

**Rephrasing of the Purpose statement:**

# **Constitution of the Knox College Student Senate**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be **The Knox College Student Senate**, also referred to as “**Student Senate**” or “**Senate.**”

## **Article II. Purpose**

The Knox College Student Senate shall be the chief student representative body in matters related to student life on campus.

Given that Knox College is a community of individuals from diverse backgrounds, the Senate will encourage the exploration, understanding, and improvement of the Knox community, society, and the world.

- The Senate has the right to recognize or to revoke its recognition of any student organization sanctioned by the college.
- Represent and Advocate: Serve as the primary voice for the student body by actively listening to student views, representing those perspectives to the administration, and taking decisive action on their behalf.
- The Senate may give annual budgets to recognized student organizations.
- The Senate shall allocate the funds collected from the Student Activity Fee.
- The Senate shall authorize the use of the Senate Discretionary Fund, Internal Operation Fund, Student Sustainability Fund, Campus Life Enhancement Fund, and Restricted Fund.
- The Senate may have other powers as delegated to it by other organizations.
- Any policy of Knox College is within the students’ purview; Senate may make a recommendation, resolution, or equivalent measure.

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To achieve this, the Senate shall:

- **Represent and Advocate:** Serve as the primary voice for the student body by actively listening to student views, representing those perspectives to the administration, and taking decisive action on their behalf.
- **Initiate Student Projects:** Develop and execute projects and initiatives specifically designed to enhance the student experience and address the evolving needs of the campus community.
- **Manage Student Resources:** Oversee the allocation of the Student Activity Fee and various Senate funds to support recognized student organizations and campus-wide enhancements.
- **Empower Student Organizations:** Manage the formal recognition process for student groups and responsibly exercise the roles assigned to the Senate to enhance campus life.
- **Engage in Policy:** Ensure all Knox College policies remain within the students' purview by making formal recommendations, resolutions, or equivalent measures to college leadership.

## Article III. Membership

- The Senate Executive member shall be elected by the Student Body.
- Members of the Senate must be enrolled full-time in classes at Knox College for the entirety of their elected term.
- The term of a member of the Senate is for the entirety or remainder of the academic year for which they are elected to serve.
- Members must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing, as defined by Knox College, for the entirety of their term at the college.

## Article IV. Executive Members

- The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall comprise the Executive Board.
- The Executive Board and the Chairpersons comprise the Executive Committee.

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- The First-Year Representative is to be a first-year Senator who is selected by the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee shall perform the duties outlined in the Bylaws.
- The Executive Committee shall oversee the execution of resolutions passed by the Senate.
- The Executive Committee has the ability to create or remove chair positions to reflect the needs of The Senate and the student body.

## Article V. Elections

- General elections will be held in the Spring term and members will serve until the Spring of the next academic year.
- Executive Committee members must be enrolled full-time for two out of three terms of service in order to be eligible to run.
- If any position within the Senate is vacant for over one term, the Executive Board will organize a special election to fill the position within two weeks of being notified of the opening.
- If the vacancy is within an Executive Committee position, then it must be filled through a special election of only candidates who have sat on the Senate for one or more terms.
- Executive Board members will be elected by a general ballot of the Student Body in week 7 of the Winter Term before their year of service.

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- Elections for Executive Committee positions shall be held during the Winter Term and shall be conducted by a general ballot of the student body.
- Chairperson positions shall be filled during the Spring Term through an interview-based selection process, which shall occur following the conclusion of Executive Committee elections.
- Candidates for elected positions shall be selected through an interview process after submitting the general election ballot.
- Members elected through the general election shall serve until the Spring Term of the following academic year.
- All Chair positions and the Exec position for Secretary is open for all enrolled students and does not require and prior senate experience
- Candidates must serve for a year as the chairs or executive members prior to running for President, Vice President and Treasurer positions

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### **Article VI. Meeting**

- The General Assembly shall consist of the entire membership of the Senate, where senators and chairpersons are voting members.
- In the General Assembly, the vice president, secretary, and treasurer only break ties.
- Meetings shall be held every other Thursday at 7 pm while school is in session.
- All meetings of the General Assembly shall be open by default but may be moved into executive session by a two-thirds vote of members present.
- Meetings of the General Assembly may be declared an executive session a week in advance by a two-thirds vote.
- Quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the voting members.
- This Constitution can only be suspended by a two-thirds vote.

