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## **PREAMBLE**

We the students of Eastern Kentucky University, in order to form a more perfect association, to provide a representative body, to promote student self-governance, to participate in the policy and decision-making processes of the University community, to foster an environment which will promote academic growth, to promote communications and understanding within the University community and beyond, and to encourage awareness of and participation in a democratic society, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association.

### Section I. Name

This organization is known as the Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### Section II. Purpose

In the spirit of shared governance, the Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association is recognized as an official representative body by approval of the Board of Regents. This constitution creates the Association, whose purpose is to: promote self-governance; provide a representative body for all enrolled students; participate in the policy and decision-making process of the University community; foster an environment which will promote academic growth; promote communications and understanding of student opinions, recommendations, and requests to University administration; and encourage awareness and participation in a democratic society. The Association represents all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University.

### Section III. Supremacy

This constitution shall be the guiding document of the Association and supersedes all Bylaws or other legislation. Any enactment or exercise of power which conflicts with this Constitution shall be considered void.

### Section IV. Membership

- A. All students enrolled for credit at Eastern Kentucky University shall be considered members of the Association.
- B. Each member shall have the right to vote in elections, request public record documents of the Association, and to participate in all activities of the Association except as provided otherwise in this Constitution or its Bylaws.
- C. An active member of the Association is any member elected or appointed to a role within the organization.

- D. In order to be eligible for active membership, one must maintain a minimum 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average, be enrolled for credit at the University, and remain in good academic standing with the University.
  - a. Any active member or seeking active member agrees to institutional verification of grades.
- E. The Student Government Association does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, veteran status, or genetic information in the admission to, or participation in, its membership, or any program or activity which it conducts, or in any policy or practice.

## Section V. Composition

The Association shall consist of four branches: the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, and the Campus Activities Board.

- A. No member may simultaneously serve positions in more than one branch, unless otherwise specified by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
- B. The Executive Board may create a Joint Branch Committee by a majority vote, which shall contain at least one member from each branch.

## Section VI. Elections

- A. Fall Elections shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of the semester.
- B. Spring Elections shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of March, unless that day falls on Spring Break, in which case the Spring Elections shall be held on the third Tuesday in March.
- C. All elections shall follow the rules prescribed by this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Association.

## Section VII. Bylaws

- A. The Association shall enact Bylaws to implement the provisions of this Constitution.
  - a. Each Branch shall have the power to enact and amend Bylaws pertaining to their Branch by a majority vote of the appropriate body's membership, present and voting.
- B. The Advisory Board shall have the final authority on all amendments to the Bylaws as prescribed by this Constitution.

**ARTICLE I**  
**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**Section 1. Name & Purpose**

- A. The Legislative Branch of the Association shall be known as the Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Senate.
- B. The Senate shall serve as the advocative body of the Association, and represent the interests of all enrolled students through legislation and appropriation of funds.

**Section 2. Authority & Duties**

- A. The Senate is granted the full authority by this Constitution to:
  - a. Approve the Association Operating Budget.
  - b. Appropriate funds for Registered Student Organization Funding and Information Technology Funding.
  - c. Propose modifications to University policies affecting the activities and welfare of the student body.
  - d. Establish and enact policies and programs of the Association.
  - e. Address all issues concerning student rights, academic affairs, and any other issues that affect the student experience at Eastern Kentucky University.
  - f. Impeach and remove any active member of the Executive, Judicial, or Legislative Branch.
  - g. Approve the nominations of all appointed Executive Branch Officers, Student Court Justices, and Election Committee members.
  - h. Override any veto imposed by the Student Body President by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

**Section 3. Composition**

- A. The Senate shall be composed of At-Large Senators, College Senators, Graduate Senators, and Freshman Senators.
  - a. The total number of Senators shall be thirty-five (35).
  - b. There shall be one (1) College Senator from each college.
  - c. There shall be at least one (1) Graduate Senator.
  - d. There shall be one (1) Freshman Senator for every 500 students of the incoming Freshman class.
  - e. The remaining number of Senate seats shall be classified as At-Large Senators.
- B. All Senators shall serve on a Standing Committee of the Senate.

**Section 4. Officers**

- A. The President of the Senate shall be the Executive Vice President.
- B. The Speaker of the Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Speaker, shall:
  - a. Be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senators.
  - b. Be the presiding officer of the Senate.
  - c. Hear complaints against Justices of the Student Court, and preside over the Senate during impeachment proceedings.

