New SGA Constitution Is Written

Proposed Constitution of the Student Government Association of Jacksonville State University

Preamble

We, the students of Jacksonville State University, employing within the representatives of our number the power to rule and govern over us, and firmly believing that this rule is intended to further the purpose of learning and knowledge, do, subject to the fundamental role of the university, hereby establish this constitution of the Student Government Association of Jacksonville State University.

Article I-
ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1--All students registered at Jacksonville State University, who have paid the activity fee (said fee is included in the University’s fees), shall be members of the Student Government Association of Jacksonville State University.

SECTION 2--The power of government of the Student Government Association shall be vested among three separate branches of Student Government, which are Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

Article II-
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1--PRESIDENT

A--POWER TO CALL AND PRESIDE

(1)--The president shall be the presiding officer at all sessions of the Student Senate, at which he is present.

(2)--He shall also have said powers mentioned in paragraph 1--section a, as concerned to the meeting of the SGA as a whole.

(3)--The president, at any time that he shall deem necessary and proper, shall be empowered to call special sessions of the Student Senate and/or the SGA in whole (in mass).

B--APPOINTMENTS

(1)--The president shall, with the approval of the Student Senate, appoint a homecoming chairman.

(2)--The president shall also appoint any other committees that the Senate may deem necessary and proper. These may consist of students who have paid the activity fee (said fee is included in the University’s fees), shall be members of the Student Government Association of Jacksonville State University.

C--OTHER POWERS

(1)--The president shall execute with full power and responsibility, any duties so designated by the Senate.

D--QUALIFICATIONS (AS STATED IN ARTICLE VII, SEC. 1)

SECTION 2--VICE-PRESIDENT

A--POWERS AND DUTIES

(1)--The Vice-President of the SGA shall preside at all meetings of the Student Senate in the absence of the President.

(2)--When, for any reason, the President may become unable to serve the Vice-President shall assume the office of President with full powers and responsibility.

(3)--The Vice-President shall be in charge of all social planning conducted under the auspices of the SGA.

B--QUALIFICATIONS--(AS STATED IN ARTICLE VII, SEC. 1)

SECTION 3--SECRETARY

A--Secretaries of the Secretary of the Student Government Association shall keep and make public records of all meetings of the Student Government Association and the Student Senate; handle all official correspondence of the Association, and keep a permanent record of all laws passed by the Senate.

B--QUALIFICATIONS--(AS STATED IN ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1)

SECTION 4--TREASURER

A--The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and disperse them under the direction of the Senate.

B--The names of the Treasurer and the President of the Student Government Association shall appear jointly on all checks drawn against Association funds.

C--The Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that the books of the Association are audited by a Certified Public Accountant during the first week in December and the last week in March.

D--QUALIFICATIONS--(AS STATED IN ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1)

SECTION 5--APPOINTED OFFICERS

A--All offices in this section shall be appointed by the President of the SGA, from without the Senate, and shall be approved by a majority of the Senate. They shall have no vote in the Senate.

B--PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall advise the President on matters of Parliamentary Procedure.

C--SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

(1)--The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order in the meetings of the Student Senate at the direction of the President.

(2)--The Sergeant-at-Arms shall admit only those persons qualified to be in attendance by order of the Senate.

D--CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall deliver the invocation at the beginning of each session of the Student Senate, or meeting of the Student Government Association. The Chaplain shall carry out other obligations relative to his position, as assigned him by the President.

Article III-
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1--The legislative branch shall fulfill its responsibility to the Student Government as the representative organ through the Student Senate.

SECTION 2--The Student Senate shall consist of the following:

A--The four executive officers, as elected by the student body.

B--Senators representing each dormitory, as prescribed.

C--The President of each of the four classes.

D--Class Senators, as prescribed.

E--Appointed officers, as specified in the powers of the President of the Student Government.

Students to Vote April 14 on New SGA Constitution

Students will vote April 14 on the proposed new SGA constitution. The SGA Senate approved the constitution for balloting 26-1 Monday night, March 23. The new SGA officers will also be elected at this time. All students are encouraged to vote in this important election.
SECTION 1--The Judicial Branch shall be divided into four (4) separate and distinct courts. The judicial power shall be vested in the Men’s Judicial Court; the Women’s Judicial Court; the Judicial Council and the Board of Appeals.

