

# **Legislative Journal**

**a reference guide to the 1976-1977  
session of the Student Senate**



**WICHITA STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

***STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION***

## **Section A. Consitution & By-laws**

**Academic Year  
1976-1977**

**SECTION A**

**CONSTITUTION  
BY-LAWS**

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University believe that having certain collective authority, we are charged with the accompanying inescapable responsibility to further a democratic community marked by mature citizenship habits, attitudes and skills; and recognizing that this degree of responsibility will be manifested in the total community when we, as individuals, take our places there; do herein define and organize this collective authority into a student association and, by this constitution, guarantee that our use of it will always be in harmony with our trust.

ARTICLE I  
The Association

Section 1. Name

The name of the student association shall be the Wichita State University Student Government Association (hereafter referred to as The Association).

Section 2. Membership

All students at Wichita State University (hereafter referred to as the University) from whom the Association derives income through established University policy, shall automatically be members of the Association.

Section 3. Duties

The duties of the Association shall be:

- a. to promote and stimulate student participation in the University's activities which will serve to enhance the educational, social and cultural experiences of the members of the Association;
- b. to provide a channel of communication between the students, faculty and administration;
- c. To foster loyalty to the University;
- d. to promote the extracurricular program of the University;
- e. to establish jointly with the University administration, rules to govern the conduct of members of the Association in their actions as students of the University;
- f. to relieve, to a practical extent, the President and Dean of Students of the University of the details of administering student affairs;
- g. to finance, with funds authorized by the University administration, the activities necessary and incidental to carrying out the purposes of the Association;
- h. and to insure that all students are afforded free and equal access to all opportunities the Association has to offer.

Section 4. Authority

The Association, in order that it might perform its duties effectively, shall have the authority to delegate its legislative, executive and

judicial authority to representative bodies. These bodies shall have the authority to:

- a. prescribe procedure for the election and/or appointment of the membership of the said bodies of the Association;
- b. extend recognition to groups of students seeking the privileges of an official student organization (hereafter referred to as organizations);
- c. establish criteria and conduct a review for the granting and removal of said recognition;
- d. levy reasonable penalties for statutes;
- e. recommend to the Dean of Students reasonable penalties for students who violate the Association's statutes, or University rulings or policies;
- f. reasonably provide for the execution of the Association's duties as prescribed in Article I, Section 2, through the establishment of statutes and the appointment of special or regular committees with a specific grant of authority.

The authority granted to the Association in this section is derived from and shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Regents, and the President of the University.

The authority granted to the organizations, through a grant of official recognition, is derived from and shall be subject to the authority of the Association and its representative bodies.

## ARTICLE II Division of Authority

The executive authority of the Association shall be vested in the executive officers.

The legislative authority of the Association shall be vested in student senate representatives (hereafter referred to as the Senate).

The judicial authority of the Association shall be vested in the Supreme Court (hereafter referred to as the Court).

## ARTICLE III The Association's Officers

### Section 1. Composition

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

### Section 2. The Association's Officers

Officers of the Association shall be elected from the Association at an election held during the month of February. To be eligible to be an officer of the Association, an Association member must have and maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average and be at least a junior by the beginning of the fall term following the election, or in good standing in graduate school as defined by the graduate school catalog. An Association officer shall not hold the same office more than twice.

### Section 3. Administrative Authority

All administrative powers granted herein shall be vested in the officers of the Student Government Association.

#### Section 4. The President

The President of the Student Government Association shall have the following powers and duties;

- a. to enforce the statutes of the Association
- b. to execute the policies of the Senate and the decisions of the Court
- c. to act as the official spokesperson for the Association
- d. to appoint the Court Justices as provided for in Article V, Section 1
- e. to call a special session of the Senate and/or officers with not less than twenty-four hours notice
- f. to create or dissolve executive committees for the pursuit of his/her duties
- g. to appoint all Association members to positions in pursuit of purposes of the Association (subject to the ratification of the Senate).
- h. to recommend to the Senate any policy which she/he considers in pursuit of the purposes of the Association
- i. to veto and invalidate any action of the Senate within seven days of its initial passage which he/she considers not in the interest of the Association. The Senate has seven days in which to act upon the President's veto. Said veto must be accompanied with a statement of explanation.
- j. the President shall also be responsible for making available to all Senate members and other parties a copy of the constitution, statutes, and by-laws of the Student Government Association
- k. the President shall maintain weekly office hours over the summer session.

