UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CONSTITUTION

2015 - 2016
Article I. NAME

Section 1 The name of the organization shall be referred to as the Undergraduate Student Government, further more referred to in this document as USG.

Article II. PURPOSE

Section 1 The Undergraduate Student Government in its representative capacity will inform the student body of aim, policies, and mission of the University Administration, and will be recognized as the voice of the undergraduate student body.

Article III. MISSION

Section 1 The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) represents the undergraduate student body at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in all matters pertaining to student welfare, student activities, and student participation in University planning and administration. The Undergraduate Student Government is composed of three separate branches: Judicial, Legislative, and Executive. The Undergraduate Student Government is a recognized constituency body by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Every student enrolled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU) is considered a member of USG based on their enrollment status at the University. Members may participate in regular Senate Sessions, but are not allowed to vote. Only recognized Senators in good standing have the right to vote.

Section 2 The USG is comprised of three branches; The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Each branch is designed to support and balance the others. No branch shall hold more power than another branch.

Article V. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 Composition and Qualifications
a) The Executive Branch will be composed of the following members:
1) President
2) Vice-President
3) Chief-of-Staff
4) Treasurer
5) Any other executive appointments except for the Judicial Board
b) Executive Branch members must meet the following qualifications:
1) An undergraduate student enrolled full-time.
2) Have and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Beginning fall 2016, this increases to 2.7 cumulative GPA.
3) Will be in good judicial and academic standing.
4) Proof of full-time status and cumulative GPA will be confirmed by the Dean of Students Unit.
5) Have not been impeached within the last academic year.
c) The President and Vice-President will hold office for one year, beginning and ending on the last Friday of the Spring Semester.
d) The Chief-of-Staff, Treasurer, and Executive Appointments will hold office for one year, or at the discretion of the President.
e) No member of the Executive Branch will serve in the Legislative Branch, with the sole exception of those who serve on Executive Committees, which may serve in the Legislative Branch, but not in the Judiciary. No member of the Executive branch shall serve on a committee within the Legislature or the Judiciary with the exception of the Executive Committees an Executive Branch member is required to chair.

Section 2

Presidential Duties and Responsibilities

a) The President will represent the undergraduate student body and will perform all duties required by the office including providing for the faithful execution of all USG guidelines and policies.
b) The President will forward all passed legislation to the proper office within two business days of a bill being signed.
c) The President will appoint members of the Executive Branch and one member to the Judicial Branch.
d) The President will propose an annual USG budget to Treasurer and the Student Funding Board during the annual Fee Allocation Process.
e) The President may convene a Special Senate meeting.
   1) The Senate will be informed at least 48 hours in advance.
   2) The Senate will be informed as to the nature of the business to be conducted.
   3) The President of the Senate will preside over the meeting.
f) Between the spring and fall semesters (summer), the President will have the power to recognize Registered Student Organizations (RSO). All recommendations are subject to ratification by the Senate within the first full two months of the Fall Semester.
g) The President will have the authority to make executive expenditures from the USG account. All expenditures made by the Executive Branch will be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
h) The President will have the power to establish Ad Hoc Committees as the need for additional committees need to be formed.
i) The President will determine the duties of student employees (secretaries) for the Executive Branch and may hire or terminate as deemed necessary.
   1) No member of the Legislative or Judicial branch of USG shall be employed by the Undergraduate Student Government.
j) The President has the power to veto all legislative action.
k) The President shall not serve on the Legislative or Judicial Branch.

Section 3

Vice-Presidential Duties and Responsibilities

a) The Vice-President will assume the duties of the President in the event that the office becomes temporarily vacant.
b) The Vice-President will present all passed legislation to the President within two business days.
c) The Vice-President will chair the executive committees as requested by the President.
d) The Vice-President will sit on at least one campus Search Committee.
e) The Vice-President will preside over the Senate Meetings.

