members in the House of Delegates shall be called Delegates. Those wishing to become a Delegate may apply before the start of the House's second meeting in each semester, after which time the application shall close, and no one else may join except by special request to the Speaker of

the House via email. All Delegates shall serve until the end of classes in the academic year of their term of service or until resignation. Applicants shall be approved after the Department of Student Affairs confirms their qualifications as outlined in Article II.

2. The House shall elect one of their members to the office of Speaker at the end of each Spring semester. The Speaker of the House shall direct meetings and operations of the House as prescribed in the House bylaws, the Legislative bylaws, and this Constitution. The Speaker of the House shall hold their office until the end of classes in the academic year of their term of office.
3. The Speaker shall have no vote unless their vote would immediately, by count, alter the passage or rejection of the matter at hand.
4. The House shall be overseen by a Committee on Rules and Ethics, which shall determine the agenda for the chamber.

Section 3 – Senate

1. The membership of the Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each undergraduate school or college, appointed by the Dean thereof.
2. The Dean of each school or college shall appoint a new Senator to fill any vacancies in representation.
3. No person shall be appointed as a Senator of a school if they have not declared a major or minor within the school which they seek to represent.
4. The enumeration of schools and colleges shall be as follows:
 - School of Aeronautics
 - College of Applied Studies and Academic Success
 - College of Arts and Sciences
 - School of Behavioral Sciences
 - School of Business
 - School of Communication & the Arts
 - Rawlings School of Divinity
 - School of Education
 - School of Engineering
 - Helms School of Government

- School of Health Sciences
 - School of Music
 - School of Nursing
5. The Senate shall elect one of its members to the office of Senate President. The Senate President shall direct meetings and operations of the Senate as prescribed in the Senate bylaws, the Legislative bylaws, and this Constitution. The Senate President shall hold their office until the end of classes in the academic year of their term of office.
 6. The Senate President shall have no vote unless their vote would immediately, by count, alter the passage or rejection of the matter at hand.
 7. Senators shall serve until the end of classes in the academic year of their term of service or until resignation.
 8. The Senate shall be overseen by a Committee on Oversight, which shall determine the agenda for the chamber.

Section 4 – Business Procedure

1. The House of Delegates and Senate shall separately assemble at least twice in every month during the academic year as set forth by the Registrar’s academic calendar. Any Joint Session shall be presided over by the Student Body Vice-President.
2. Neither house shall adjourn for more than ten academic days during the session of the academic year without the consent of the other house.
3. One-third of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business in that house.
4. Each house shall determine bylaws to govern its proceedings according to the duties of that house as established by this Constitution. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of that house and shall be made publicly available. The House of Delegates shall also operate under the Bean-Porter Rules where applicable.
5. The following documents of the Legislative Branch shall be its governing documents, listed by order of authority, and shall not change from year to year, except by amendments to said documents. In addition, the Director of Internal Affairs shall maintain a current copy of each of these documents to insure their continuance from year to year.
 - a. The Constitution
 - b. The Legislative Bylaws

- c. The House Bylaws and Senate Bylaws
 - d. The House Parliamentary Procedure
 - e. The Bean-Porter Rules
 - f. Joint, House, and Senate Committee Bylaws
6. In all cases, the votes of both houses shall be determined by ayes and nays.
 7. Each house shall keep detailed records of its proceedings and the passage of legislation.

Section 5 – Legislation

Subsection 1 - Resolutions

1. Resolutions which have passed the House and the Senate shall be presented to the Director of Internal Affairs. The Director of Internal Affairs shall present all passed resolutions to the Student Body President within four business days of the resolutions' receipt. If the Student Body President approves of the resolution, the Student Body President shall sign the resolution and recommend it to the Administration. If the Student Body President disapproves of the resolution, the Student Body President shall veto the resolution and return it, with their written objections, to that house in which the resolution originated. The house of origination shall notify its members of the Student Body President's objections and immediately proceed to reconsider the resolution.
2. If, after reconsideration of a returned resolution, two-thirds of the resolution's originating house agree to pass the resolution, it shall be sent, together with the Student Body President's objections, to the other house, in which it shall likewise be reconsidered. If a reconsidered resolution is approved by two-thirds of that house, the resolution shall be recommended to the Administration in like manner as if the President had signed it.
3. If any resolution has not been returned by the Student Body President within ten business days after it has been presented to them by the Director of Internal Affairs, the resolution shall be presented to the Administration in like manner as if the President had signed it.
4. If the Administration approves of a resolution recommended to it, it shall become a statute. If the Administration disapproves of a resolution, that resolution shall be returned, with the Administration's objections, to the house in which it originated, who shall notify its members of the objections. A resolution so returned shall not be reconsidered and shall not become a statute.
5. If a piece of legislation is not signed or rejected by the Student Body President or the Administration before the end of a Fall semester, that legislation's timeline for consideration (as detailed above) shall be paused and the legislation shall be considered "Pending" as of the Spring semester of that same academic year. At the beginning of the Spring semester, the timeline for consideration shall resume as prescribed.
6. If a piece of legislation is not signed or rejected by the Student Body President or the