#### Section 5. The Vice President

The Vice President of the Student Government Association shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to assume all duties of the President in his/her absence
- b. to preside over all meetings of the Senate unless otherwise specified by Senate. In the event that the Vice President is absent a temporary Chairperson, a Senator, will be designated by the Vice President.
- c. to act as Election Commissioner unless otherwise specified by Senate
- d. to act as publicity coordinator and to issue regular press releases
- e. to request written reports of all committees
- f. to recommend changes in policy concerning the internal operations of the Senate and the Student Government Association Office.

#### Section 6. The Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to serve as custodian of the Association's funds
- b. to present to the Senate a report of the Association's spending upon one week's request
- c. to execute all financial transactions in the name of the Senate and in compliance with the budget
- d. to be responsible for organizational budget procedures.

### Section 7. Recall of Association Officers

The following will be grounds for removal of an Association Officer:

- a. the failure to maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average
- b. absence from three senate meetings
- c. the failure to execute prescribed duties.

If an Association officer is charged with one or more of the grounds for removal, the Senate shall review his/her case, and may expel the officer by a 2/3 vote of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats. However, the Senate must call a special election of the Association within thirty days if presented with a petition to recall an Association officer signed by a number of the Association members equal to twenty-five per cent of those voting in the last Student Senate election. Such petition must be validated by the Association Executive Secretary prior to public exposure and presentation. If the requisite number of signatures has not been obtained within 30 days of said validation and dating, the petition shall be null and void. If the requisite number of signatures is obtained within 30 days, the Association Executive Secretary must validate the signatures as those of members of the Association.

### Section 8. Association Officer's Meetings.

The Association officers shall meet at the request of the President.

## ARTICLE IV The Senate

### Section 1. Composition

The Senate shall consist of seats filled by Senators elected from the membership of the Association. Certain seats shall be reserved according to the following criteria:

- a. Seats shall be reserved for three persons designated by the Senate as Holdover Senators.
- b. One seat shall be reserved for the officers of the Association, with the President being a non-voting member.
- c. Seats shall be reserved for Senators elected from and by the Association membership enrolled in each of the seven colleges of the University. Each college shall have at least two representatives with one additional representative being allocated for every 1,000 students over and above 2,000 students enrolled in the college.
- d. Seats shall be reserved for Senators elected at large from the Association membership. These seats shall be apportioned with one representative for each 2,000 students enrolled at WSU (1-2000: 1 representative; 2001-4000: 2 representatives; 4001-6000: 3 representatives).
- e. Four seats shall be reserved for students continuing their education either in the division of Continuing Education or in a Graduate School of WSU.

### Section 2. Senatorial Candidates Qualifications

To be a candidate for Senator, an Association member must be a currently enrolled student as defined by the College or School in which he/she is enrolled, and must have and maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average or have and maintain good standing in Graduate School as defined by the Graduate School Catalog.

### Section 3. Election of Senators

All elective seats in the Senate shall be filled at an election held at the same time as the election for Association Officers. That number of candidates for at-large senatorial seats who receive the largest totals of votes shall be declared elected. That number of candidates from each college and/or school who receive the largest plurality of votes shall be declared elected.

### Section 4. Responsibilities of Senators

Student Senators of the Student Government Association shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. to attend all meetings of the Student Senate
- b. to perform the committee work to which they are assigned
- c. to have an understanding of the Student Government Association Constitution, Statutes, and By-Laws.

### Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Senate

The Senate shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to take action which is in harmony and pursuant to the duties of the Association as prescribed in this Constitution and its Preamble
- b. to call a special meeting of the Senate upon a written petition signed by 50% of the members of the Senate with not less than 24 hours notice of said meeting
- c. to recognize student organizations
- d. ~~to approve all allocations of Student Government Association and Student Fee monies~~
3. to reverse any action taken by an officer of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the entire Senate excluding vacant seats. The Authority of the Senate granted herein shall be binding upon the membership of the Association, the officers, and the Court and upon organizations.

### Section 6. Recall of Senators

The following will be grounds for removal of a Senator:

- a. the failure to maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average
- b. absence from three Senate meetings
- c. the failure to fulfill prescribed responsibilities.

If a Senator is charged with one or more of the grounds for removal, the Senate shall review his/her case, and may expel the Senator by 2/3 vote of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats.

### Section 7. Filling Vacant Seats

If for any reason a seat in the Senate is vacated, it shall be filled with an Association member appointed by the President, said appointment subject to two-thirds ratification of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats.