Section 4

Chief of Staff Duties

a) The Chief of Staff will chair executive committees as requested by the President.
b) The Chief of Staff shall sit on at least one campus Search Committee.
c) The Chief of Staff will ensure that all Senators, current and in-coming, are up-to-date on information. The Chief of Staff will hold meetings on an as-needed basis for incoming Senators. These meetings will consist of a briefing on Senate rules and procedures and requirements for new Senators.
d) The Chief of Staff will maintain the USG website and other USG electronic communication sources.
e) The Chief of Staff shall receive all Senate nominations and Senate petitions, review the petitions and inform the Senate petitioner if there is an error on the petition, inform the petitioner of the next steps, and then send the petitions to the Clerk of the Senate.
f) The Chief of Staff will share Senate nominations and Senate petitions with the USG Advisor(s) so petitioners academic and judicial standing can be verified for eligibility. The USG Advisor will inform the petitioner if they are not eligible.  
  1) This section shall only apply to petitions received after the Spring elections.
  2) The Chief of Staff may only turn down Senate petitioners due to the unavailability of the position for which the Senate petitioner requested.

Section 5  Executive Succession
a) If the office of President becomes vacant, the order of executive succession is the Vice-President and then Chief of Staff.
b) If the office of the Vice-President becomes vacant, the President will appoint a new Vice-President.
c) If the office of Chief of Staff becomes vacant, the President will appoint a new Chief of Staff.
d) If the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant, the President will appoint a new Treasurer.

Section 6  Executive Wages
a) The President will receive a wage not exceeding $1,800 per semester.
b) The Vice-President will receive a wage not exceeding $1,600 per semester.
c) The Chief-of-Staff will receive a wage not exceeding $1,600 per semester.
d) The Treasurer will receive a wage not exceeding $1,000 per semester.
e) The Executive Assistant will receive a wage not exceeding $1,000 per semester.

Article VI. The Legislative Branch

Section 1  The Legislative Branch of USG is comprised of the Senate. The Senate is the representative body of the Undergraduate Student Government.

Section 2  The Senate will consist of 48 Senators, as outlined in Article VI, Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Section 3  Academic College Seats
a) The Senate will also consist of Senator(s) from each of the following Academic Colleges. These Senators must be chosen by undergraduate students and not by the faculty/staff of the college. It is encouraged that these Senators are chosen by the student umbrella organization within the Academic College. The Academic College’s student umbrella organization must notify USG before the second USG meeting of who these Senators are. All Senators must meet the requirements, as indicated in the Chief of Staff Duties, at the
time they are sworn into office and throughout their term. Academic Colleges and their respective number of Seats are as follows:

1) College of Liberal Arts: Two Seats
2) College of Business: Two Seats
3) College of Engineering: Two Seats
4) College of Agricultural Sciences: Two Seats
5) College of Education and Human Services: Two Seats
6) College of Science: Two Seats
7) College of Applied Sciences and Arts: Two Seats
8) College of Mass Communication and Media Arts: Two Seats
9) Exploratory Students: Two Seats

b) If the colleges' organization does not notify USG by the second USG meeting of the semester of who their Senators are, then the current USG Senate may vote in a Senator who has petitioned and successfully met all qualifications, as indicated in the Chief of Staff duties, to represent the college; this Senator's term will be for one semester when the college selects their Senators.

Section 4  Umbrella Organization Seats

a) The Senate will also consist of Senator(s) from each of the following Umbrella Registered Student Organizations that represent a population of undergraduate students. It is to the organization's discretion how their Senator(s) are selected. The umbrella organization must notify USG before the second USG meeting of who these Senators are. All Senators must meet the requirements, as indicated in the Chief of Staff Duties, at the time they are sworn into office and throughout their term. These organizations and the respective number of Seats are as follows:

1) Inter-Greek Council: 2 Seats
2) International Student Council: 2 Seats
3) Black Affairs Council: 2 Seats
4) Hispanic Student Council: 2 Seats

b) If any of the above organizations/ departments do not notify USG by the second USG meeting of the semester who their Senators are, then the current USG Senate may vote in a Senator who has successfully petitioned and met all qualifications, as indicated in the Chief of Staff duties, to represent the college; this Senator's term will be for one semester when the organization/ department selects their Senators.