### **Article VII. Student-Led Actions**

- Initiatives shall be a system where students have the right to compel an item to be voted on by the Senate.
- There shall be a system where students can petition the Executive Board to hold a referendum of all students. The results of the referendum will be binding upon the Senate. This is a referendum.
- There shall be a system where students can garner signatures to compel the Senate to adopt a measure. This is a petition.
- The systems denoted above can be found in the bylaws.

### **Article VIII. Amendments**

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Prior to being ratified, an amendment must be proposed to the General Assembly. This process can happen in two ways:

- An amendment may be proposed through a majority vote of the Senate.
- An amendment may be proposed by the student body through a petition bearing the signatures of ten percent of the student body.

After an amendment has been proposed, either from the student body or the Senate, the ratification vote will take place one week from the proposal date. It shall require a two-thirds vote.

Any proposed amendment is part of the regular meeting's agenda until voted on.

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# **Bylaws of the Knox College Student Senate**

## **Section 1. General Membership**

### **Senators**

- Drawn from different groups by expected graduation year.
- Each group has three members, subject to change by majority Senate vote.
- General elections in spring; term until next academic year's spring.
- Must serve on a Senate standing committee.
- General Membership is non-transferable; only elected members vote.
- Vacating the Senate seat in bad standing disqualifies it for the following year.
- Removal by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority GA vote disqualifies for the following year.

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- Good standing: less than four attendance points, no behavioral infractions; may be granted by majority Executive Committee vote.
- Bad standing: three or more attendance points.

## **Section 2. Training**

- All members of the Student Senate shall participate in Senate Diversity Training.
- This training will be conducted annually by a staff member of the HOPE Center/Intercultural Life.
- The materials for this training will be re-evaluated by the Student Senate Diversity Chair in collaboration with the aforementioned staff member at the start of every academic year to ensure continued effectiveness.
- The training shall be structured to ensure it is an ongoing process throughout the academic year.

## **Section 3. Executive Members**

### **Executive Board**

- The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The Executive Board will meet regularly with the Senate Advisor.
- The Executive Board is charged with reviewing the effectiveness of the Senate's structure, training, and proceedings. The Executive Board will make recommendations each year regarding stipends, training, constitutional changes, and any other potential changes to the Senate's structure. They will serve as the guiding hand for the Senate's future as an organization.

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### **B. Executive Committee**

- Executive Committee members will consist of the Executive Board and the Chairpersons.
- If an Executive Committee Member seeks to resign from their position, they must submit a letter of resignation to the Senate two weeks in advance.
- The Executive Committee is the guiding body of the General Assembly. During their meetings they will discuss business to be brought before the GA and work to increase the representation of student voices.
- The Executive Committee is only the sole decision-making body of the Senate when the GA is not in session, specifically during academic breaks.

### **President**

- The President must have served one full year on the Executive Committee of the Senate prior to taking office.
- The President is the primary liaison to the Senior Staff.
- The President is responsible for chairing the General Assembly of the Senate, which includes the preparation, maintenance, updating, and advertising of the Student Senate Handbook, and generation of the weekly General Assembly, Executive Committee and Executive Board Agendas.
- The President shall chair the Executive Committee of the Senate and in such capacity oversee the activities of other officers.
- The President serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member of all Senate committees.
- The President shall be the chief advocate and spokesperson for the Senate, or the President delegates the duty to another member.
- The President of the Senate shall work with Senior Staff to set up a town hall at least once per academic year where students have the opportunity to learn more about the college and its processes.

