

McKendree University
Undergraduate Student Government Association Constitution

(Ratified on November 5, 2018)

Article I – Title. The title of this organization shall be the McKendree University Student Government Association. Hereafter referred to as SGA.

Article II – Purpose. McKendree SGA is the officially recognized student organization of the McKendree University, which represents all undergraduate students of McKendree University. McKendree SGA acts a means of communication between the student body and university administration, faculty, and staff. Through the medium of SGA, the student body has freedom to provide input concerning the internal policies of McKendree University. McKendree SGA oversees the fair distribution of SGA monies in accordance with University rules and regulations and promotes the development of academic excellence, and opportunities for responsible citizenship, engagement, and the life-long learning of McKendree students.

Article III – Powers. SGA shall have the outlined authority and powers:

1. Recommend matters of policy concerning the student body and issue statements on the body's behalf.
2. Conduct student body voting including but not limited to the following: constitutional amendments, elections, and referendums.
3. Consult with university administration and/or the appropriate committees and persons to enhance the safety and wellness of the student body.
4. Govern and direct all funds designated to SGA.

Article IV – Membership. The Governance structure of the McKendree University SGA shall consist of the Executive Board, the Senate, and the Advisor(s).

Section 1. Executive Board. The Executive board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer.

- A. Students must meet the following qualifications to campaign for and hold office of the Executive Board:
 1. Must be an undergraduate student of the McKendree University's Lebanon campus.
 2. Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as verified through the grade release agreement.
 3. At least one year of prior experience as a Senator.
- B. Executive Officer Compensation-All officers shall receive a monthly stipend (To be detailed with the respective duties of each Executive Board member).
- C. The expectations and responsibilities of each executive office position are as follows:

1. **President (stipend of \$125 per month)**

- i. Shall act as the chief executive officer of the SGA and shall be responsible for administration and operate of the SGA.
- ii. Shall call and preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and SGA.
- iii. Shall act as spokesperson and intermediary between SGA, and the faculty, administration, Board of Trustees, and community.
- iv. Shall be responsible for preparation of Senate agendas.
- v. May exercise a veto of an action of the Senate, when they believe the action is not in the best interest of the student body. The veto must occur within three business days of its passing.
- vi. May act on behalf of the SGA in the absence of the Senate and Executive Board when inaction would be against the best interest of the student body. However, the Senate at its next meeting by simple majority must ratify any action taken in such a situation.
- vii. May appoint special ex-officio assistants in order to carry out the duties of the office of President.
- viii. Shall oversee and delegate administrative duties of other Officers and Senators.
- ix. Shall carry out the provisions of the constitution.
- x. Shall deliver an annual State of the Senate Address.
- xi. May only have the power to vote in the event of a tie.
- xii. Cannot enforce an executive order due to SGA not having a judicial branch. (Judicial review is a process under which executive or legislative actions are subject to review by the judiciary).

2. Vice President (stipend of \$90 per month)

- i. Shall serve as second in command of SGA.
- ii. Shall preside over all meetings of the Senate when necessary or as directed to do so by the President and run meetings in the absence of the President.
- iii. Shall ensure SGA representation at all mandatory faculty committee meetings.
- iv. Shall maintain accountability for all committees that are part of the Association and appoint other members of SGA to the committees, if necessary.
- v. Shall present committee reports submitted by the members.
- vi. Shall submit a report on the progress of all faculty committee meetings.

3. Secretary (stipend of \$60 per month)

- i. Shall be responsible for maintaining all of SGA records, minutes, and legal documents according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- ii. Shall keep an official record of attendance of the Executive Board, Senate, and Advisors.