Administration before the adjournment of the whole Representative branch sine die at the end of a Spring semester, that legislation's timeline for consideration (as detailed above) shall be paused and the legislation shall be considered "Pending" as of the Fall semester of the following academic year. At the beginning of the Fall semester, the timeline for consideration shall restart with a new ten days and shall be presented to the new Student Body President or the Administration, whoever was in the process of considering it the semester prior.

7. If a resolution has not been signed by the President or the Vice President of the University within one year of its signing by the Student Body President, then the Director of Internal Affairs, shall rule the resolution as vetoed by the according executive.

Subsection 2 - Bills

1. Bills which have passed the House and the Senate shall be presented to the Director of Internal Affairs. The Director of Internal Affairs shall present all passed bills to the Student Body President within four business days of their receipt. If the Student Body President approves of the bill, the Student Body President shall sign the bill and it shall be enacted. If the Student Body President disapproves of the bill, the Student Body President shall veto the bill and shall return it, with their written objections, to that house in which the bill originated. The house of origination shall notify its members of the objections and immediately proceed to reconsider it.
2. If, after reconsideration of a returned bill, the bill's originating house agree to pass the bill by a vote total of the overriding majority provided for in the governing document, or policy, being altered (two-thirds if none is provided), it shall be sent, along with the Student Body President's objections, to the other house, in which it shall likewise be reconsidered. If a reconsidered bill is approved by an overriding majority of that house as listed in the governing document, or policy, being altered (two-thirds if none is provided), the bill shall be enacted in like manner as if the President had signed it.
3. If any bill has not been returned by the Student Body President within ten business days after the bill has been presented to the Student Body President by the Director of Internal Affairs, the bill shall take effect in like manner as if the President had signed it.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – Executive Powers

1. Only the powers specifically enumerated within this Constitution shall be granted to the Executive Branch of the Student Government. All non-enumerated powers are not implied unless specifically defined by an amendment to this Constitution.
2. The executive powers herein granted shall be vested in the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice-President. The President and Vice-President shall hold their offices until resignation or until the inauguration in the academic year following their inauguration, whichever is sooner.

3. Elections for the Student Body President and Vice-President shall occur in April. Elections for the Class Presidents shall occur prior to the end of the 5th week of the Fall semester.
4. An oath of office shall be administered for the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President by the Chief Justice at the beginning of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President's terms.
5. In the case of the removal of the President from office or of their resignation, the Vice-President shall become President. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, the President shall nominate a Vice-President, who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of the Representative branch. In the event of vacancies in the offices of both the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice-President, the positions shall be filled in the following order, provided that all constitutional requirements are met: Senior Class President, Junior Class President, Speaker of the House, and President of the Senate.

Section 2 – Appointments

1. The President shall have the power to appoint Justices of the Student Court and all other officers of the Student Government whose appointments are not otherwise provided for in this Constitution.
2. The President shall not appoint officers in the Student Government if their respective offices were created by statute of the Representative Branch.

Section 3 – Cabinet

1. Subject to confirmation by the Senior Vice-President of Student Affairs and a contractual agreement affirming their oath of office, the President shall appoint a Chief of Staff, a Director of Communications, a Director of Clubs, a Director of Events, a Director of Internal Affairs, a Director of Spiritual Affairs, a Director of Community Affairs, and a Student Body Treasurer, who shall serve as the President's Cabinet. The Student Body Vice-President shall also serve as a member of the Cabinet in an advisory role
2. The President and each member of the Cabinet shall have the authority to appoint assistants for the proper execution of the duties of their office. These assistants shall be subject to the same requirements as other members of the Student Government.
3. The President may appoint a General Council if deemed necessary for incidents involving or related to the duties prescribed in Section 5 Subsection 8 of this Article or as otherwise needed.