- d. Call special meetings of the Senate provided at least twenty-four (24) hours notice is given to all active members of the Association.
  - e. Prepare the agenda for each meeting of the Senate.
  - f. Be an ex-officio member of the Senate Leadership Council.
  - g. Be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Senate Committees.
  - h. Assign all Senators to a Standing Committee.
  - i. Appoint a Senate Clerk and Parliamentarian, subject to approval of the Senate.
  - j. Assist in all functions of Standing and Ad-hoc Committees of the Senate.
  - k. Perform all other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
  - l. Establish and maintain at least five (5) work hours per week during the academic term.
- C. The Senate Clerk, hereinafter referred to as the Clerk, shall:
- a. Record and maintain all minutes of Senate meetings.
  - b. Assist the Speaker in preparation of meeting agendas.
  - c. Maintain all records of the Senate, and work with the Administrative Vice President to keep the Association records of the Senate up to date.
  - d. Perform all other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
- D. The Parliamentarian shall:
- a. Ensure that all Senate meetings abide by the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order*.
  - b. Perform all other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.

## Section 5. Elections & Qualifications

- A. All Freshman Senators shall be elected during the Fall Election.
  - a. In order to serve as a Freshman Senator, a student must have earned less than 30 credit hours at the time of election.
- B. All College Senators shall be selected following the Spring Election.
  - a. In order to serve as a College Senator, a student must have a declared major within the college they desire to represent.
- C. Graduate Senators should be elected during the Fall Election.
  - a. In order to serve as a Graduate Senator, a student must be enrolled in a Graduate Program at Eastern Kentucky University.
- D. At-Large Senators should be elected during the Spring Election.
  - a. Any open At-Large Senator seats may be elected during the Fall Elections, or filled by appointment.
- E. The Speaker shall be elected at the final Senate meeting of the Spring Semester by the Senate.
  - a. In order to be eligible to serve as the Speaker, a student must have at least one (1) semester of experience as a Senator.
- F. All members and officers of the Senate must maintain qualifications of an active member of the Association as defined in the Preamble, Section IV.

## Section 6. Senate Leadership Council

- A. The Senate Leadership Council shall have the authority to:
  - a. Provide general oversight and administration of the Senate.
  - b. Establish Ad-hoc committees of the Senate by a majority vote.
  - c. Act on behalf of the Senate.
  - d. Act as the Senate from the end of the Spring Semester to the beginning of the Fall Semester, and from the end of the Fall Semester to the beginning of the Spring Semester.
- B. The Senate Leadership Council shall be chaired by the Executive Vice President, and shall consist of:
  - a. The Speaker of the Senate, ex-officio.
  - b. The Chair of each Standing Committee.
  - c. The Chair of each Senate Ad-hoc Committee.
  - d. The Senate Clerk, ex-officio and non-voting.
- C. The Executive Vice President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

## Section 7. Committees

- A. There shall be four (4) standing committees of the Senate: the Student Rights and Academic Affairs Committee (SRAA), the Safety and Facilities Affairs Committee (SFA), the Information Technology Committee (IT), and the Registered Student Organizations Committee (RSO).
  - a. The SRAA Committee shall oversee the DEL Awards, and consider matters concerning student rights and academic affairs.
  - b. The SFA Committee shall oversee the SGA Safety Walk, and consider matters concerning campus safety and facilities.
  - c. The IT Committee shall oversee the Information Technology Funding process, and consider matters concerning campus technology.
  - d. The RSO Committee shall oversee the Student Organizational Funding process, and consider matters concerning Registered Student Organizations.
- B. A Chair shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
  - a. All Chairs must be members of the Senate prior to appointment.

## Section 8. Quorum

- A. Quorum for conducting business of the Senate shall be met when 50% plus one of currently serving Senators are present and voting.



**ARTICLE II**  
**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

Section 1. Composition

- A. There shall be an Executive Board, which shall consist of the Student Body President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, and Campus Activities Vice President.
- B. The Executive Board may create Executive Cabinets to carry out special initiatives.