SECTION 2--MEN’S JUDICIAL COURT AND WOMEN’S JUDICIAL COURT

A--MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the Men’s Judicial Court and Women’s Judicial Court shall consist of:

(1) Three faculty members appointed by the President of the University.

(2) One faculty moderator appointed by the President of the University to each court (both Men’s and Women’s).

B--POWERS AND DUTIES

(1) All members shall act impartially in all cases brought before the court.

(2) All members shall have the power of questioning.

(3) The Justices shall have an equal vote in the decision of the court in all cases brought before it.

(4) The faculty moderator shall preside, but he shall have no vote in the decision of the court, and he shall refrain from advising the Justices during their deliberations.

C--JURISDICTION

(1) The Court shall have original jurisdiction of cases referred to it by a member of the Student Government Association, or by an official of the University.

(2) The Court shall have appellate jurisdiction for the hearing of appeals involving infractions of dormitory rules.

(3) The Court shall have authority to impose penalties in accordance with the procedures and policies of the University, and shall publish such penalty system upon the approval of the Student Senate.

D--PROCEDURE FOR ORIGINAL JURISDICTION HEARING

(1) A hearing shall be had within 10 days after the case has been referred, holidays being excluded.

(2) Charges shall be presented to the accused student in writing a reasonable time before his hearing.

(3) The defendant, at least 3 Justices, and the faculty member must be present.

(4) The Court may, after consultation with the accused student, determine whether said hearing shall be open or closed. The deliberations of the Court shall be closed.

(5) Witnesses in support of the charges and witnesses to rebut the charges shall be heard, and the accused student may testify if he so desires.

(6) A Justice referring a student shall not participate in the proceeding.

E--PROCEDURE FOR APPELLATE HEARINGS

(1) An appeal in writing must be filed within 5 days after the imposition of punishment for violation of dormitory rules. The appeal must state the charge, the name of the dormitory involved, the punishment imposed, and must be signed by the appealing student.

(2) The Court shall set the appeal for hearing as soon as practicable, and shall notify those involved of the time and place for the hearing. If the appealing student fails to appear, the appeal shall be dismissed unless good cause for a continuance is shown.

(3) At least 3 Justices shall hear appeals.

(4) A report of all appeals acted on, including the decision of the Court, shall be made to the appropriate University official.

F--PROCEDURE FOR APPELLATE HEARINGS

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SECTION 3--JUDICIAL COUNCIL

A--MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Judicial Council shall consist of:

(1) Two Justices who shall be regularly enrolled students.

(2) Three faculty members appointed by the President of the University.

B--POWERS AND DUTIES

(1) All members shall act impartially in all cases brought before the Council.

(2) The members shall elect their presiding officer.

(3) All members shall have the power of questioning, and an equal vote in the decision of the Council in all matters brought before it.

C--JURISDICTION

(1) The Judicial Council shall have original jurisdiction of cases referred to it by a member of the Student Government Association, or by an official of the University.

(2) The Council shall have authority to impose penalties in accordance with the principles and policies of the University.
Article V—EXECUTIVE OFFICERS—COMPENSATION OF

SECTION 1—The President of the Student Government Association shall receive a salary of $400.00 for the first semester, $500.00 for the second semester, $150.00 for the Interim (minimester) Semester, and $200.00 for the Summer semester, these salaries to be payable monthly.

SECTION 2—The Vice-President shall receive compensation in the amount of $250.00 for the first semester, $250.00 for the second semester, $50.00 for the Interim (minimester) Semester, and $100.00 for the Summer semester, these salaries to be payable monthly.

SECTION 3—The Secretary of the Student Government Association shall receive compensation of $100.00 for the first semester, $150.00 for the second semester, $50.00 for the Interim (minimester) Semester, and $25.00 for the Summer semester, these salaries to be payable monthly.