Section 4 – Duties of Elected Positions

Subsection 1 - Student Body President

1. The President shall ensure that the statutes of the Representative branch and the rulings of the Student Court are faithfully executed.

2. The President shall be able to alter the Administration Communication Policy with the approval of the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Administration.
3. The President shall from time to time give to the Representative branch information on the State of the University and recommend to their consideration such measures as the President considers necessary and expedient.

Subsection 2 - Student Body Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall serve as the Chair of Joint Sessions of the Representative Branch and shall execute any additional duties which the Student Body President may delegate to them.

Subsection 3 - Class Presidents

1. The President elected by each undergraduate class shall be considered the officer of their class. They shall represent the concerns of their class in the Executive branch and shall act to promote the wellbeing of their class. At the beginning of their term of office, each officer shall hold the academic class status corresponding to their class office. No person shall be elected or confirmed as an officer of a class for which they are not currently a part. Class status shall be determined according to the Academic Policy Handbook.
2. The Student Body President shall nominate new officers to fill any vacancies in class representation. Nominees must be confirmed by a majority of both Representative houses.
3. All Class Presidents shall serve until the end of classes in the academic year of their term of office or until resignation.
4. Class Presidents shall serve on an Executive Advisory Council to the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice-President. They shall provide insight into current legislation from the Representative branch, aid the executive branch in campus events, and shall host community outreach events at least once per semester for their respective classes.
5. The Executive Advisory Council and the Student Body President and Vice-President shall meet no less than once every two weeks to discuss legislation and events. The Class Presidents on the Executive Advisory Council shall appoint one of their own members to serve as President Chair who shall direct meetings and operations as prescribed in the Executive Advisory Council bylaws and this Constitution.
6. The Executive Advisory Council shall determine bylaws to govern its proceedings according to its duties as established by this Constitution. These bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the Executive Advisory Council and approved of the Student Body President and shall be made publicly available.
7. Class Presidents shall act in a liaison role to the Representative branch to represent the views of the Student Body President on legislation and shall be subject to all the rules and proceedings of the Representative Branch.

8. Class Presidents shall be granted a budget each semester by the Student Body Treasurer, sufficient to execute at least one community service opportunity for each class.
9. Each Class President may appoint one individual of their choice to serve as the Vice-President for their class. Class Vice-Presidents may be delegated any duties that their Class President shall deem necessary.
10. Class Presidents shall host a town hall no less than once every two months to listen to and hear feedback from their constituents and to receive recommendations on causes of action they may take.

Section 5 – Departments

1. The following offices shall determine the rules of their proceedings according to their duties as established by this Constitution and by a statute.

Subsection 1 - Chief of Staff

1. The Chief of Staff shall oversee the operations of all executive departments and shall advise the President in all matters pertaining to their Cabinet.

Subsection 2 - Department of Communications

1. The Director of Communications shall direct an office to maintain communication between the Student Government and the student body.

Subsection 3 - Department of Clubs

1. The Director of Clubs shall direct an office to provide for the operation of clubs at the University, including but not limited to room reservations, operational guidance, publicity, and any other duties relating to clubs.

Subsection 4 - Department of Events

1. The Director of Events shall direct an office to develop and execute events put on for the Student Government.

Subsection 5 - Department of Internal Affairs

1. The Director of Internal Affairs shall direct an office to observe the operations of all departments of the Student Government, and shall be responsible for the following: maintaining a legislation

tracker with the assistance of Officers of the Representative branch, presenting all statutes and legislation produced and enacted by the Representative branch to the Student Body President within four business days of their receipt, maintaining records of all statutes enacted by the administration, and recording a historical account of the Student Government.

Subsection 6 - Department of Spiritual Affairs

1. The Director of Spiritual Affairs shall direct an office to work with the Office of Spiritual Development to promote the spiritual well-being of the Student Government.

Subsection 7 - Department of the Treasury

1. The Treasurer shall direct an office to oversee the creation of and adherence to a budget for the Student Government, and shall oversee and enable all distribution of funds to the various departments of the Student Government, classes, and clubs. The Treasurer shall adhere to the budget approval process as outlined in this Constitution.