Section 5  Registered Student Organization/ Departmental Seats

a) The Senate will also consist of Senator(s) from each of the following standard Registered Student Organizations/ Campus Departments that represent a population of undergraduate students. It is to the organization/ departments' discretion how their Senator(s) are selected. The organization/ department must notify USG before the second USG meeting of who these Senators are. All Senators must meet the requirements, as indicated in the Chief of Staff Duties, at the time they are sworn into office and throughout their term. These organizations/ departments and the respective number of Seats are as follows:

1) Residence Hall Association: 7 Seats
   i) Two Senators representing Thompson Point
   ii) One Senator representing Mae Smith
   iii) One Senator representing Schneider
iv) One Senator representing Neely
v) One Senator representing University Hall
vi) One Senator representing Wall and Grand

2) Sport Clubs: 1 Seat
3) Veterans Organization: 1 Seat
4) Saluki Rainbow Network: 1 Seat
5) Non-Traditional Students: 1 Seat
6) Disability Students: 1 Seat

b) If any of the above organizations/departments do not notify USG by the second USG meeting of the semester who their Senators are, then the current USG Senate may vote in a Senator who has successfully petitioned and met all qualifications, as indicated in the Chief of Staff duties, to represent the college; this Senator’s term will be for one semester when the organization/department selects their Senators.

Section 6 At-Large Seats
a) The Senate will consist of ten (10) Senator-at-Large positions. These positions represent the larger student body and do not necessarily represent a specific college, organization, or department. The current USG Senate may vote in these Senators who have successfully petitioned and met all qualifications, as indicated in the Chief of Staff duties, to represent the overall undergraduate student body.

Section 7 Outline of Total Senate Seats

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Section 8 Senate Districts
a) A Senator elected or appointed to represent a specific academic district may no longer remain seated if he/she moves to a different district.

b) Any Senator wishing to transfer from one district to another must gather fifty signatures from constituents and petition the Senate for transfer. Once approved by the Senate, the Senator will maintain voice and voting rights and shall not be treated as a Senator-elect.

Section 9 Qualifications and Restrictions
a) A Senator will meet the following qualifications:
   1) A full-time undergraduate student.
   2) Have and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Beginning fall 2016, this increases to 2.7 cumulative GPA.
   3) Remain in good standing with Student Rights & Responsibilities.
   4) Cannot have been impeached from the Undergraduate Student Government in the last semester.

b) All Senate terms will end on the last Friday of the Spring Semester.

c) Senators elected during the Spring Election will take office the last Friday of the Spring Semester and shall hold a term of office for one calendar year.

d) A Senate vacancy, which is not selected by an umbrella organization, may be filled by a qualified candidate who gathers fifty signatures from undergraduate students within the district of the vacancy.

e) The Senator-elect’s petition must first be submitted to the Chief of Staff so that the Chief of Staff can ensure the legitimacy of the petition and inform the Senator of the next steps.

f) A Senator elected in this fashion will take office upon completion of the oath.

g) A Senator will not serve in either the Executive or Judicial Branches unless appointed to an executive committee or elected by the Senate to serve as a Justice on the Judicial Board as described in Article VII Section 1.a).

h) A Senator will take an oath conducted by the President of the Senate before that Senator can be empowered to conduct business.

i) Senators are appointed by students of umbrella organizations in their respective colleges. If no umbrella organization exists in that college or a vacancy occurs, the Senator must go through the petition process and meet the qualifications, as outlined in the Chief of Staff duties.

Section 10 Senatorial Duties
a) A Senator is entitled to one vote.

b) A Senator will represent the undergraduate students from his/her district and will perform all duties required by the position.

c) All Senators are required to attend at least two of the three retreats held each semester.

d) Senators will be required to hold at least one constituency meeting in their respective representative districts each month. Senators must fill out the Constituency Report following each meeting and submit it to the Internal Affairs Committee by the end of the month to be placed on file. Any Senator who fails to meet this requirement will be subject to impeachment.

e) A Senator is required to attend every USG Senate session unless the Senator has found a proxy to take their place and the proxy has been approved by the Vice President or the majority of the Senate. If the Senator cannot find a proxy or the proxy has not been approved, the Senator can be excused by majority consent of the Senate. An absence obtained in the above fashion shall be counted as excused.
1) A Senator may appoint a proxy to attend on his/her behalf if the Senator is unable to attend a regularly scheduled Senate session. Proxies must be approved by the Vice President no later than 1:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

2) Senators are only allowed two excused absences per semester.