- iii. Shall compile, organize, and distribute a bound collection of the Constitution, all financial processes, procedural guides within the Constitution, and all other necessary literature for each member of SGA prior to the first meeting of the academic year.
 - iv. Shall see that all Senators are able to view a copy of the past meeting's minutes no more than 3 days after the meeting.
 - v. After approval by the Senate, shall make a copy of the minutes of the past meeting readily available to the Lebanon undergraduate student body.
 - vi. Shall serve as advisor and liaison to any individuals or organizations presenting to the body.
4. **Treasurer (stipend of \$65 per month)**
- i. Shall serve as the chief fiscal officer of SGA.
 - ii. Shall serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee and shall be responsible for the preparation of SGA budget.
 - iii. Shall ensure that SGA appropriates funds in a manner consistent with SGA and McKendree University policies.
 - iv. Shall be responsible for maintaining a ledger of all financial transactions of SGA.
 - v. Shall disburse funds for all student organization funding requests.
 - vi. Shall make financial reports no more than 3 days after every meeting. The Treasurer shall present the report at the following meeting.
5. **Parliamentarian (stipend of \$65 per month)**
- i. Shall serve as the chief procedural officer of SGA.
 - ii. Shall call and preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and SGA in the absence of the Vice President and the President.
 - iii. Shall give necessary interpretation to the Constitution.
 - iv. Shall demonstrate knowledge of the procedures of the Robert's Rules within SGA.
 - v. Shall serve as Chair of Constitution Committee.
 - vi. Shall coordinate election processes of SGA.
 - vii. Shall serve as chairperson of the Election Committee
 - viii. Shall preside over all impeachment processes and position reviews.
 - ix. Shall monitor and enforce time limits on debate and procedures of the Senate.
6. **Public Relations (stipend of \$65 per month)**
- i. Shall serve as publicist for SGA.
 - ii. Shall regularly submit a report on the activities and status of SGA to the school newspaper and other campus-wide publications, which serve the student body, including but not limited to the radio and other forms of media.
 - iii. Shall serve as Chair of Public Relations Committee.
 - iv. Shall update and maintain the SGA webpage and all social media.
 - v. Shall inform SGA of current campus events and student Activities.

Section 2. Senate. The Senate shall be composed of up to five senate positions representing each of the four Lebanon undergraduate classes, two additional senate positions designated for commuter students, one senate position designated for an international student, and one additional senate position designated for a non-traditional student, as defined by the University.

- A. Students must meet the following qualifications to campaign for and hold an office of the Senate:
 - 1. Be an undergraduate student of McKendree University's Lebanon campus.
 - 2. Hold a minimum GPA of 2.5, as verified through the grade release agreement.
- B. The expectations and responsibilities of each Senator are as follows:
 - 1. Senators are required to attend all declared meetings and assigned committee meetings.
 - 2. Senators are required to hold membership on at least one internal and one external committee
 - 3. Shall participate in events and activities organized or co-organized by SGA.
 - 4. Shall be aware of and represent the concerns of their constituency.
 - 5. Shall submit a completed grade release agreement.
 - 6. Shall behave in a professional manner.
 - 7. May override a veto of the President with a two-thirds vote.

Section 3. SGA Advisors. The Advisors of the McKendree SGA shall be composed of the Vice President for Student Affairs and/or their appointee(s), as well as individuals appointed by SGA.

- A. Advisors of SGA must meet the following qualifications:
 - 1. Full-time University staff or member of faculty at the Lebanon campus.
 - 2. Informed and knowledgeable of university committees and practices.
- B. The expectations of Advisors of McKendree SGA are as follows:
 - 1. Shall assist the Executive Board in maintaining order in the Association from year to year.
 - 2. Advisors shall attend a majority of the meetings each year.
 - 3. At least one advisor shall be present during all meetings and shall oversee the decisions made by SGA.
 - 4. At the end of every semester, the advisor(s) should have a review of the Executive Board to focus on improvements.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Weekly SGA Meetings will take place at 9:00pm every Monday during the academic year when classes are in session, unless otherwise ordered by the President.

- A. Procedure of weekly meetings shall be proceed as follows:

1. The President shall call the meeting to order.
2. The Secretary will record a verbal roll call.
3. The Secretary will report the minutes of the previous weekly meeting.
4. The Treasurer will report on the current financial business, changes, and expenditures of the budget since the previous meeting.
5. The Vice President will present submitted committee reports.
6. Open session will be allowed for students and members of SGA to make general suggestions, comments, or ask questions non-related to the topics on the agenda.
7. Current business, old business, and new business will be addressed respectively and any other topics pertinent to the meeting's agenda.
8. Adjournment procedures shall include the following:
 - A. An SGA Senator must motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - B. Another SGA Senator must second the motion.
 - C. The motion must then be passed by a majority vote.
 - D. The President must then adopt the motion.
9. If the meeting exceeds one hour, a motion is required to extend the meeting past 10:00pm, or to table the discussion to the following week.

Section 2. Town Hall Meetings. In the Event of a pressing student issue or major University concern, SGA may host town hall meetings in addition to or in place of regular weekly meetings as needed.