Section 2. Qualifications & Selection

- A. To qualify for and hold an executive office, a person must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Maintain qualifications of an active member of the Association as defined in the Preamble, Section IV.
  - b. Have completed at least thirty (30) credit hours at the University.
  - c. Have completed one year of membership as an active member of the Association before taking office.
    - i. An exemption may be granted by a unanimous vote of the Student Court or the Elections Committee.
- B. The President and Executive Vice President shall be elected as an Executive Slate during the Spring Election, following a process described in the SGA Bylaws.
- C. The Campus Activities Vice President shall be elected individually during the Spring Election, following a process described in the SGA Bylaws.
- D. The Administrative Vice President shall be chosen by an Executive Appointment Committee following the confirmation of election results in the Spring Semester.
  - a. The Executive Appointment Committee shall consist of:
    - i. The President-elect, who shall serve as the chair.
    - ii. The Executive Vice President-elect, who shall serve as vice-chair.
    - iii. The Campus Activities Vice President-elect.
    - iv. The University Vice President of Finance, or their designee.
    - v. University Counsel, or their designee.
  - b. The committee shall conduct an application and interview process before choosing a candidate for appointment as the Administrative Vice President.
  - c. A candidate must obtain majority approval of the committee members to be appointed.

Section 3. Powers & Duties

- A. The Student Body President, hereinafter referred to as the President, is granted full authority by this constitution to:
  - a. Serve as the chief executive of the Association.
  - b. Represent all members of the Association in dealings with persons or entities of other universities and the faculty, staff, and administration of the University.
  - c. Report to the Senate, Campus Activities Board, and Student Court at least once per month.

- d. Call a Joint Branch session of the Association with a 10 class days' notice.
  - e. Endorse or veto any legislation not pertaining to the removal from office of any active member of the association within ten class days following the passage by the appropriate body.
    - i. Failure to sign or veto any legislation within ten class days following the passage by the appropriate branch constitutes approval.
  - f. Serve as a voting member and Chair of the Executive Board.
  - g. Appoint Directors of Executive Cabinets and remove Directors with Student Court approval.
  - h. Appoint members to fill vacancies on the Student Court.
  - i. Issue executive orders to guide the operations of the Association.
  - j. Establish and serve a minimum of ten (10) work hours per week during the Fall and Spring semesters.
  - k. Serve as a Student Regent of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents.
- B. The Executive Vice President shall:
- a. Assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President.
  - b. Serve as the Student Body Vice President.
  - c. Assist the President in executing policy and University obligations.
  - d. Serve as a voting member and the Vice Chair of the Executive Board.
  - e. Serve as the President of the Senate and Chair of the Senate Leadership Council.
  - f. Cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate and the Senate Leadership Council.
  - g. Appoint the Chair of each Senate Committee, subject to majority approval of the remaining Senate membership.
  - h. Hear complaints against the Speaker of the Senate, and preside over the Senate during impeachment proceedings for the Speaker of the Senate.
  - i. Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Senate committees.
  - j. Submit appointees to University Committees where student representatives are requested by the University.
  - k. Establish and serve a minimum of ten (10) work hours per week during the Fall and Spring semesters.
- C. The Administrative Vice President shall:
- a. Supervise and be responsible for the financial affairs of the Association.
  - b. Work with the Executive Cabinet in establishing and presenting a full, detailed budget to the Senate by the first meeting. The budget shall be in the hands of the Senate for at least seven (7) days before it is voted on.
  - c. Make at least bi-monthly reports and reconciliations of the budget available to all branches of the Association.
  - d. Maintain appropriate files of all Association business, including records of all past and current legislation in coordination with the Executive Vice President, and make such business available to the University archives.
  - e. Serve as a voting member of the Executive Board, and record minutes of all Executive Board meetings.
  - f. Be administratively responsible for the Directors of Executive Cabinets in fulfilling the requirements of their offices and carrying out the goals of the Executive Cabinet and the Association.

- g. Report to the Executive Board and the Senate on the operations of Executive Cabinets.
  - h. Manage general operations and organization of the SGA office.
  - i. Establish and serve a minimum of ten (10) work hours per week during the Fall and Spring semesters.
- D. The Campus Activities Vice President shall:
- a. Oversee the operations of the Campus Activities Board.
  - b. Preside over all meetings of the general membership of Campus Activities Board.
  - c. Work with the Administrative Vice President to prepare an annual programming budget to be approved by the Campus Activities Board.
  - d. Appoint the Chair of all Campus Activities Board committees, subject to approval by the Campus Activities Board general membership.
  - e. Serve on committees designated to create and enhance student events and activities as appointed by the Student Body President.
  - f. Collaborate with University administrators to provide insight or assistance with campus events or activities for students.
  - g. Establish and serve a minimum of ten (10) work hours per week during the Fall and Spring semesters.