3) If a Senator has two total absences in a semester, the Senator will be subject to impeachment, unless given approval by the president.

4) Senators are required to be on time to Senate meetings and to remain in attendance for the duration of said meetings. If a Senator is ten minutes or more late to a meeting, or excuses themselves early from the meeting, without prior approval from the USG Vice President, they will be counted as tardy. If a Senator has two tardies, it will be counted as an unexcused absence.

5) Senators are required to attend meetings in business casual attire. This excludes jeans and t-shirts. Business casual is defined as blouses, skirts, dresses, slacks, or button-downs. A tardy will be issued for improper dress at the discretion of the USG Advisor.

f) A Senator is expected to communicate efficiently and effectively with USG Executive Branch Members, Advisors, and their Constituents. Failure to do so may be grounds for a Bill of Impeachment.

g) Each Senator will be required to complete 2 office hours per week. Office hours are defined as any business being conducted on behalf of USG, including committee meetings. Any Senator who misses four office hours in a semester will be subject to impeachment.

h) Senators are required to serve on at least USG Committee, such as Student Funding Board, Internal Affairs Committee and/or External Affairs Committee.

1) Failure to attend and/or participate in the Committee as indicated by the Committee Chairs, may be grounds for removal from the Committee and grounds for Impeachment.

Section 11 Senate Powers

a) The Senate will be solely empowered to pass legislation, which consists of the following:

1) Resolution - Statement of policy or opinion.
2) Mandate - Direction for action to any part of either the Legislative or Executive branch.
3) Bill - Legislation dealing with a direct action.
4) Amendment - Written change(s) in the Constitution.

b) The Senate will study proposals made by student organizations and undergraduate students and will communicate all requests and opinions to the University Administration.

c) The Senate will consider recognition of student organizations

d) The Senate will ratify the annual Undergraduate Student Government elections, without this ratification the results are not official.

e) The Senate will recommend and bring about policy that represents the interests of the undergraduate student body.

f) The Senate can create and discharge standing or special committees as it sees fit.

g) Only Senators may be on the Senate committees.

h) The Senate may override any Presidential veto, including a “Pocket-Veto,” outlined in Article V, Section 2, by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the Senate.
Section 12  Parliamentary Authority  
a) The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order will govern the Senate and Senate committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution or Standing Rules and Procedures the Senate or Senate committees may adopt.

Section 13  Senate Legislation  
a) Legislation will become official immediately upon signature of the President, unless otherwise stated within the legislation.  
b) Legislation not acted upon by the President before the next Senate session expires and does not go into effect.

Section 14  Referendum  
a) Referendums dealing with powers of Undergraduate Student Government will be binding upon the Undergraduate Student Government.  
b) Placement of a referendum on the Undergraduate Student Government President/Vice-President ballot requires one of the following prior to the election petition deadline:  
1) A legislation approving the referendum passed by the Senate and signed by the President.  
2) A petition containing the signatures of ten percent of the undergraduate student population on file with the legislation.

Article VII.  The Judicial Branch

Section 1  Composition and Qualifications  
a) The Judicial Board will consist of five justices. One justice will be a Senator elected by a majority of the Senate, and one will be appointed by the President without consent of the Senate.  
1) The President shall not be that appointed member.  
2) The Vice-President and Chief of Staff are permitted to be the appointee to serve on the Judicial Board as a justice.  
3) Any undergraduate student enrolled full-time at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is eligible to be appointed by the President to the Judicial Board.  
b) Elected members of the Judicial Board will meet the following qualifications:  
1) An undergraduate student enrolled full time and at least a sophomore.  
2) Provide proof of registration to Undergraduate Student Government.  
c) Elected Associate Justices can be any student meeting the requirements outlined in Article V, Section 1 as long as he/she does not serve on either the Legislative or Executive branch.  
d) Elected members of the Judicial Board will serve for one year or until they no longer meet the requirement.  
1) Justices appointed by the Legislative and Executive branches will serve for the duration of the term during which they were appointed to the Judicial Board. If the President appoints a USG non-affiliated student, the appointee will serve for the duration of the term of the President by which the student was appointed.