### Section 8. Provision for Holdover Senators

At the last regular meeting of the fall semester the Senate itself shall elect three persons by majority vote to be designated as Holdover Senators. These persons shall serve on the Senate as Senators-at-large and are elected from Senate membership for the purpose of adding continuity. These persons, once having accepted the nomination and having been elected, may not have the opportunity, under any conditions, to seek election to another position on the Senate in the same year in which they were elected as Holdover Senators. Only those Senators

elected by the student body in the previous Student Senate election and who have served the entire year shall be eligible for election by the Senate as Holdover Senators.

#### Section 9. Session of the Senate

The Senate shall automatically convene in regular weekly sessions during the official academic year (excluding periods of official recess). The sessions shall be at a regular time and place, the selection of which shall be considered a procedural matter. A Senatorial quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of the total Senate.

If a Senatorial quorum is not present at a regular session, the President may in good faith call a special session of the Senate. If a senatorial quorum is not present at this special session of the Senate, the duties and authority of the Senate shall be vested in the President and those present until a senatorial quorum is present at a regular or special session of the Senate.

The President may call a special session of the Senate if he attempts in good faith to notify all Senators more than twenty-four hours prior to the time set for the session.

### ARTICLE V The Supreme Court

#### Section 1. Composition

The Court shall be composed of three faculty members appointed by the President of the University and four student members appointed by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by two-thirds of the entire Senate excluding vacant seats. One of the faculty members shall be designated by the President of the University to serve as the chairperson of the Court.

#### Section 2. Qualifications for Appointment

Any faculty member shall be eligible for appointment to the Court. A student shall be eligible for appointment if he is a currently enrolled student as defined by the college or school in which he is enrolled and has a cumulative credit point index of 2.00. A student member shall be ineligible to serve or seek election to any other Student Government position while a member of the Court.

#### Section 3. Term of Appointment and Vacancies

The term of appointment shall be three years for faculty and two years for student members. Terms shall be staggered so that one faculty position and two student positions will be filled each year. Any vacancy occurring before expiration of a term shall be filled by the appointive authority for the balance of the unexpired term. A student member may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the entire Senate excluding vacancies.

#### Section 4. Jurisdiction

The Court shall have jurisdiction in cases arising from the Constitution, Statutes, and By-Laws of the Student Government Association. The Court shall hear appeals from Traffic Court and the Library Court of Appeals and shall render decisions in these cases. The Court shall have the authority to render advisory opinions at the written request of the President of the Student Government Association or the Senate. This Court is the final appeal court and all decisions rendered are final.

#### Section 5. Court Rules and Procedures

The Court shall adopt appropriate rules and procedures for the hearing of cases within its jurisdiction, including rules respecting pleadings, trial procedures evidence and rights of parties and witnesses. Such rules and procedures shall be filed in the office of the Dean of Students and the SGA Office and copies made available to students.

#### Section 6. Quorum

Five members shall constitute a quorum in any case before the Court; provided a case may be assigned to a single member for pre-trial conference for the purpose of identifying the issues and facts of law involved in the case. Any disposition based on a pre-trial conference shall be made by a quorum of the Court.

### ARTICLE VI

#### The Association's Statutes

The Senate shall have the authority to make statutes pursuant to this Constitution which shall be binding as prescribed in Article IV, Section 5.

A statute may be passed only at a regular session of the Senate and may not be passed at the same session it is proposed.

A statute shall be deemed passed if it receives a simple majority of the vote at any regular session of the Senate and if there is compliance with the other provisions of this Article.

Procedural matters of the Association's bodies not provided for herein shall be decided by a simple majority of the respective bodies present at any session, meeting or term.

### ARTICLE VII

#### Constitutional Amendments

This Constitution shall be amended if any proposed amendment receives a simply majority of the votes cast at a special election of the Association called for that purpose.

Said election may only be called by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Senate. The motion to call a special election may be proposed only at a regular session of the Senate and may not be passed at the same session.

The Senate must call said special election if it is presented with a petition signed by twenty-five percent of the Association's members proposing a specific amendment.

An amendment to the Constitution submitted in a referendum shall become effective only upon receiving a positive vote in a referendum participated in by at least three per cent of the Association membership.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### By-Laws of the Association

This Constitution shall be expanded by a body of by-laws that relate to the operation of the Senate and are approved by a two-thirds majority of all Senators.