#### Section 4. Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the four executive officers: the President, the Executive Vice President, the Administrative Vice President, and the Campus Activities Vice President.
- B. The Executive Board shall:
  - a. Carry out the policies and directives of the Association in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws.
  - b. Make proposals on matters of policy and recommend plans of action for consideration by the Senate.
  - c. Perform any other duties that may be designated by the Senate.
  - d. Review and establish Executive Cabinets as necessary to carry out the directives of the Association.
- C. Quorum of the Executive Board shall be met when three of the four executive officers are present.

#### Section 5. Executive Cabinets

- A. Cabinets of the Association may be created by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board to accomplish specific goals of the Executive officers or the Association.
- B. The President shall appoint Directors of each cabinet, subject to majority approval of the Senate.

#### Section 6. Succession

- A. If a vacancy occurs in the Presidency, the Executive Vice President shall assume the role as the President of the Student Body until the end of the original term and the Executive

Board shall convene to appoint an Executive Vice President, subject to a 2/3 approval of the Senate.

- B. If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Vice Presidency, the Speaker of the Senate shall assume the role of the Executive Vice President until the end of the original term.
- C. If a simultaneous vacancy occurs, the Speaker of the Senate shall assume the role of the President until the end of the original term and the Executive Board shall convene to appoint an Executive Vice President, subject to a 2/3 approval of the Senate.
- D. If a vacancy occurs in the Administrative Vice Presidency, the Executive Board shall convene to appoint a new Administrative Vice President, subject to a 2/3 approval of the Senate.
- E. If a vacancy occurs in the Campus Activities Vice Presidency, the Programming Coordinator shall assume the role of the Campus Activities Vice President until the end of the original term.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **JUDICIAL BRANCH**

##### Section 1. Name & Authority

- A. The judicial branch of the Association shall be the Student Court.
- B. The Student Court shall have original jurisdiction over cases involving, but not limited to:
  - a. The interpretation of all SGA governing documents, including the Constitution, Bylaws, and any amendments;
  - b. Alleged offenses in violation of SGA governing documents;
  - c. Judicial review of the constitutionality of Bylaws, amendments, Senate legislation, executive orders and actions of Association officers;
  - d. Matters involving election disputes and campaign infractions.
- C. The Student Court shall have the authority to grant the appropriate relief required to correct any infractions or violations of the SGA code of conduct or governing documents, except in cases involving the impeachment of an active member of the Association.
  - a. Opinions of the Student Court shall be binding in accordance with University Policies & Procedures.
  - b. If new evidence or testimony emerges following an opinion being issued that impacts the trial outcome or sanction, any party may request reconsideration by the Student Court.
  - c. Student Court decisions may only be overturned by the Advisory Board.
  - d. The Chief Justice may appoint a special investigator if they deem it necessary.
- D. The Student Court shall uphold and follow their duties as set forth in the Operating Procedures of the University Parking Appeals Committee.

##### Section 2. Composition

- A. The Student Court shall be composed of nine (9) student members, known as Justices.
- B. The President shall appoint new Justices when a vacancy arises.

- a. All Justices shall be members of the Association, enrolled as a full-time student during their term.
- b. All Justice nominations shall be subject to a Senate confirmation by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- c. Each Justice of the Student Court shall serve for the duration of their academic career provided they maintain the requirements of the office.
- C. The Executive Board shall appoint a Chief Justice when a vacancy arises.
  - a. The Chief Justice shall require a two-thirds (2/3) Senate confirmation.
  - b. Nominees for Chief Justice should have at least one year of experience as an active member of the association.
- D. The Chief Justice may select a Justice to serve as the Associate Chief Justice of the Student Court. The Associate Chief Justice shall:
  - a. Preside over the Student Court in the absence of the Chief Justice.
  - b. Serve as the clerk for all meetings of the Student Court.
  - c. Assist the Chief Justice in the operations of the Student Court and the Parking Appeals Committee.
- E. All other members of the Student Court shall be considered Associate Justices.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD**

#### Section 1. Name & Purpose

- A. The Campus Activities Board shall be the programming branch of the Association.
- B. The Campus Activities Board shall seek to provide high-quality extra-curricular events for the student body to enhance the student experience.

#### Section 2. Composition

- A. The Campus Activities Board shall be composed of at-large members, with a total maximum membership of 50 members.
  - a. Members from the previous academic semester shall be allowed to retain membership as long as they remain eligible.
- B. Each member of the Campus Activities Board shall be assigned to a Standing Committee.