- A. At any time, members of the student body may submit University concerns, and pressing issues to SGA via email.
- B. If SGA deems the topic(s) submitted are noteworthy, a town hall meeting will be hosted.
- C. The Public Relations Committee shall head the set-up and planning of the town hall meeting.
- D. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the town hall.
- E. After the town hall meeting, SGA will discuss the issues and University concerns brought up by the student body and consider possible solutions.

Section 3. Voting. Voting shall proceed as follows:

- A. The president, who will then address the assembly, giving the appropriate member of SGA members the opportunity to obtain the floor, will introduce all business.
- B. In order to vote on any subject, the person obtaining the floor must make a motion.
- C. The President shall state the question to the voting body and give members an opportunity to ask any questions necessary to proceed into debate and voting. A maximum one minute overall will be allowed for each question.
- D. The President now may open the floor for debate. Debate amongst the Senate cannot exceed longer than 10 minutes without a motion to extend debate. To determine if debate is needed, the body may choose to make a pro/con list prior to debate.

- E. Following debate, Members must make and second a motion to vote.
- F. All present members of SGA receive one vote, not including the President or acting President, unless they choose to abstain, in which their vote would therefore not count for or against a motion and would not be included in the total number of votes.
- G. The Parliamentarian shall count the votes. Unless otherwise noted, a simple majority (half plus one) is needed to pass a motion.
- H. The President has the power to exercise a veto of an action of the Senate, when they believe the action is not in the best interest of the student body within three business days of its passing.

Section 4. Abstaining. If any senator or Executive board member has personal interest in any topic being voted on, they must abstain from voting.

- A. All members of SGA must notify the Parliamentarian of all clubs, groups, and organizations they are a part of (If they are within the parameters of SGA's overall purpose).
- B. The Parliamentarian will list the SGA members who must abstain before voting takes place and give reasoning for the abstention.
- C. The abstaining member(s) will however be able to take part in discussion, with the limitation that they must only provide information about the topic.

Article VI – Procedure of Elections, Impeachments, Appeals, and Filling Vacancies,

Section 1. Election Process of Senators. Elections for senator positions will take place in the spring for sophomores, juniors, and seniors and in the fall for first-year students. The senator's term will last for one academic year. The Election Committee shall coordinate campaigning rules and regulations.

Section 2. Election of Executive Board. Elections for the officers of the Executive Board will take place in the spring, prior to the first round election of all Senatorial spots. An officer's term will last for one academic year. To be considered for an officer position, one must have been a member of SGA for at least one-year prior and be in good standing with SGA and the University. "Good standing" is naturally defined as behavior and character consistent with the reputation of the University (both disciplinary and academic). A representative may run for one executive board position and is bound by the deadlines and requirements of the electoral process. A representative must declare the position for which they are running. Changes in the structure of the executive board may not be made without the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Section 3. Election Process. Electoral campaigning, elections, and voting shall proceed as follows:

- A. Petitions for students desiring to run for a Senator seat must be made available one month prior to elections.
- B. To run for any position in SGA, a student must complete a single petition signed by 100 Lebanon undergraduate students. Candidates must declare

which position they are running for (i.e. Senator or Treasurer) on their petition form. Candidates must submit the petition to the SGA mailbox (located in the Student Affairs office on the first floor in Clark Hall) no later than two weeks prior to the election.

- C. Voting shall be open to all undergraduate McKendree students on the Lebanon campus.
- D. Elections shall take place online and shall be anonymous.
- E. The Executive Board and Election Committee shall determine the election dates. Elections shall be open for five consecutive class days.
- F. Executive Board offices are awarded to the candidate with the most votes for each position. Students receiving the five highest numbers of votes for each academic class will be awarded a senator position.
- G. All candidates will be notified of election results one week after elections are completed.
- H. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will take place.

Section 4. Justification and Grounds of Impeachment. Officers or Senators of SGA may be impeached for:

- A. Failure to attend two or more meetings without justifiable reason.
- B. Failure to fulfill the duties of office as outlined by this constitution.
- C. Failure to maintain good standing with the University, SGA, or the student body, as outlined by the Constitution.
- D. Failure to hold decorum in meetings and SGA sanctioned events. (Decorum is defined as behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety).