A by-law may be passed only at a regular session of the Senate and may not be passed at the same session it is proposed.

No by-law may have the effect of altering or suspending the nature of the Constitution. All such measures are contradictory to the purposes of the Association and thereby void.

## STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

## Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students

## PREAMBLE

Citizens in all communities of this country have a guaranteed safeguard for their rights as members of this association; these rights exist because they are held to be the means through which man achieves his greatest fulfillment. A bill of rights exists to prevent encroachment upon this freedom.

This relationship should be no less for the academic community which seeks to promote similar ideals and associations. Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students and the general well-being of truth, the development of students and the general well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals.

Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community. Students should exercise their freedom with responsibility.

To insure that all students of the academic community of Wichita State University have access to the opportunities for growth and learning, this enumeration of the safeguards for that freedom is intended. To insure that this freedom is not betrayed, safeguards are incorporated that protect its permanence and create a responsible attitude in the minds of the students enjoying this liberty.

## ARTICLE I

## Classroom Freedom

## Section 1. Protection of Freedom of Expression

Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the date or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.

## Section 2. Protection Against Improper Academic Evaluation

Students are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for courses in which they are enrolled. At the same time, they should have protection against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. To provide this protection, the Academic Violations Court is empowered to review all cases of academic disputes that arise; subpoena all information and witnesses necessary to render a decision; and have the final authority in all such cases.

## Section 3. Protection Against Improper Disclosure

Information about student views, beliefs, and political associations which professors acquire in the course of their work as instructors, advisors, and counselors should be considered confidential. Protection against improper disclosure is a serious professional obligation. Judgments of ability and character may be provided under appropriate circumstances, but only with the knowledge and consent of the student.

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ARTICLE II  
Student Records

Section 1. Maintenance of Records

To minimize the risk of improper disclosure of student records, academic and disciplinary records shall be separate, and the conditions of access to each shall be set forth in an explicit policy statement. Transcripts of academic records shall contain only information about academic status.

Section 2. Access to Student Records

Information from disciplinary or counseling files shall not be available to unauthorized persons on campus, or to any person off campus without the express consent of the student involved except under legal compulsion or in the cases where the safety of persons or property is involved.

Section 3. Excluded Records

No records shall be kept which reflect the political activities or beliefs of students.

Section 4. Periodic Elimination of Records

Provision shall be made for periodic routine destruction of non-current disciplinary records. Administrative staff and faculty members must respect confidential information about students which they acquire in the course of their work.

ARTICLE III  
Student Affairs

Section 1. Freedom of Association

Students bring to the campus a variety of interests previously acquired and develop many new interests as members of the academic community. They should be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interest.

Clause 1. The membership, policies, and actions of a student organization will be determined by vote of only those students who hold bona fide membership in the college or university community.

Clause 2. Affiliation with an extramural organization does not of itself disqualify a student organization from institutional recognition.

Clause 3. If campus advisors are required, each organization shall be free to choose its own advisor. Campus advisors may advise organizations in the exercise of responsibility, but they do not have the authority to control the policy of such organizations.

Clause 4. Student organizations are required to submit a statement of purpose, criteria for membership, rules of procedures, and a current list of officers. Campus groups are not required to submit a membership list as a condition of institutional recognition.

Clause 5. Campus organizations, including those affiliated with an extramural organization, shall be open to all students without respect to race, creed, or national origin, except for religious qualification which may be required by organizations whose aims are primarily sectarian.

Clause 6. No officially recognized campus organization shall be deprived of that recognition for reasons other than violations of the criteria set forth in the preceding five clauses, or criteria established by Student Government statutes.

## Section 2. Freedom of Inquiry and Expression

Clause 1. Students and student organizations shall be free to examine and to discuss all questions of interest to them, and to express opinions publicly and privately. They shall be free to support causes by orderly means which do not disrupt the regular and essential operation of the University. At the same time, it must be made clear to the academic and the larger community that in their public expressions or demonstrations students or student organizations speak only for themselves.

Clause 2. Students shall be allowed to invite and to hear any person of their own choosing. Those routine procedures required by the University before a guest speaker is invited to appear on campus shall be designated only to insure that there is orderly scheduling of facilities and adequate preparation for the event, and that the occasion is conducted in a manner appropriate to an academic community. University control of campus facilities shall not be used as a device of censorship. It must be made clear to the academic and larger community that sponsorship of guest speakers does not necessarily imply approval or endorsement of the views expressed, either by the sponsoring group or the University.