#### Section 3. Officers

- A. The presiding officer shall be the Campus Activities Vice President. The Campus Activities Vice President shall:
  - a. Serve as the Chair of the Campus Activities Board Leadership Team.
  - b. Appoint the Programming Coordinator and Operations Coordinator, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Campus Activities Board membership.
  - c. Appoint a Chair to each Campus Activities Board Committee, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Campus Activities Board membership.
  - d. Cast the tie-breaking vote in any business of the Campus Activities Board or Campus Activities Board Leadership Team.

- e. Perform other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
- B. The Programming Coordinator shall:
- a. Assume the role of the Campus Activities Vice President until the end of the original term should there be a vacancy.
  - b. Serve as the Vice Chair of the Campus Activities Board Leadership Team.
  - c. Assist in the appointment process of the Major Events Chair and Minor Events Chair.
  - d. Manage and coordinate with the Major Events Chair and Minor Events Chair to assist with the operations of all major and minor events.
  - e. Develop and report event supply orders and contract needs to the Campus Activities Vice President.
  - f. Perform all other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
  - g. Establish and maintain at least five (5) work hours per week during the academic term.
- C. The Operations Coordinator shall:
- a. Serve as a voting member of the Campus Activities Board Leadership Team.
  - b. Manage the daily operations of the Campus Activities Board
  - c. Record minutes at all general Campus Activities Board meetings and Campus Activities Board Leadership Team meetings.
  - d. Record attendance and excuses at all Campus Activities Board meetings and events.
  - e. Maintain all records of the Campus Activities Board , and work with the Administrative Vice President to keep the Association records of the Campus Activities Board up to date.
  - f. Assist in the appointment process of the Public Relations Chair and Inventory Chair.
  - g. Manage and coordinate with the Inventory Chair and the Public Relations Chair to oversee all public relations, inventory and supply operations for the Campus Activities Board
  - h. Update and manage the Campus Activities Board budget, with assistance from the Administrative Vice President and Campus Activities Vice President.
  - i. Perform all other duties prescribed by this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Association.
  - j. Establish and maintain at least five (5) work hours per week during the academic term.
- D. The Major Events Chair shall:
- a. Chair a committee to coordinate all Campus Activities Board events expecting an attendance of greater than 600 people.
- E. The Minor Events Chair shall:
- a. Chair a committee to coordinate all Campus Activities Board events expecting an attendance of less than 600 people.
  - b. Develop collaboration events with other organizations as directed.
- F. The Public Relations Chair shall:

- a. Chair a committee to oversee the public relations concerns of the Campus Activities Board.
- G. The Inventory Chair shall:
  - a. Keep, record, and organize all inventory and supplies for the Campus Activities Board.
  - b. Distribute supplies to Campus Activities Board members as needed.

#### Section 4. Qualifications & Selection

- A. The Programming Coordinator and Operations Coordinator shall be appointed by the Campus Activities Vice President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Campus Activities Board membership.
  - a. There shall be an application and interview process administered by the Campus Activities Vice President with guidance from the Branch Advisor(s) and the Student Body President.
  - b. In order to serve as the Programming Coordinator or Operations Coordinator, a student must have previously been a member of the Campus Activities Board for at least one (1) semester.
- B. All Campus Activities Board Chairs shall be appointed by the Campus Activities Vice President and approved by a simple majority vote of the Campus Activities Board membership.
  - a. There shall be an application and interview process for each Campus Activities Board Chair, administered by the Campus Activities Vice President with guidance from the Branch Advisor(s), Student Body President, and the Supervising Coordinator.
  - b. A student must be a member of Campus Activities Board prior to appointment as a Chair.
- C. The Campus Activities Vice President may appoint members to the Campus Activities Board.
  - a. Members appointed after the first regularly-scheduled meeting of the fall semester are subject to two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Leadership Team.
- D. All appointed officers of the Campus Activities Board shall serve as interim until their approval at the next regularly-scheduled Campus Activities Board meeting.
- E. All members and officers of the Campus Activities Board must maintain qualifications of an active member of the Association as defined in the Preamble, Section IV.