Section 2  Chief Justice
a) The Chief Justice will be decided by a majority vote of the five justices at the first meeting.
b) The Chief Justice shall preside over all court proceedings and shall have administrative authority over the judicial branch.
c) The Chief Justice shall appoint a Court Clerk which shall keep the records of the court.

Section 3 Jurisdiction and Powers
a) The Judicial Board will have original and exclusive jurisdiction in all matters related to the interpretation of this Constitution.
b) The Judicial Board may order reconsideration of the decision to deny an organization RSO status only on the basis that in the process of considering recognizing an organization the procedures outlined by the constitution were not properly followed. The Judicial Board may overturn the decision to deny an organization RSO status only on the basis that the decision was based on bias.
c) The Judicial Board shall act as the Appeals Board for funding appeals. The Judicial Board may order the reconsideration of a decision to deny a RSO funding only on the basis that in the process of considering the funding request the procedures outlined by the Student Funding Board’s Student Funding Guidelines were not properly followed. The Judicial Board may overturn a decision to deny a RSO funding only on the basis that the decision was based on bias.
d) When cases pertain to the USG Constitution, conflicts between the branches, funding appeals, and elections, the decisions are final.
e) The Judicial Board will act as an appellate court on grievances pertaining to the elections.
f) If specified in the majority opinion, any decision made by the Judicial Board is binding on all future cases proven to be similar.
   1) The Judicial Board may choose to ignore, alter, or overturn any past precedent.

Section 4 Procedures
a) Upon the convening of the first meeting, the Judicial Board will choose to retain or amend the procedural rules from the previous year. These procedures must align with the policies and guidelines of the University and state.
b) The Judicial Board will maintain recordings of its proceedings.
c) The Judicial Board will report their decisions to all relevant parties including the Legislative and Executive Branches within two business days.
d) The Judicial Board will not generate its own cases. Plaintiffs must file a Writ of Certiorari with the Judicial Board explaining the reasons of appeal.
e) The Judicial Board may choose not to hear cases.
   1) The Judicial Board must contact the plaintiff within three business days upon receiving the Writ of Certiorari informing the plaintiff of the decision on whether or not the Judicial Board will hear the case. If the Judicial Board will hear the case, the notice must contain a date for the first hearing and this notice must also be sent to the defendants.

f) The Judicial Board will meet when necessary to hear cases.
g) No case, upon being accepted by the Judicial Board, will remain unheard longer than one semester.
h) Each Justice will right an opinion for each case to be kept on record.
i) If any rule is violated by the Judicial Board or its officers, grievances must be submitted to the Senate to be reviewed for possible impeachment.
j) Each Justice will be sworn in by the President before the Senate at the first Senate Meeting.

Section 5  Rights of the Involved Parties
   a) All parties involved in cases brought before the Judicial Board will enjoy all rights granted to them by the United States Constitution
   b) Either party will be entitled to receive at least one continuance; any further continuances will be at the discretion of the Judicial Board.

Article VIII. The Department of the Treasury

Section 1  Composition
   a) The Department of the Treasury will be composed of the following members:
      1) The Treasurer
      2) The Student Funding Board

Section 2  Treasurer Duties and Responsibilities
   a) The Treasurer will oversee and control the general operations of the Department of the Treasury.
   b) The Treasurer will serve as Chairperson of the Student Funding Board.
   c) The Treasurer will regularly report to the Executive and Legislative Branches on the status of the Department of the Treasury and Student Funding Board.

Section 3  Student Funding Board
   a) The Student Funding Board will be composed of seven (7) members, one of which is the Treasurer.
   b) The remaining six (6) members will be appointed by any member of Undergraduate Student Government Senate, and confirmed by a 1/2 affirmative vote of the Senate.
   c) The Student Funding Board will act as written in the Student Funding Guidelines.

Section 4  Treasurer Wages
   a) The Treasurer will receive a wage not exceeding $1,000 per semester.

Article IX. USG Advisory Boards

Section 1  USG advisory boards are designed to focus on the specific needs of USG and the students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Boards may be formed and dissolved based on relevancy of their focus. Any new board (whether forming or dissolving) requires a majority vote from the Senate.