Article VI—CLASS OFFICERS

SECTION 1—ORGANIZATION
A—The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes shall meet and organize as separate classes.
B—Officers of the class shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) commuter student Senators and one (1) Resident student Senator.

SECTION 2—DUTIES AND POWERS OF CLASS OFFICERS
A—President of the Class
(1)—Shall call and preside over all meetings of his class.
(2)—Shall be vested with the power to appoint various committees necessary for the functioning of the class.

B—President of the Class (3)—Shall serve as a member of the Student Senate as a Senator, while he is in the capacity of the Class President.

C—The Vice-President
(1)—Shall assume the duties of the President if for any reason he shall cease to be the President.
(2)—Shall preside at class meetings in the absence of the President.

D—Secretary of the Class
(1)—Shall keep records of all class meetings.
(2)—Shall handle all correspondence of the class.

E—Treasurer of the Class
(1)—Shall keep an accurate record of the funds of the class.
(2)—Shall handle the financial business of the class.
(3)—Shall keep records of all class elections held in class meetings.

Article VII—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 1—QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICERS
A—To be eligible for the office of President of the Student Government Association, the candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar of the university, three (3) semesters immediately prior to the election in attendance at Jax State University, or have been in attendance at this institution for three (3) semesters immediately prior to the election.

B—To be eligible for the office of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the SGA, a candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar of Jax State University (on or before the day of the election) sufficient hours to be classified as a sophomore or above and must have been in attendance three (3) semesters immediately prior to the election including summer and spring (short) sessions.

C—Candidates for President and Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, must have to their credit a minimum of a point two point five (2.5) average for all college credit attempted. No student shall be qualified for any office of the SGA who have previously been removed from an SGA office for any reason. No candidate may be on any type of school probation.

D—Each candidate must file with the Secretary of the SGA at least one (1) week before the date of election a written statement of his intent to become a candidate, which must be signed by ten (10) students who are regularly enrolled on this campus, and contain the name of his campaign manager and the name of the office he seeks.

E—The Student Senate shall have the power to approve or disapprove student application according to the qualifications of that office set down in Article VIII, Section I of this Constitution.

SECTION 2—ELECTION PROCEDURE
A—The election of the executive officers of the SGA shall be held during the third full week in March.

B—In order to be elected, a Candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. In the event a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held within five (5) days following the regular election.

C—In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall appoint a successor within five (5) days following the regular election. In the run-off election only the two highest candidates will be voted on and the one receiving the most votes cast will be declared the winner.

D—Mr. and Miss Friendly Mr. and Miss Jax State shall be regularly enrolled students of the University and shall not be on any type of school probation.

E—Candidates for Mr. and Miss Jax State shall be regularly enrolled students of JSU and shall be on any type of school probation.

F—CLASS OFFICERS
(1)—Each candidate for a class shall be regularly enrolled students of JSU.
(2)—Each candidate shall have an average of 3.0 or above for all college credit attempted and be a member of the Student Senate as a Senator.
(3)—Class commuters shall be regular students of JSU and shall not be on any type of school probation.
(4)—Class President Seniors shall be regular students of JSU and shall not be on any type of school probation.

SECTION 3—TERMS
A—The term of office for these officers shall be held for the first full week in April. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for the office for which he is running. In the event a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held within five (5) days following the regular election. In the run-off election only the two highest candidates will be voted on and the one receiving the most votes cast will be declared the winner.

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(3)—Class commuters shall be regular students of JSU and shall not be on any type of school probation.
(4)—Candidates for Mr. and Miss Jax State shall be regularly enrolled students of JSU and shall not be on any type of school probation.

SECTION 4—ELECTION COMMITTEES
A—Committees for the election of the executive officers of the SGA, Class Officers, Mr. and Miss Friendly Mr. and Miss Jax State shall be appointed by the President of the SGA to make and administer any other rules needed for the election of these officers. All members of the election committee shall be qualified to vote in elections and only in their respective class elections.

Article VIII—VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

SECTION 1—VACANCIES

A—In the event of a vacancy in the office of the SGA President:
(1)—The Vice-President shall assume the duties, powers, and responsibilities as provided in Article II, Section two (2).
(2)—An election shall be held in the Student Senate within twenty-one (21) days following the regular election. The two highest candidates will be voted on and the one receiving the most votes cast will be declared the winner.