#### Section 5. Leadership Team

- A. The Campus Activities Board Leadership Team shall have the authority to:
  - a. Provide general oversight and administration of the Campus Activities Board
  - b. Act on behalf of the Campus Activities Board
  - c. Hear a motion for the creation of an Ad-hoc Committee of the Campus Activities Board.
- B. The Campus Activities Board Leadership Team shall be chaired by the Campus Activities Vice President, and shall consist of:
  - a. The Programming Coordinator.
  - b. The Operations Coordinator.
  - c. The Chair of each Standing Committee.

- d. The Chair of each Ad-hoc Committee.
- e. The Branch Advisor(s), non-voting.
- C. The Campus Activities Vice President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

#### Section 6. Committees

- A. There shall be four (4) standing committees of the Campus Activities Board : The Major Events Committee, the Minor Events Committee, the Public Relations Committee, and the Inventory Committee.
  - a. The Major Events Committee shall oversee all operations of SGA events where 600 students or more are expected to be in attendance.
  - b. The Minor Events Committee shall oversee all operations of SGA events where less than 600 students are expected to be in attendance.
  - c. The Public Relations Committee shall work with the Public Relations Director to properly advertise all major and minor events, create promotional designs and products, and develop artistic works as necessary for promotional material and event advertisements.
  - d. The Inventory Committee shall manage all supplies, equipment, and inventory of the Campus Activities Board.

#### Section 7. Quorum

- A. Quorum for conducting business of the Campus Activities Board shall be met when 50% plus one of the active members are present and voting.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **ADVISORS**

##### Section 1. Purpose

- A. Advisors shall be appointed to provide advice and insight to the Association.
- B. There shall be an advisor for each branch of the Association, and a Financial Advisor to assist in all financial matters of the association.
- C. Advisors shall have ex-officio, non-voting membership on all Association committees.

##### Section 2. Selection & Requirements

- A. All Association advisors shall be employees of the University.
- B. The Executive Advisor(s) shall be from the Division of Student Life.
  - a. The Executive Advisor(s) shall be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
- C. The Financial Advisor shall be from the Division of Financial Affairs and shall have knowledge of University financial policies and procedures.
  - a. The Financial Advisor shall be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
- D. Advisors for each branch shall be selected based on candidates provided by the Executive Advisor(s) and approved by a majority vote of the appropriate body.



- a. Branch advisors shall be responsible for attending their respective branch's meetings and staying abreast on all matters pertaining to their branch.
- b. The Executive Advisor(s) shall also serve as the advisor for the Executive Branch.

### Section 3. Advisory Board

- A. The Student Government Association Advisory Board shall be determined ex-officio in accordance with this Article of the SGA Constitution:
  - a. The Executive Advisor(s), who shall serve as the Chair.
  - b. The Financial Advisor.
  - c. The Senate Advisor(s).
  - d. The Campus Activities Board Advisor(s).
  - e. The Student Court Advisor(s).
  - f. The Student Body President, non-voting.
  - g. The Executive Vice President, non-voting.
  - h. The Administrative Vice President, non-voting.
  - i. The Campus Activities Vice President, non-voting.
  - j. The Chief Justice, non-voting.
- B. The Advisory Board shall meet once a month every semester to encourage communication, sharing of information and shared governance.
  - a. The Chair may cancel the meeting if there is no business to be discussed.
- C. The Advisory Board shall be responsible for reviewing the Bylaws, amendments, and legislation of the Association to ensure they remain consistent with this Constitution, University policies and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
  - a. If proposed amendments to the Bylaws are rejected by the Advisory Board, a written rationale and advice on how to reconcile the amendment with the board's concerns shall be provided to the Executive Board to be shared with the appropriate body.
- D. The Advisory Board shall hear appeals of disciplinary action of the Student Court, pursuant to the SGA Bylaws.
- E. Any decision of the Advisory Board shall take effect on a simple majority vote.

### Section 4. Quorum

- A. The presence of a majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

#### Section 1. Procedure

- A. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by an act of the Senate.
  - a. A printed or digital copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall be provided to each member of the Senate at least two (2) weeks prior to consideration.
  - b. Proposed amendments must be ratified by three-fourths (3/4) majority of the total voting membership.

- c. Amendments ratified by the Senate shall be forwarded to the Student Body President for presentation to and approval by the Board of Regents.
2. Amendments to this Constitution may also be proposed by a petition bearing bona fide signatures of 500 members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **RATIFICATION**

This Constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the active members of the Association, and take effect on May 1, 2023, following approval by the Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University on February 15, 2023. Any elected or appointed member of the Association shall retain their positions for the unexpired term.