Section 5. Impeachment Process. The impeachment hearing shall be conducted as follows:

- A. Any member in good standing can bring impeachment charges forward. Impeachment charges must be presented to the Office of Student Affairs and the Parliamentarian. All evidence used in the hearings must be presented to the Parliamentarian 48 hours in advance of the meeting in which the hearing shall take place. The Parliamentarian shall make evidence available to all members 24 hours prior to the hearing.
- B. The individual charged must be notified in writing before the impeachment is presented. They must also be notified of the charges against them. The written charges will be given in both paper and electronic form, and will require approval of the Office of Student Affairs. The indicted individual must give written acknowledgement of their charges when they have received this notification within five weekdays (Monday-Friday). Refusal to acknowledge charges may justify holding a hearing without the indicted individuals' consent, preparedness, nor their participation due to the necessity of following procedures in a timely and orderly fashion.
- C. The Parliamentarian will present impeachment proceedings to the Senate.
- D. All members of SGA, including the accused individual, will be given a walk-through prior to the hearing of the exact order in which proceedings will take

place, voting procedure, and questions will be addressed with no limit to ensure all members are in agreement with the process as outlined in the Constitution.

- E. The accused individual will be allowed to speak to the Senate, to call witnesses, and can be questioned by the Parliamentarian and the Senate. Both charging and the accused individual(s) will be expected to be prepared for the hearing process no later than two regular SGA meetings from the time in which the accused member has acknowledged written notification of their charges.
- F. Discussion between voting members will not follow the hearing; however, questions about the process may be directed to the Parliamentarian.
- G. The Senate will then vote on impeachment by a super-majority vote. Votes will be anonymous through written ballot and afterwards, saved in a confidential file by an advisor to the organization. All current members of SGA present at the hearing receive one vote. No individuals involved in the hearing will receive the opportunity to vote.
- H. The SGA advisor(s) will monitor impeachments. At least one advisor will be present during the impeachment hearing and voting.
- I. After the vote, a written statement will notify the accused member within 24 hours of the hearing by a member of the Executive Board.
- J. An appeal may be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs in the case of a proven violation of the impeachment process outlined by the Constitution.
- K. If the Vice President of Student Affairs accepts the appeals, the Senate will proceed with the hearings a second time following proper policy.
- L. There may only be one appeal per hearing. There is no limit on how many appeals can be brought forward.
- M. If impeached and removed from office, a member will not have the privilege of running for a student government position until the next academic year.

Section 6. Appeal. Will function as both a process for error correction as well as a process of clarifying and interpreting procedures outlined by the Constitution. Should any individual, or organization feel that SGA has failed to competently carryout and clarify the procedures outlined by the Constitution; person(s) may appeal a decision made by the committee and/or senate.

Section 7. Appeal Process. The Appeal hearing shall be conducted as follows:

- A. The initial claim must be submitted via email to the Office of Student Affairs and the Parliamentarian within 48 hours following the committee and/or senate decision. The Parliamentarian shall make the claim available to all SGA members 24 hours prior to the hearing.
- B. The hearing shall take place during the next SGA meeting.
- C. The appealing party shall have 10 minutes to state their grievance(s) and provide evidence (if any is available). The senate shall then have 5 minutes to rebuttal and ask questions pertaining to the appeal.

- D. The senate will then review, and discuss the appeal.
- E. The appealing party may not be present during the review, or discussion of the appeal.
- F. The Senate will then vote to approve or deny the appeal by a super-majority vote.
- G. If the appeal is approved, SGA will then correct the error(s) through the appropriate avenues as outlined by the Constitution.
- H. If the appeal is denied, nothing further can be done.
- I. All parties may only appeal a decision on a specific issue once.

Section 8. Filling Vacancies. Should no student run for an Executive or Senate position or a vacancy occur it would remain vacant until SGA appoints the position by nomination and majority vote. Current SGA Senators only may fill executive positions. Vacancies of executive officers shall be filled through the following procedure:

- A. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President.
- B. The President shall nominate all vacancies of executive positions, which must then be passed through a simple majority vote.