B—In the event of a vacancy in the office of the SGA President:
(1)—An SGA shall be elected by a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate to the vacant office.
(2)—An SGA Senator shall be elected by a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate to the vacant office.

C—In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, an SGA Senator shall be elected by a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate to the vacant office.

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Z—in the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, an SGA Senator shall be elected by a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate to the vacant office.
SECTION 2--RESCIPIENT

Any elected officer of the Student Government Association, or any Senator, may be removed by the Student Senate for any neglect of duty or misconduct, evidence of which shall be provided by the University administrator, or by any member of the SGA who files written charges. A three-fourths majority of the entire voting membership of the SGA shall be necessary to remove any officer or senator of the SGA. Appointed officers may be removed at the pleasure of the President of the SGA with a confirmation of a majority vote of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE X

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1--CHARTERING OF NEW ORGANIZATIONS

A--A certificate of organization requesting a charter must be filed with the Secretary of the SGA and a Charter granted by the Student Senate before a new Organization can become officially active on campus.

B--Any organization which becomes inactive on the campus must file a certificate of reorganization with the Secretary of the SGA and be granted a Charter by the Student Senate before it can become officially active again.

C--Payment of a fee of $25.00 to the SGA must be made at the time all such certificates of organization or certificates of reorganization are filed in order for them to be considered. If a charter is not granted, the fee shall be refunded.

SECTION 2--CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

A--A Certificate of Organization shall consist of the name of organization, the faculty advisor, the date of filing, the number of charter members, the purposes and aims of the organization and the offices of the organization.

B--The certificate of organization shall be accompanied by the constitution drawn up in advance by the organizers of the organization. The constitution must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Senate before a charter can be granted, and such certificate may be revoked by the Senate for any reason deemed to be contrary to the best interests of the University.

C--All organizations must coordinate all activities through the Vice-president and with the approval of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE XI

CHEERLEADERS

SECTION 1--Tryouts for cheerleaders will be held in March and April. It will be the responsibility of the outgoing cheerleaders for the publicity and training of the candidates. The time shall be set by the Spirit Committee in accordance with the available times of candidates and selection committee.

SECTION 2--A student must have a 1.0 overall average to qualify and be on no type of probation.

SECTION 3--The candidate for the cheerleader will tryout before a selection committee on at least two different occasions. The dates for these tryouts will be decided by the committee chairman.

A--The cheerleader selection committee shall be composed of the following persons: The chairman shall be the chairman of the Spirit Committee. Members shall be the outgoing President of the SGA, Incoming 'president' of the SGA, President of the 'J' Club or his appointed representative, two representatives of the Athletic Department, the cheerleader sponsor and the Dean of Women and the Dean of Men. At least five (5) of these must be present to have tryouts.

SECTION 4--The cheerleader selection committee shall select five (5) men cheerleaders and five (5) women cheerleaders.

SECTION 5--The head cheerleaders shall be appointed by the cheerleader selection committee.

SECTION 6--The selected cheerleaders shall conduct tryouts within the first two weeks after the first day of fall registration to select one freshman man and one freshman woman to serve as alternate cheerleaders for the year. The varsity cheerleaders shall be utilized.

ARTICLE XII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

When not specifically covered in this Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing authority.

ARTICLE XIII

RATIFICATION

This Constitution shall be ratified and immediately becomes effective upon receiving a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast in a special election called for the purpose of adopting a new constitution. Such election shall be called by the Student Senate, and shall be held after the proposed Constitution has appeared in the Chanticleer, two weeks prior. Such election shall be held simultaneously with the election of the Executive Officers of the Student Government Association, April 14, 1970.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1--An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Student Senate, or by a petition signed by a minimum of two-hundred qualified Students.

SECTION 2--In order to become a part of this Constitution, a proposed amendment must be published in the Student Newspaper at least two (2) school weeks before it is voted on by the entire student body. The amendment must then receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in the election called for the purpose of amending the Constitution.

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