Subsection 8 - General Counsel

1. The General Counsel shall direct an office to be responsible for the legal representation of the Student Government and members of the Executive branch; to advise and represent individuals and clubs in legal matters arising under this Constitution; to advise officers in drafting new bylaws for the Executive departments; and to petition the Court for the enforcement of order under exigent circumstances;

1.1. The General Counsel may appoint an Assistant General Counsel to oversee such
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Assistants as the office may appoint, and to perform such other duties as the General
Counsel may designate;

1.2. The General Counsel may appoint a Solicitor General to advise and represent the members of the Student Government before the Student Court. The General Council may elect to act as the Solicitor General themselves;

1.3. Unless prescribed otherwise by these duties, in the event of an absence or vacancy in the position of the General Counsel, the President shall appoint another individual to act as General Counsel, provided they meet the qualifications for General Counsel.

Subsection 9

1 The Director of Community Affairs shall direct an office to facilitate collaborative projects and initiatives between the Student Government Association and specific communities of students, departments at Liberty University, and the City of Lynchburg.

Section 6- Funding Board

1 In addition to the Treasury, there shall be a Joint Funding Board consisting of the Treasurer, the Vice Treasurer, one Delegate to represent the House of Delegates, and one Senator to represent the Senate.

1.1 The Board shall be responsible for granting funding status, financially auditing, and crafting a budget for both Clubs and SGA entities the semester before that budget takes effect.

1.2 The Board shall approve the funding status and budget of these Clubs and SGA entities by a 3/4 majority vote. The budget will be presented to the Student Body President, who must approve or deny it within five days. If approved, the budget will come into effect; if vetoed, the Board may override this decision with a unanimous vote, sending a final budget and accompanying rationale to the Student Body President.

1.3 Non-Club spending shall not exceed 15 percent of the total SGA Budget for each semester.

2 The Funding Board shall be structured as follows:

2.1 The Board shall be managed by both the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board

2.2 The Treasurer and Vice Treasurer shall be responsible for all Funding Board-related contact with the Clubs and SGA entities.

2.3 All members of the Funding Board shall have access to all funding-relevant Club and SGA entity information, as determined by the Treasurer.

- 2.4 All Funding Board members shall adhere to and follow the protocol laid out in both the SGA Constitution and the Funding Board Bylaws.
 - 2.5 All Funding Board members will have equal vote and voice in the Funding Board operations.
 - 2.6 The Funding Board's operations will be governed by the Bylaws of the Funding Board.
 - 2.7 The Funding Board may amend their Bylaws with a 3/4 majority vote and approval of the Student Body President, or with a 3/4 Funding Board majority vote and the passing of a bill through the House and Senate via standard means.
- 3 The rules regarding Funding Board membership are as follows:
- 3.1 The Treasurer and Vice Treasurer shall serve on the board for the duration of their time in office.
 - 3.2 All House and Senate members are required to have been active for at least one semester in the Student Government Association. For the duration of their service on the Funding Board, these members may not hold a position of leadership in any SGA club.
 - 3.3 The Speaker of the House and the Senate President shall nominate one member each from their respective body. The Treasury Department will be allowed two weeks to release an opinion letter on each member nominated to the Funding Board prior to each member's confirmation. The opinion letters will address the nominated member's competency and qualifications for Funding Board service and shall be read by the respective Chamber Leader to the House and the Senate.
 - 3.4 The Senate representative shall be confirmed by a simple majority of the Senate and shall serve for the remainder of their time at Liberty University or until their resignation or removal from the Senate.
 - 3.5 The House representative shall be confirmed by a simple majority of the House and shall serve for the remainder of their time at Liberty University or until their resignation or removal from the House.
 - 3.6 Confirmed nominees shall be approved by a 3/5 majority of the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, and the Chief Justice, and receive the approval of the Associate Director.
 - 3.7 The Confirmed members shall be introduced to the other members of the Board and given access to the historical data, bylaws and any other relevant information regarding the Funding Board and financial audit information.
- 4 Protocol for removing Board members shall be as follows:
- 4.1 Blatant violations of the Bylaws or three unreasonable absences are grounds for the Board to file a petition to the Student Court to remove that member.