Section 9. Transition Procedures. At the end of each academic year, the newly elected Executive Board members will meet the current Executive Board to discuss the following year. The SGA advisor(s) shall oversee the transition procedures.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1. Expectations of SGA committee membership

- A. SGA member attendance is mandatory unless approved by the SGA Executive Officers.
- B. All standing and non-standing committees shall submit a report following each meeting to the Vice President of SGA.
- C. Once senator(s) choose an external committee to join, one senator shall serve as the chair of the respective committee (if the number within the senate body allows for it).
- D. If no senator volunteers to become the chair, the President shall appoint one.
- E. In order for an in-house committee to reach a decision on any topic, request, or inquiry, a voting majority must approve the topic, request, or inquiry. In the event of tie, the chair of the committee loses their vote. The chair of the respective committee must refer to the President or Vice President for approval before taking further action.

Section 2. Standing Committees Involving Student Representation. All members of SGA should refer to the Faculty Manual for information on membership and election guidelines of the standing faculty committees for which they serve.

- A. Undergraduate Council. The overall responsibilities of the Undergraduate Council are to:
 - 1. Review and recommend to the full faculty academic policies, including admissions requirements graduation and degree requirements, and other academic policies listed in the undergraduate catalog.
 - 2. Review and recommend to the full faculty undergraduate curriculum proposals from the School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and the College of Arts and Sciences regarding the addition or deletion of courses, programs, and/or degrees. The Undergraduate Council must approve all changes, additions, or deletions of undergraduate courses, programs and degrees not housed in a school or college (e.g., Study Abroad, UNI 101/201) before recommendation to the full faculty.
 - 3. Receive informational updates, and communicate those updates to the full faculty, from the school of Business, the School of Education, the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and the College of Arts and Sciences regarding changes to courses, programs, and/or degrees.
 - 4. Update and maintain the undergraduate catalog.
 - 5. Review and recommend academic policies proposed by other faculty committees.
 - 6. Review and recommend to the board of Trustees the list of candidates to be awarded undergraduate degrees.
 - 7. Review student grade challenges according to the process listed in the undergraduate catalog.
- B. Student Affairs Committee. The overall responsibilities of the SAC are to:
 - 1. Review academic opportunities for students (i.e. internal and external awards, academic events, competitions, scholarship programs).
 - 2. Recommend students for university wide awards and other opportunities, including the Lincoln Laureate, the Technos International Prize, and Who's Who in American Students.
 - 3. Present to the faculty relevant information from the Office of Student Affairs, McKendree University Student Government Association, and/or the student body as a whole regarding extra-curricular areas of student affairs, changes in existing judicial code, institutional rules and regulations, policies, and any other related matters of interest.
- C. SLATE- Student Learning, Assessment, and Teaching Effectiveness Committee. The overall responsibilities of the SLATE committee are to:
 - 1. Improve the quality of teaching and student learning, consistent with the University mission.
 - 2. Coordinate the University student learning outcome assessment program.
 - 3. Maintain the online student learning outcomes assessment system and associated forms and reports.
 - 4. Summarize and disseminate data regarding student learning outcomes assessment to appropriate audiences.
 - 5. Coordinate teaching workshops for full-time and associate faculty.

6. Recommend policies regarding student learning outcomes assessment and effective teaching.
- D. Environmental Awareness and Sustainability Committee. The overall responsibilities of the Environmental Awareness and Sustainability Committee are to:
1. Develop a campus plan that outlines goals and expectations regarding environmental sustainability. The committee will annually review, update and report to the President on the progress in meeting the goals and expectations of the plan.
 2. Assist in oversight and recommend enhancements of the institutional recycling program.
 3. Recommend enhancements for energy conservation as well as conservation of other materials that are part of the University's ongoing operation and expansion.
 4. Promote and engage other environmentally sound initiatives that are congruent with McKendree's mission.
 5. Receive, evaluate, and recommend funding of proposals for environmental initiatives.
- E. Publications and Broadcasting Advisory Committee. The overall responsibilities of the Publication and Broadcasting are to:
1. Review and, when necessary, create language governing the editorial and advising policies of the student newspaper literary magazine, student scholarly journals, and radio station.
 2. Recommend best practices for the creation and management of new and currently existing student and faculty serial publications.
 3. Oversee the student newspaper, literary magazine, radio, and student scholarly journals including the selection and review of editors, the enforcement of editorial policies, and the arbitration of any problems arising from the content, advising, administration, or format of student publication and radio.

Section 3: Standing Committees within Student Government. All members of SGA are responsible for understanding the purposes and responsibilities of the committees for which they serve as well as the roles and duties of all other standing committees within the Association.