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- The President shall temporarily fulfill, or appoint a temporary replacement to fulfill, the duties of an Executive Committee position. A replacement must be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

### **Vice President**

- The Vice President organizes and oversees elections of the General Assembly if the Vice President is running for a contested officer position in the next elections, then the advisor shall oversee the elections with the assistance of any senior member(s) of the Senate.
- The Vice President must have served on the Senate for one full year prior to taking office.
- The Vice President must hold up elections for the General Members prior to week nine of Spring Term.
- The Vice President is the Parliamentarian of the Senate or designates a Parliamentarian for the Senate.
- The Vice President is a non-voting, ex officio member of all committees of the Senate.
- The Vice President fulfills the responsibilities of the Presidency when the President is temporarily unable to serve. They may fulfill such duties for up to one full term.
- The Vice President has the freedom to lead their own projects when not occupied with the other responsibilities of this position.
- The Vice President is charged with enforcing the attendance policy and maintaining a detailed record of meeting attendance.
- The Vice-President is charged with overseeing and mentoring the First-Year Representative.
- The Vice President is responsible for assigning Senators to their Faculty and Standing Committees.

### **Treasurer**

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- The Treasurer is the chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- The Treasurer must have served on the Senate Executive Committee for one year prior to taking office. If the Treasurer-elect is not a current member of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer-elect must attend 5 Finance Committee meetings and participate in the Senate Budgeting Process. If the Treasurer-elect does not meet these requirements, the Executive Committee must hold another election for the Treasurer-elect position.
- The Treasurer shall coordinate the annual budgeting process for student organizations.
- The Treasurer is a non voting, ex officio member of all committees of the Senate.
- The Treasurer will be the chief advocate for the student body relating to decisions about tuition increases, the distribution of the student activity fee, and other financial matters of the College.
- The Treasurer will act as the liaison of the Senate to the Senior Staff regarding financial matters and regulations to student organization events.
- The Treasurer may ask for any information from student organizations as they see fit in making financial decisions.
- The Treasurer shall report to the Senate on the financial activities of the College and/or the Senate.
- The Treasurer shall be a member of the Institutional Planning and Priorities Committee unless there are academic conflicts at which point the Treasurer may assign a delegate.

### **Secretary**

- The Secretary shall serve as the co-chair of the Campus Outreach Committee.
- The Secretary shall be in charge of all Minutes and Breakdowns from the General Assembly, Executive Committee, and Executive Board meetings of the Student Senate.
- The Secretary shall be in charge of sending the agenda and minutes out to the Student Body.

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- The Secretary is the primary liaison to the Henry Seymour Library Archives and is responsible for sending all minutes and breakdowns from the General Assembly meetings to the relevant representative.
- The Secretary shall administer all official communications from the Senate and Executive Board to the student body to the student body. This excludes communications via word of mouth or through social media.
- The Secretary is a non-voting, ex officio member of all committees of the Senate.
- The Secretary shall maintain the distribution lists of the Senate, specifically the Executive Committee and General Assembly dist lists.

### **Section 4. Elections**

- General elections will be held in the Spring term and members will serve until the spring of the next academic year.
- In order to be eligible to run, Executive Committee Members must be enrolled at Knox two during all three terms of their year of service.
- If any position of the Senate will be vacant for over one term, the Executive Board will organize a special election to fill the position within two weeks of being notified of the opening.
- Executive Board members will be elected by a general ballot of the Student Body during the Winter Term before their year of service.
- Chairperson elections will occur following Executive Board elections.
- The Executive Board shall make nominations for appointments to be approved by the General Assembly.
- Candidates for President and Vice President need to stand together as a team in elections since they need to have proper teamwork and communication skills in order to serve their role properly.

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### **Section 5. Meetings**

- In all matters not covered by its constitution, bylaws, and standing rules, this organization shall be governed by the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.
- Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or at the request of one-third of the General Assembly.
- Special meetings are governed by the same rules as general meetings.
- Regular meetings can only be removed from the schedule by a recommendation of the chair and a majority vote of the Senate.
- Senators must be recognized by the Chair before being able to speak.
- The meeting may be moved to the executive session by a two-thirds vote. An Executive session is defined as a private meeting of a legislative body.
- The General Assembly is in session after it has been elected and during academic terms.
- Changes to or additions of meeting times must be presented by the Executive Board and approved by the Senate.