4.2 Any Funding Board member who is removed from their SGA office shall also be removed from the Funding Board.

4.3 Unreasonable absences of the Treasurer and Vice Treasurer from Funding Board activities shall be considered by the Student Court as reasonable grounds for their removal from SGA office.

ARTICLE V JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1 – Judicial Powers

1. The judicial powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the Student Court.
2. When the Student Court issues a ruling, it shall be considered binding to all members of the Student Government.

Section 2 – Justices

1. The Student Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, who shall be nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by a simple majority of both houses of the Representative branch.
2. The Chief Justice shall hold their office until the end of their undergraduate studies or until their resignation. Each of the Associate Justices shall hold their office until the end of classes in the second academic year of their term of office or until their resignation.
3. Except as the bylaws of the Student Court shall prescribe, the Chief Justice shall preside over the Student Court.
4. The Chief Justice shall have the authority to appoint Judicial Assistants as necessary.

Section 3 – Courts

1. The Student Court shall have jurisdiction in all violations of this Constitution, the Code of Ethics, club constitutions, and all statutes of the Student Government, and in all disputes and conflicts arising under the same. The Student Court shall have appellate jurisdiction on any matter

delegated to the Court by the Office of Student Conduct, the Liberty University Police Department, or the Administration. The Court's rulings and opinions shall be decided by a majority vote.

2. The members of the Student Court shall serve as the members of the Student Appeals Court. No other members of the Student Government shall serve on the Student Appeals Court. The Student Appeals Court shall be directed by the Office of Student Conduct.

Section 4 – Investigative Committee

1. Upon receipt of allegations raised against a member of the Student Government, the Student Court shall convene an Investigative Committee, which shall be comprised of one Class President, two Delegates, one Senator, and one officer of the Executive branch, excluding the General Counsel, each selected according to the bylaws of the Student Court.
2. An Investigative Committee shall act as a grand jury to investigate allegations against a member of the Student Government, to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to prosecute the individual before the Student Court.
3. An Investigative Committee shall have the power to subpoena individuals of the Student Government and may also request that individuals not in Student Government appear before the committee, giving reasonable consideration to the academic schedules of those required and requested to appear, and the committee shall not infringe on the individual's right to remain silent.
4. Within ten academic days of the receipt of allegations, the Investigative Committee shall report to the Chief Justice and to the General Counsel (if appointed by the President) whether it finds sufficient evidence for an indictment. If probable cause for the allegation is found, the Solicitor General shall bring the accused before the Student Court for adjudication.

Section 5 – Elections

1. The times, places, and manner of holding all elections shall be prescribed by the Judicial branch of the Student Government.
2. The Chief Justice shall appoint an Election Commissioner who will be confirmed by a simple majority of both the House of Delegates and the Senate and sworn-in by the Chief Justice at the meeting of whichever house votes second. They shall serve until their resignation or graduation. Upon the resignation or impending graduation of the Election Commissioner, the Chief Justice shall appoint a new Election Commissioner prior to the final Joint Session of the Representative Branch in that academic year.

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3. The Election Commissioner shall update the Election Rules as needed and oversee an Election Committee and an Election Board. The Election Commissioner may delegate their authority onto members of the Election Committee and Election Board as they see fit.
4. All election vote totals shall be announced on the Student Government social media accounts no later than 24 hours following the election.

Subsection 1 - Election Committee

1. The Election Committee shall consist of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Speaker of the House, Senate President, and Chief Justice.
2. The Committee shall serve as an advisory body to the Election Commissioner in the creation and subsequent modification of the Election Rules.
3. If any permanent member of the Election Committee runs for elected office, they will not be permitted to serve on the Committee during the election cycle of their candidacy. In addition, permanent members of the Committee must remain impartial and may not be involved in any campaigns, unless they step down from the Committee for the duration of the election cycle.

Subsection 2 - Election Board

1. The Election Board shall consist of the Election Commissioner and four undergraduate students who are not current members of SGA. All members of the Election Board shall be considered members of the Judicial Branch while Elections are ongoing.
2. The four additional members of the Election Board will be nominated by the Election Commissioner and confirmed by a simple majority of the Election Committee. In the event of a tie, nominees will be referred to the Senior Vice-President of Student Affairs for their review.
3. Each member of the Election Board will serve for one semester, with each further semester requiring another nomination and confirmation.
4. The Election Board shall oversee elections and shall be tasked with enforcing the Rules for the Election of Class Officers, as well as the Rules for the Election of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President.

ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE

Section 1 – Representative and Executive Impeachment

1. If any member or officer of the Representative or Executive branches of the Student Government fails to properly and capably discharge their responsibilities under this Constitution, violates the Code of Ethics, or fails to meet the qualifications of their position, any individual may petition the Student Court to create an Investigative Committee as set forth in Article V Section IV.
2. If an Investigative Committee issues an indictment against a member or officer of the Representative or Executive branches the President shall appoint a General Counsel to present the case before the Student Court and the defendant shall be entitled to a proper defense.
3. If a member or officer of the Representative or Executive branches is tried and convicted by the

Student Court, the Court shall determine appropriate discipline within the extent of the power of the Student Government. Such discipline shall not exceed removal from office; however, the Court may refer the matter to the Office of Student Conduct.

Section 2 – Judicial Impeachment

1. If any member of the Judicial branch fails to properly and capably discharge their responsibilities under this Constitution or violates the Code of Ethics, any individual may petition either the House Committee on Rules and Ethics or the Senate Committee on Oversight. Upon the vote of either of the two aforementioned committees, an Investigative Committee will be convened and shall act as a grand jury to investigate allegations of misconduct. The members of the Investigative Committee will be determined per the guidance of Article 5, Section 4, Point 1 of this Constitution. The powers of the Investigative Committee are determined per the guidance of Article 5, Section 4 of this Constitution.
2. If an Investigative Committee issues an indictment against a member of the Judicial branch, the President shall appoint a General Counsel to present the case before the Representative branch in Joint Session.
3. If a member of the Judicial branch is tried and convicted by the Representative branch, the Representative branch shall determine appropriate discipline within the extent of the power of the Student Government. By a two-thirds majority vote of the Representative branch in Joint Session, that member may be removed from office. The Representative branch may refer the matter to the Office of Student Conduct.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT

1. Members of the Student Government may propose amendments to this Constitution. Amendments which have passed the House and the Senate by a two-thirds majority each shall be presented to the Director of Internal Affairs. The Director of Internal Affairs shall present all passed amendments to the Student Body President within four business days of the amendment's receipt. If

the Student Body President approves of the amendment, then the Student Body President shall sign the amendment and recommend it to the Administration. If the Student Body President disapproves of the amendment, then the Student Body President shall veto the amendment and return it, with their written objections, to that house in which the amendment originated. The house of origination shall notify its members of the Student Body President's objections and immediately proceed to reconsider the amendment.

2. If, after reconsideration of a returned amendment, three-fourths of the amendment's originating house agree to pass the amendment, then it shall be sent, together with the Student Body President's objections, to the other house, in which it shall likewise be reconsidered. If a reconsidered amendment is approved by three-fourths of that house, then the amendment shall be recommended to the Administration in like manner as if the President had signed it.

3. If any amendment has not been returned by the Student Body President within ten business days after it has been presented to them by the Director of Internal Affairs, then the amendment shall be presented to the Administration in like manner as if the President had signed it.

4. If the Administration approves of an amendment recommended to it, the amendment shall become a part of this Constitution. If the Administration disapproves of an amendment, then that amendment shall be returned, with the Administration's objections, to the house in which it originated, that house shall notify its members of the objections. An amendment so returned shall not be reconsidered and shall not become a part of this Constitution.

5. If an amendment is not signed or rejected by the Student Body President or the Administration before the end of a Fall semester, then that amendment's timeline for consideration (as detailed above) shall be paused and the amendment shall be considered "Pending" as of the Spring semester of that same academic year. At the beginning of the Spring semester, the timeline for consideration shall resume as prescribed.

6. If an amendment is not signed or rejected by the Student Body President or the Administration before the adjournment of the whole Representative branch sine die at the end of a Spring semester, then that amendment shall be considered “Pocket Vetoed” and shall not be considered further. At any future time, it must begin the process again.

7. The enumeration of schools and colleges for the membership of the Senate may be updated by the Director of Internal Affairs according to the University’s most recent academic catalog immediately upon relevant revisions to that document. No Senator’s term shall be reduced or terminated by such revisions. The Director of Internal Affairs shall notify the Senate President whenever such revisions modify the membership of the Senate.