## Section 3. Student Participation in University Government

As constituents of the academic community, students shall be free, individually and collectively, to express their views on issues of University policy and on matters of general interest to the student body; and this participation shall be regulated by the Constitution and statutes of the Student Government Association.

## Section 4. Freedom of Student Communications

Clause 1. The student press and radio shall be free of censorship and advance approval of copy.

Clause 2. Editors and managers of student communications shall be protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administrative, or public disapproval of editorial policy or content. Only for proper and stated causes shall editors and managers be subject to removal. The agency responsible for the appointment of editors and managers shall be the agency responsible for their removal, such action subject to the Dean of Students ratification and, on appeal, decision of the Supreme Court.

Clause 3. All University published and financed student communications shall explicitly state on the editorial page or in broadcast that the opinions that are expressed by them are not necessarily those of the college, University, or student body.

Clause 4. For the expression of contrary views, equal time and space should be allowed for those wishing to express their views.

Clause 5. A student or student organization has the right to publish and distribute written material on campus without the approval of the administration; further, the administration shall make no effort to suppress such publications unless their distribution disrupts the regular and essential operation of the University.

## ARTICLE IV

### Section 1. Exercise of Rights of Citizenship

College and university students are both citizens and members of the academic community. As citizens, students shall enjoy the same freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and right of petition that other citizens enjoy and, as members of the academic community, they are

subject to the obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership.

#### Section 2. Faculty and Administration Restraint

Faculty members and administrative officials should insure that University powers are not employed to inhibit such intellectual and personal development of students as is often promoted by their exercise of the rights of citizenship both on and off campus.

#### Section 3. University Penalties

Students who violate the law may incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities. Only where the University's interests as an academic community are distinctly and clearly involved should the special authority of the institution be asserted.

#### Section 4. Incidental Violations

The student who incidentally violates University regulations in the course of his off campus activity shall be subject to no greater penalty than should normally be imposed. Institutional action shall be independent of community pressure.

### ARTICLE V

#### Procedural Standards in Disciplinary Proceedings

#### Section 1. Standards of Conduct Expected of Students

Wichita State University has an obligation to clarify those standards of behavior which it considers essential to its educational mission and its community life. Disciplinary proceedings shall be instituted only for violations of standards of conduct and this amendment.

#### Section 2. Investigation of Student Conduct

Students detected or arrested in the course of serious violations of University regulations, or infractions of ordinary law, should be informed of their rights. No form of harassment should be used by University representatives to coerce admissions of guilt or information about conduct of other suspected persons.

#### Section 3. Status of Student Pending Final Action

Pending action on the charges, the status of a student shall not be altered, or his rights to be present on the campus and to attend classes suspended, except for reasons relating to his physical or emotional safety and well-being, or for reasons relating to the safety and well-being of students, faculty, or University property.

#### Section 4. Procedures of the Supreme Court.

When the violation of University regulations may result in serious penalties and if the student questions the fairness of disciplinary action taken against him, he shall be granted, upon acceptance of his appeal by the Supreme Court the privilege of a hearing before the Court. The following procedures shall be the standards employed by the Court in the rendering of their decisions.

Clause 1. The Supreme Court shall include three faculty members and four students. No member of the Court who is otherwise interested in the particular case shall sit in judgment during the proceedings; in such case, the President of Student Government Association shall name a replacement.

Clause 2. The student shall be informed, in writing, of the reasons

for the proposed disciplinary action with sufficient particularity, and in sufficient time, to insure opportunity to prepare for the hearing.

Clause 3. The student appearing before the Court shall have the right to be assisted in his defense by an advisor of his choice.

Clause 4. The burden of proof shall rest upon the party(ies) bringing the charge.

Clause 5. The student shall be given an opportunity to testify and to present evidence and witnesses. He shall have an opportunity to hear and question adverse witnesses. In no case shall the Court consider statements against him unless he has been advised of their content and of the names of those who made them, and unless he has been given an opportunity to rebut unfavorable inferences which might otherwise be drawn.

Clause 6. All matters upon which the decision may be based must be introduced into evidence at the proceeding before the Court. The decision shall be based solely upon such matter. Improperly acquired evidence shall not be admitted.

Clause 7. In the absence of a transcript, there should be both a digest and verbatim record, such as a tape recording, of the hearing.

Clause 8. The decision of the Court shall be final; however the University President may review any case involving suspension or expulsion of the student.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Change 2.51, 2.52, 2.53, 2.54, 2.510 to read "per term of office."