Section 2  All USG Boards are required to conduct business in a fair and unbiased manor. Each committee can determine the frequency to which they need to meet, but committee attendance is mandatory at all meetings.

Section 3  In general Advisory Boards will be composed of a Chairperson and a number of undergraduate students as determined by the Chairperson. The Chairperson is appointed by the Commissioner of the corresponding department with which the Advisory Board is affiliated. The chairperson must be approved by the President.
Members of this board, with the exception of the staff member, must be undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time at SIUC. A maximum of one staff member may be placed on each Advisory Board. The staff member must be a SIUC faculty or staff member employed at least half-time at SIUC.

**Article X.     Elections of Executive Officers**

Section 1  Election Policies and Procedures
a) The Undergraduate Student Government Executive Elections Policies and Procedures shall be the governing document for the election process. All proceedings of the election shall be in accordance with this document.

Section 2  The Election Committee
a) The Election Committee shall act as described in the Executive Election Policies and Procedures.
b) The Election Committee shall be formed as described in the Executive Election Policies and Procedures.

**Article XI.     Internal Affairs Committee**

Section 1  Composition
a) The Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) will be comprised of the following members:
  1) IAC Chair
  2) Internal Affairs Committee
b) The Chairperson shall be a Senator, who is nominated and elected by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Section 2  Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities
a) The Chairperson will oversee and control all operations of the Internal Affairs Committee.
b) The Chairperson will regularly report to the Executive and Legislative Branches on the workings of the committee.

Section 3  Internal Affairs Committee
a) The Internal Affairs Committee will be composed of seven (7) members, one of which is the Chairperson.
b) The remaining six (6) members will be appointed by any member of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate, and confirmed by a simple majority affirmative vote of the Senate.

Section 4  Removal of Committee Member
a) In order for an Internal Affairs Committee member to be removed from the committee, the Chairperson must make a motion to Senate and that motion must be approved by a simple majority affirmative vote of the Senate.

**Article XII.     Removal from Office**

Section 1  Removal of the Legislature
a) Order of removal of Senators
1) Anyone may bring forth allegations of constitutional/attendance violations to the Internal Affairs Committee.

2) The Internal Affairs Committee will produce a bill of removal to the Senate if the violations, upon the preponderance of the evidence, are found to be true.

3) The Senator will only be removed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Senate.

4) The Senator has the right to speak on their behalf but may not vote on the bill of removal.

Section 2

Removal of the Executives

a) Order of removal of the President or the Vice-President

1) Anyone may bring forth allegations of constitutional violations to the Internal Affairs Committee.

2) The Internal Affairs Committee, with a preponderance of evidence, will produce a bill of removal to the Senate with or without recommendation.

3) The President or Vice-President will only be removed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Senate.

4) The President or Vice-President has the right to speak on their own behalf.

5) The Chief Justice will chair the removal proceedings.

b) All other members of the executive branch serve at the discretion of the President.

Section 3

Removal of the Judiciary

a) Order of removal of a justice

1) Anyone may bring forth allegations of constitutional violations to the Internal Affairs Committee.

2) The Internal Affairs Committee, with a preponderance of evidence, will produce a bill of removal to the Senate with or without recommendation.

3) The justice will only be removed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Senate.

4) The justice has the right to speak on their own behalf.

5) Removed members of the Judicial Board cannot appeal to the Judicial Board.

Article XIII. Statement of Non-Discrimination

Section 1 This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, or status as a Vietnam era or disabled veteran.

Article XIV. Statement of Non-Hazing

Section 1 This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, or commit an act that is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

Article XV. Statement of Compliance with University/Campus Regulations

Section 1 This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.

Article XVI. Amendment(s)
Section 1  This Constitution can be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 majority of the entire membership of the Senate upon being announced one meeting prior to consideration and the signature of the President.

Article XVII.  ADVISOR(S)

Section 1  The advisor(s) of the University Student Government shall be an appointed member of the Unit of Dean of Students. This person(s) serves as an ex-officio member of USG and may sit and support any USG committee, board, commission, or council.

Approved by USG Senate by unanimous vote on April 28, 2015.