

CONSTITUTION

Of the Presbyterian College Student Government Association

Preamble

We, the students of Presbyterian College, hereby establish this Constitution and its bylaws in order to ensure a Student Government Association directed toward representation of the Student Body and implementation of student directives, expedition of successful communication between the Student Body and the Faculty, Staff, Administration, and Board of Trustees of the College, enforcement of the Presbyterian College Honor Code and Code of Conduct as well as settlement of affairs concerning the Student Body, engagement of the Student Body in activities and concerns of Presbyterian College and provision of opportunity for students to enact change, as well as organization and promotion of social activities to ensure a higher level of campus involvement.

Definitions

- The "entire Student Legislature" shall mean all of those positions in the Student Legislature that are currently occupied.
- When not otherwise specified, the "Student Legislature" shall mean all those members of the Student Legislature present but at least a quorum as defined in the By-Laws.
- The definition of a full-time student shall be that set forth in the Catalog of the College.

Article I. Name and Membership

- I.1. The name of this organization shall be the Presbyterian College Student Government Association. Throughout this document, the organization shall be referred to as "SGA."
- I.2. Each full-time undergraduate student of Presbyterian College shall be a member of this organization and shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

Article II. Executive and Cabinet Offices

- II.1. The Executive Offices of the Executive Cabinet of the SGA shall consist of:
 - a. the President,
 - b. the Vice-President,
 - c. the Treasurer,
 - d. the Secretary, and
 - e. the Parliamentarian.
- II.2. All Executive Officers except for the Parliamentarian shall be elected from and by the full membership of the SGA.
- II.3. The Parliamentarian shall be nominated by the other Executive Officers, for approval by the Student Legislature.
- II.4. Each Class President will serve as a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

- II.5. The following offices will serve as an advising body for the Executive Cabinet:
- a. Honor Council Chair,
 - b. Student Union Board Chair,
 - c. Multicultural Student Union Chair,
 - d. Religious Life Council Chair,
 - e. Code of Conduct Chair,
 - f. SAAC Representative,
 - g. Panhellenic President,
 - h. Interfraternity Council President.
- II.6. The powers and responsibilities of the Executive Officers and other Cabinet members shall be specified in the By-Laws.

Article III. Student Legislature

- III.1. The governing and policy-making body of the SGA shall be the Student Legislature.
- III.2. The powers and responsibilities of the Student Legislature shall be
- a. to represent the interests of the student body;
 - b. to bring forth proposals to enhance the life of the student body;
 - c. to make recommendations to the faculty and administration;
 - d. to initiate, regulate, and coordinate all SGA activities that are carried on in the best interests of the student body;
 - e. to appropriate and oversee the use of SGA funds;
 - f. to provide for the regulation and conduct of elections required by this Constitution and of elections called by the President of the SGA;
 - g. to confirm, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Student Legislature, those nominations which require approval; and
 - h. to appoint additional non-voting members.
- III.3. The voting members of the Student Legislature shall be
- a. Four Class Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) elected from and by each of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes.
 - b. One member of the Student Legislature may represent no more than two RSOs.
- III.4. The executive officers enumerated in Article III shall be non-voting members of the Student Legislature.
- III.5. The body will conduct their business utilizing Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV. Qualifications for Office

- IV.1. Only members of the SGA in academic and disciplinary good standing with the College shall be eligible to hold any of its offices.
- IV.2. No student with a cumulative grade-point average of less than 2.00 shall be eligible to hold any office. Students with no grade-point average are eligible subject to other requirements of eligibility.
- IV.3. No student may run for or hold more than one office simultaneously.
- IV.4. To be eligible for any office of the Executive Offices of the Executive Cabinet, a student must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.50.

- IV.5. To be eligible to hold the office of President, a student must have attained at least junior standing before the fall semester following election.
- IV.6. To be eligible to hold the office of the Vice-President, the Treasurer, or the Secretary, a student must have attained at least sophomore standing before the fall semester following election.
- IV.7. All students holding office in the SGA shall exhibit the character and ethical standards set forth in the Presbyterian College Knapsack and Honor Code found in the Blue Book.
- IV.8. Any student holding any office who becomes ineligible for that office shall resign. Failure to do so results in being removed from office by the Executive Council.

Article V. Selection, Resignation, and Impeachment

- V.1. The procedures for election of students for office shall be specified in the By-Laws.
- V.2. Any student holding an office of the SGA who fails to meet the requirements and responsibilities of office as specified in the Constitution or By-Laws is subject to removal from office upon the approval of three-fourths of the entire Student Legislature upon such recommendation put forth by the Executive Cabinet.
- V.3. Resignations must be submitted in writing to the President.
- V.4. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office.
- V.5. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, Secretary or the Treasurer, a successor shall be nominated by the President and approved by two-thirds of the entire Student Legislature.
- V.6. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Parliamentarian, a successor shall be chosen in accordance with Article III.

Article VI. Committees

- VI.1. The Standing Committees of the SGA will be the following:
 - Student Life/College Relations Committee,
 - Academic Affairs Committee,
 - Finance Committee.
- VI.2. The responsibilities and charges for each committee are described in the By-Laws.
- VI.3. The President may appoint Ad-Hoc Committees to explore specific concerns as described in the By-Laws.

Article VII. Student Rights

- VII.1. To ensure a clear understanding of individual students' rights, the SGA has the right and responsibility to request from the Chief Academic and/or Chief Student Affairs officer a thorough explanation of and justification for any rule affecting the students.
- VII.2. This request may be made by the President or by a majority of the Student Legislature.

Article VIII. Amendments

VIII.1. Amendments to this Constitution

- a. may be proposed by members of the Legislature, the Executive Cabinet, or other students through submission of amendments to the Executive Cabinet;
- b. must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the entire Student Legislature and by a majority of the votes cast by the entire SGA;
- c. must be announced publicly to the student body at least ten school days before the ratifying election is held, or, if a break intervenes between the approval by the Student Legislature and the election, at least fourteen calendar days, five of which must be school days;
- d. shall be effective ten business days after their ratification unless otherwise specified in the text of the amendment; and
- e. shall be integrated as modifications to its text.

VIII.2. Amendments to the By-Laws

- a. must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the entire Student Legislature;
- b. shall be effective ten school days after their approval unless otherwise specified in the text of the amendment, but not in any case sooner than seven calendar days; and
- c. shall be integrated as modifications to its text.

VIII.3. This Constitution and By-Laws will be reviewed at least every four years by a Task Force, appointed by the President of SGA. An ad-hoc committee may be appointed, if necessary, within that four year timeframe and shall be appointed by the President.

Article IX. Advisors

IX.1. The role of Advisors of the SGA shall be to serve as partners and advocates for members of the SGA, and to guide the SGA officers with their experience and wisdom.

IX.2. Advisors of the SGA shall have the ability to question and recommend action concerning any of the decisions of the SGA Legislature, its members, and/or its officers.

Article X. Continuation

X.1. The terms of all students holding office shall survive the adoption of this Constitution.

X.2. Any existing financial arrangements or obligations of the SGA shall survive the adoption of this Constitution.

Declaration of Authority

We, the Student Legislature of the Students' Association, hereby approve this Constitution as submitted on this.