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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REPEAL 2.55

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS to Section 4

PRESENTED: 02/02/77

SUBMITTED BY: Operations Committee

Article III. Section 4.

Add:

1. The president may call a special session of the Senate, at his/her discretion, if he/she attempts in good faith to notify all senators more than twenty-four hours prior to the time set for the session. If a senatorial quorum is not present at this special session of the Senate, the duties and authority of the Senate shall be vested in the President and those present.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

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BY-LAWS OF THE SENATE

ARTICLE I  
Operation of the Senate

1. Legislative Publication

- 1.1 The President of the Student Government Association shall be responsible for the annual publication of the Student Government Association Constitution, By-Laws and Statutes.
- 1.2 The President, who at the time is at the end of his term of office, shall see that the Constitution, By-Laws and Statutes are compiled, edited, and reproduced at least one week prior to the election of each new Senate.
- 1.3 Copies shall be distributed to those Senators completing their term of office, the President of the University senate, each Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Reference Desk of the Library.
- 1.4 The President shall also maintain enough copies to distribute one to each newly elected Senator, the Editor of the student newspaper, and any administrator, faculty member, or student who should request a copy.
- 1.5 Each President of the Student Government Association shall maintain completely updated records on all legislation passed or under consideration by the Student Senate. These records shall be open for inspection by any administrator, faculty member, or student upon request.

2. Budget of the Senate

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- 2.1 The Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall present to the Student Senate a complete budget for the allocation of Student Government Association funds for the year. The proposed budget shall be presented during the first meeting of the fall semester, and shall include a report on all expenditures made in the new fiscal year.
  - 2.2 The Student Senate assumes the authority to approve the Student Government Association budget and review and approve any and all line item changes in said budget. No expenditures may be made, with the exception of those for normal operating expenses, before the budget is approved.
  - 2.3 The proposed budget must be submitted to the Student Senate at least one regularly scheduled meeting before the final vote on the budget. The approval of the Budget shall consist of a simple majority vote.

3. Removal or Probation of Student Government Association Representatives.

- 3.1 The Senate Review Board is hereby established to review the situation of any and all Association Officers, Senators, or appointees that fail to meet the standards of the Association. Upon completion of its review, they shall report to the Senate to make a recommendation for Senate action.
- 3.2 The Board shall consist of the Chairperson of all the standing committees of the Senate and the Association's President, with the latter acting as Chairperson.

- 3.2(cont.) A quorum shall consist of at least half the members of the Board.
- 3.3 The Board will meet upon call by any of its members, or under motion of the Senate.
- 3.4 The Board may make recommendations only under the following conditions:
  - 3.41 If a representative's overall grade point average drops below the qualification for his/her position, or
  - 3.42 If the representative has missed three regularly scheduled meetings required by his/her position.
- 3.5 The Board may suggest any or all of the following actions to the Senate:
  - 3.51 Removal of the representative.
  - 3.52 Conditional Probation of the representative, with the conditions being any or all of the following.
    - 3.521 No additional unexcused absences from the meetings.
    - 3.522 Definite and substantive work in his/her position.
    - 3.523 A specific number of hours per week of assigned work in the Association's office, such work to be supervised by the President of the Association.
  - 3.53 Probation of the representative.
  - 3.54 If the Board recommends action pursuant to 3.52, the length of the probation must be stated.
- 3.6 The representative considered for review must be notified of the review and informed that he/she may appear in his/her own behalf.

4. Extra-University Issues

- 4.1 Nothing in the Constitution, By-Laws, Statutes Resolutions, or other enactments of this Association shall be construed to allow the Student Senate or the Student Body to act upon national, state or local issues without the previous consent of the body.
- 4.2 The Senate may decide to consider extra-university areas of concern by a simple majority decision. The Student Body may act upon these questions by referendum.
- 4.3 Nothing of clause 4.1 is to be construed to abridge the rights of individual students or student organizations to express their opinions of extra-university issues.

5. Procedure of Senate

- 5.1 The edition entitled ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED shall be the official parliamentary manual of the Senate and shall serve as the final authority.
- 5.2 The Senate shall meet at 6:30 p.m. on each and every Wednesday of the academic year, and shall adjourn promptly at 9:30 p.m. unless the meeting is extended by a 2/3 vote.
- 5.3 All members of the gallery will be allowed to speak to any issue upon the floor of the Senate which pertain to them directly.
  - 5.31 The advisor of the Senate shall be granted a permanent voice on the Senate.
  - 5.32 The student representatives to the University Senate shall be granted a permanent voice on the Senate.
  - 5.33 In no way is the privilege to speak without prejudice to be construed as the right to vote on any issue before the Senate.