### **Section 6. Committees**

#### **Ad-hoc Committees**

- May be convened by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly. Members will be nominated by the Executive Committee for the General Assembly to approve. Alternatively, the General Assembly can delegate this duty to the President with a two-thirds majority vote.

#### **Standing Committee Chairs**

- Will be interviewed by executive board members. It will be the duty of each Standing Committee Chair to keep record of fund usage, initiatives, procedural updates, or changes

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to their purview as well as publish their guidelines, ensuring continuity in all committees.

## **The Executive Committee**

- The First-Year Liaison shall be appointed by the Executive Committee after the fall first-year elections and shall serve as the liaison between the First-Year Senators and the Executive Board of the Student Senate. The First-Year Liaison is a non-voting attendee of the Executive Committee.
- Changes to the amount that any Member receives in stipends from the Executive Fund must be approved by a majority of the Student Senate.
- Changes to stipends will be implemented the following academic year after approval by the General Assembly.
- If any Executive Member reaches probationary status due to attendance, they shall not receive their stipend for that term.
- When the General Assembly is not in session, the Senate Advisor and the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee may authorize use of the Senate Discretionary fund in accordance with the Finance Committee guidelines.
- The Executive Committee Committee may authorize use of the Student Restricted Fund in accordance with the Student Restricted Fund guidelines.

## **The Finance Committee**

- The Finance Committee may review any financial policy that affects students and introduce motions and/or recommendations to the Senate based on those policy reviews.
- The Finance Committee shall make recommendations concerning, and oversee the use of, the Senate discretionary funds and the approval of new organizations
- Any action or recommendation made by the committee must be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

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- The Finance Committee reviews and reports the purchases using money from the Executive Fund.
- The Finance Committee shall maintain guidelines detailing the procedures for executing its delegated tasks. These guidelines may only be amended by a two thirds vote of those present at the General Assembly.

### **Campus Life Committee**

- Campus Life Committee shall represent student views on all matters relating to the Residential Life, Dining Services, Campus Safety, and any other student services not falling under the purview of another committee.
- Campus Life Committee may review any policy related to residential life, campus safety, or any other student services not falling under the purview of another committee.
- Campus Life Committee must maintain guidelines detailing the procedures for executing its delegated tasks.
- The Senate may delegate the process for deciding Themed Housing to the Campus Life office.
- The Campus Life Committee shall make recommendations regarding the use of the Senate Campus Life Enhancement Fund according to the Campus Life Enhancement Fund Guidelines. Any recommendations brought to the General Assembly must be approved by a two-thirds majority.
- The Campus Life Committee shall be co-chaired by the Dining Services chair and the Campus Life chair.
- The Dining Services Chair shall represent student views on all matters relating to the Dining Services at Knox College.
- Responsibilities of the Dining Services Chair shall be highlighted in the Senate Handbook.

### **Campus Outreach Committee**

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- The Campus Outreach Committee is tasked with building lines of communication between the student body and the General Assembly. They will oversee all methods of communication between the students and Senate, save any official communications from the Senate like minutes or email correspondence.
- The Campus Outreach Committee must maintain regular communication with the student body through whatever means necessary.
- The Campus Outreach Committee must maintain records of their communication with students and initiatives.
- The Campus Outreach Committee will have a say in all matters regarding the Senate's digital presence.

### **Sustainability Committee**

- The Sustainability Committee shall represent student views on all matters relating to sustainability at Knox College.
- The Sustainability Committee will review any Knox College sustainability policies under the advisement of the Director of Sustainability.
- The Sustainability Committee shall make recommendations regarding the use of the Senate Sustainability Fund, according to the Sustainability Fund Guidelines. Any recommendations brought to the General Assembly must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