- A. Public Relations Committee. The overall responsibilities of the Public Relations Committee are to:
1. Maintain and strategically plan for the improvement of communication between the Senate and the student body and university faculty and staff.
 2. Support the needs Public Relations Officer through events, campus publications, social media, surveys, and/or other means of communication.
 3. The Public Relations Officer shall be the chair of this Committee.
- B. Constitution Committee. The overall responsibilities of this committee are to:
1. Meet monthly and as needed to revise, review, and update the constitution in order to remain an effective organization.

2. Report changes back to the entire Senate for a vote to accept/deny changes the committee has made.
 3. The Parliamentarian shall be the chair of this Committee.
- C. Finance Committee. The overall responsibilities of the Finance Committee are to:
1. Hold meetings twice a month and as needed to oversee expenditures and changes to the Association's budget and financial procedures.
 2. Propose budget allocations to the Senate at the beginning of each year to ensure set funding for specific areas and uses in expenditures.
 3. Be responsible for weekly and final semester reports to the Senate and student body.
 4. Members of this committee shall have the right to make decisions through voting, however, the Treasurer shall not be given a vote and shall preside over the body as the executive officer on the committee.
 5. The Treasurer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee.
- D. Election Committee. The overall responsibilities of the Election Committee are to:
1. Meet monthly and as needed to develop and execute election processes i.e. campaigning rules and regulations, timelines, etc.
 2. Cooperate with the Public Relations Committee to advertise and raise awareness of SGA elections and voting procedures.
 3. Be responsible for planning and coordinating yearly debates.
 4. The Public Relations Officer shall be the chair of this Committee, the Parliamentarian shall co-chair.

Section 4: Non-Standing Committees. The Executive Board may create these committees when the need arises. Such examples include Spring Fling committee, or committees responsible for other school changes or events.

Section 5: Task Force Creation. In the event that a committee not covered within the Non-Standing or Standing committee is deemed necessary, a Task Force may be created for gathering information and/or emergencies to then take necessary action to resolve the issue brought forth. The executive board must approve the task force.

Article VIII – Finances

Section 1. Finance Appropriations Procedure.

- A. The SGA budget shall be derived from a portion of the student activity fee paid by all full-time Lebanon undergraduate students. This budget is reserved to fulfill the purpose of SGA and support Registered Student Organizations.
- B. RSO's shall have the opportunity to apply to SGA for financial assistance from this budget to pay for university sanctioned activities and events which fall within the guidelines and regulations of SGA appropriations.
- C. RSO's shall submit budget requests to the Finance Committee who shall discuss and review the requests in accordance to the bylaws of appropriations and make recommendations to the Senate once a month.

- D. The funding request must be completed in detail, with an itemized budget, timeline, and demonstrates professionalism and preparedness on behalf of the requesting RSO
- E. After the Finance Committee has reviewed a budget request and presented recommendations to the Senate, the Senate shall distribute funds through a simple majority vote.

Section 2. Financial Transparency. SGA shall make the financial budget and all appropriations public to the campus at all times.

Article VIV – Amendments and Revisions

Section 1. Creation of Amendments and Revisions. An amendment may be proposed by a senate vote of two thirds of its membership or by a petition signed by one-tenth of the student body. A proposed amendment shall become part of this constitution if it is then ratified by two-thirds of the votes cast by the student body.

Section 2. Enactment of Amendments and Revisions. Following ratification, all amendments and revisions will be placed into effect immediately.

Article X – Recall, Initiative, and Referendum

Section 1. Recall. Upon presentation of recall petitions signed by students comprising fifty percent (50%) of students who voted in most recent general election for the recall of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, or public relations officer shall be held. A protest vote shall be required for removal of said officer.

Section 2. Initiative.

- A. Upon presentation of initiative petitions to the secretary, signed by twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of students who voted in the most recent general election, the senate shall either adopt such legislation or submit it to a vote of the student body.
- B. Should the senate choose to submit said legislation to a vote of the student body, the election shall be held within two weeks and shall be supervised by the elections committee. A simple majority shall be required for automatic adoption of the proposed legislation.

Section 3. Referendum.

- A. Upon presentation of referendum petitions signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the numbers of students who voted in the most recent general election, the senate shall place before the student body the issue, which is subject of the petitions.
- B. The referendum vote must be taken within two weeks after the petitions are turned into the secretary. A simple majority vote shall be necessary to repeal legislation.
- C. The senate shall not reconsider repealed legislation during the academic semester that a referendum vote was held.