- 5.4 The Chairperson of the Student Senate, or his/her designated replacement shall have certain powers consistent with his/her responsibility to maintain a decorum assembly.
  - 5.41 The Chairperson shall have the authority to remove any and/or all members of the gallery.
  - 5.42 The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, declare the assembly to be recessed for not more than a 30 minute period.
  - 5.43 The Chairperson may appoint an acting parliamentarian.
  - 5.44 The Chairperson may recruit what aid is necessary to implement his/her decisions.
  - 5.45 The Chairperson may, upon his/her own initiative, direct a substantive vote performed by roll call.
  - 5.46 The Senate may override the decisions of the Chairperson by Appealing the Decision of the Chair.
- 5.5 The following definitions are established as working policies of the Senate.
  - 5.51 A majority vote shall consist of 50% or more of the members voting, with abstentions being considered present but not voting.
  - 5.52 A 2/3 vote shall consist of 66.7% or more of the members present and voting, with abstentions considered present but not voting.
  - 5.53 These definitions do not hold when the specific requirement is elsewhere stated.
  - 5.54 No Resolution or Statute may require, as a part of the enactment any vote more stringent than a majority.
- 5.6 The following provisions for calling a special referendum of the Association are herewith established.
  - 5.61 The Senate may decide, by a 2/3 decision, to place a referendum before the Association, if the issue is introduced by a Senator.
  - 5.62 The presentation of a petition signed by at least 500 students shall place the topic of a referendum on the floor at the next regularly scheduled meeting under the following conditions:
    - 5.621 The signatures must be validated by the Vice President.
    - 5.622 The question of the referendum shall be considered passed when it receives a majority vote of the Senate.
  - 5.63 The presentation of a petition, signed by 1,000 students whose signatures are validated by the Vice President, shall automatically place a referendum before the Association.
  - 5.64 The Student Senate reserves the right to set the dates for the referendum, designate polling places, recruit poll workers, and establish rules of procedure for the conduct of the referendum.

ARTICLE II: Committee Structure of the Student Senate

1. A formal system of committees of the Student Senate is hereby declared.
  - 1.1 The President of the Association shall appoint all members of the Committees.
  - 1.2 The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons, subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the Senate.
    - 1.21 The Association Treasurer shall be chairperson of the Organizations Committee.
    - 1.22 The Association Vice President shall be chairperson of the Operations Committee.
  - 1.3 The qualifications for Committee positions are:
    - 1.31 The members of the committees must be students.
    - 1.32 The Chairperson of the committees must be Senators.
  - 1.4 The Committees shall review, investigate, rewrite, or take whatever action it deems necessary and appropriate in regard to the legislation or projects with which it works.
    - 1.41 When considering legislation or projects referred to the Committee, the original sponsor shall become an ex-officio member of the Committee. It shall be the Chairperson's responsibility to inform the sponsor of all meetings of the Committee and any action taken or proposed on his/her issue.
    - 1.42 All legislation from the committee to the Senate must be accompanied by: (1) a copy of the original proposal unless they are one in the same or unless the legislation is committee initiated, (2) a written summary of the committee discussion and action
      - 1.421 The summary will consist of: (a) a summary of the discussion (pro and con), (b) a record of the vote and (c) recommendations to the Senate.
    - 1.43 Nothing in this enactment is to be construed to allow a committee to prevent legislation from coming to the Senate floor, or in any way unduly delay its consideration by the Senate.
  - 1.5 The Committees shall be:
    - 1.51 Operations -
    - 1.52 Organizations
    - 1.53 Academics
    - 1.54 Legislative Relations
    - 1.55 ~~Special Groups/University Projects~~
  - 1.6 The Operations and Legislative Relations Committees shall, at the beginning of each session of the Senate, be responsible for a review of all past legislation that has been adopted.
    - 1.61 The Operations Committee shall be responsible for a review of the By-Laws and Statutes of the Association.
    - 1.62 The Legislative Relations Committee shall be responsible for a review of the Constitution of the Association. The Legislative Relations Committee shall be allocated at the beginning of each new Senate a \$300.00 working budget for communication purposes and any remaining funds at the end of each session be put back into the Student Senate Treasury.

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- 1.7 A quorum must be present for any vote (including consensus) taken in any standing committee of the Senate. A quorum shall be 50% of the members of the committee.

ARTICLE III: Appointment of Representatives of the Student Government Association

1. The procedures for the appointment of representatives, officials and employees of the Student Government are hereby set forth:
  - 1.1 The procedures for appointment shall be:
    - 1.11 The President shall announce all vacancies at least one week prior to his/her appointment.
    - 1.12 The President shall appoint all representatives and officials subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Senate, unless the specific procedure is delineated elsewhere.
  - 1.2 The procedures for recall of an appointee shall be:
    - 1.21 Removal of an appointee shall be accomplished in the same manner in which the appointment was ratified, unless specific procedures are delineated elsewhere.
  - 1.3 When a position under consideration is a paid position, the Treasurer may give a temporary appointee such monies to which he/she is rightfully due. The Senate may reverse the decision of the Treasurer by a simple majority vote.
  - 1.4 All appointments, unless otherwise noted, shall be in effect for only the session in which they are made.
  - 1.5 Should a position fall vacant during a session, it must be filled as soon as possible, consistent with procedures outlined above.
2. All positions to be filled shall be ascribed to one of the following categories, and the appointments to these positions must meet all stated qualifications.
  - 2.1 Appointment to University Senate or its Committees.
    - 2.11 The procedure for appointment shall be as described in Article III, Section 1.1 of the By-Laws.
    - 2.12 The qualification for the position shall be student status.
  - 2.2 Appointment to organs of the University besides the University Senate.
    - 2.21 The procedure for appointment shall be described in Article III, Section 1.1
    - 2.22 The qualifications for the positions shall be student status.
  - 2.3 Appointment to Student Senate positions.
    - 2.31 The procedure for appointment shall be as described in Article III, Section 1.1
    - 2.32 The qualification for appointment shall be student status or as otherwise stated.
  - 2.4 Appointment to nonelective paid positions of Student Senate.
    - 2.41 The procedure for appointment shall be as described in Article III, Section 1.1.
    - 2.42 The qualifications for appointment shall be student status, at least sophomore standing, and at least a 2.0 overall GPA.

- 2.43 The positions that fall in this category are Executive Secretary, Ombudsman, Hippodrome Chairperson, Homecoming Chairperson, and Chairperson of the Senate.
  - 2.431 The positions of Coordinators of Free University, Hippodrome Chairperson and Homecoming Chairperson shall be filled, for the next session, before the election of the new Senate in April.
  - 2.432 The Executive Secretary, Ombudsman and Chairperson of the Senate shall be filled by the newly elected President after he/she assumes office.
- 2.5 Payment for all paid positions shall be as follows:
  - 2.51 The President shall receive \$3000 annually.
  - 2.52 The Vice President shall receive \$1500 per year of office.
  - 2.53 The Treasurer shall receive \$1750 per year of office.
  - 2.54 The Ombudsman shall receive \$1250 per year of office.
  - 2.55 The Chairperson of the Senate shall receive \$100 per year of office.
  - 2.56 The Director of Free University shall receive \$125 per month of office.
  - 2.57 The Assistant Coordinators of Free University shall each receive \$100 per month of office.
  - 2.58 The Hippodrome Chairperson shall receive \$50 per year of office or 10% of the gross proceeds made by the production of Hippodrome. The Chairperson shall not share any of the profits made by a Hippodrome Concert.
  - 2.59 The Homecoming Chairperson shall receive \$50 per year of office.
  - 2.510 The Executive Secretary shall receive \$1500 per year of office.
  - 2.511 The Chairpersons of the standing committees of Senate with the exception of Operations and Organizations Committees shall each receive \$100 per year of office.
  - 2.512 The Election Commissioner shall receive \$150 per year of office. *other than Vice - Pres.*
- 2.6 Procedures for the payment of the Student Government Association positions shall be arranged by the President of the Association.

SENATE BILL: By-Law Amendment (5/4/76)

SPONSORED BY: Inman Boyd and Susie Krehbiel

ARTICLE III

Section 2.511 Be re-written to read:

The Chairpersons of the standing committees, and subcommittees of Senate with the exception of Operations and Organizations Committee shall each receive \$100 per year of office.

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SENATE BILL: By-Law Amendment

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ARTICLE III

Section 2.512 Be rewritten to read: that if the Election Commissioner is other than the Vice President (he/she) be paid \$150.