### **Diversity Committee**

- The Diversity Committee shall represent student views on all matters relating to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Knox College.
- The Diversity Committee may review any Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy that affects students.
- The Diversity Committee makes recommendations to the General Assembly on matters of policy related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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- The Diversity Committee Chair must sit on the Campus Diversity Committee.
- The Diversity Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Student Senate adheres to the Knox College Diversity Statement.
- The Diversity Committee Chair will act as the primary liaison between the HOPE Center Staff and the Student Senate on all matters relating to Senate General Assembly Diversity Training.
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### **Health and Wellness Committee**

- The Health and Wellness Committee shall represent student views on all matters relating to health and wellness at Knox College.
- The Health and Wellness Committee may review or make recommendations on any current or pending Health and Wellness policy that affects students' academic and residential life.
- The Health and Wellness Chair shall act as the liaison between Student Senate and Counseling, Disability, and Health Services.

### **Advisor**

- The Advisor shall be the Vice President for Student Development or someone appointed by the Vice President for Student Development.
- The Advisor provides guidance to the Senate regarding operational and strategic matters.
- The Advisor provides updates from the College to the General Assembly in matters that pertain to students.

## **Section 7. Student Led Action**

### **Initiative**

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- The student body may initiate regular motions, amendments to the Senate Constitution, or amendments to any judicial bodies' constitutions in the Senate through a student petition bearing the signatures of at least ten percent of the number of full-time students. If this requirement is fulfilled, the initiative will be placed on the Senate's agenda until voted on. Further details can be located under the governing documents tab of the Knox College Student Senate Website.

### **Referendum**

- Any non-constitutional legislation may be presented to the student body for a referendum through a majority vote of the Senate or a petition bearing the signatures of at least twenty percent of the number of full-time students.
- The results of the referendum shall be binding so long as at least fifty percent of full-time students participate in the election.

### **Petition**

- Any non-constitutional legislation that receives over fifty percent of the student body's signatures must be considered by the Senate.

## **Section 8. Discipline**

### **Attendance**

- The Vice President will create or amend an attendance policy to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly at the start of each academic year.
- The attendance policy will remain in place for the full academic year unless appealed or removed by majority vote of the Senate.
- If the attendance policy is removed, a new version must take its place no later than one week following the vote to remove. at the start of each academic year.
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- If the attendance policy is removed, a new version must take its place no later than one week following the vote to remove.
- The advisor, in collaboration with the VP, will make individual determinations on whether an absence should be classified as excused or unexcused. Additionally, both the advisor and the VP will jointly monitor attendance on a weekly basis and this will be enforced no matter what the attendance policy is decided for the year.

### **B. Removal of Members**

- The process for removal of a Senate member can be initiated with a motion from any member of the Senate.
- Reasonable grounds for removal are suspension, dismissal, permanent separation, negligence, and dereliction of duty. The presence of these are not required to make the motion. The General Assembly will discuss and vote to determine if the infractions are sufficient for removal.
- Once introduced, the motion will be discussed but not voted on. A vote to remove any member of the Senate must occur at least one week after the motion has been made.
- A motion to remove a Member must pass with a two-thirds majority of the entire Senate, and is governed by other factors described in the Constitution.

## **Section 9. Amendments**

- Amendments to the Bylaws pass with a two-thirds vote of the entire Senate. They must be voted on no earlier than one week after their proposal.
- These Bylaws may be suspended by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the members present.

## **Article II: Executive Committee Chair Selection Process**

### **Section 1: Interview-Based Selection**

### **Rephrasing of the Purpose statement:**

(a) Starting from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards, the selection of executive committee chairs within the student senate shall be conducted through interviews.

### **Section 2: Interview Panel Composition**

(a) The interview process shall be conducted by a panel consisting of both the new and old executive board members. The panel will be responsible for assessing the qualifications and capabilities of candidates.

### **Section 3: Qualifications for Executive Committee Chairs**

(a) Candidates for executive committee chair positions must possess significant experience as student leaders on campus in any form, demonstrating a commitment to leadership and understanding of campus dynamics.

(b) The experience may include, but is not limited to, involvement in student organizations, community service, academic leadership, or other relevant areas contributing to the candidate's leadership skills.

### **Section 4: Interview Process**

(a) Candidates interested in executive committee chair positions shall submit their applications to the executive board.

(b) The interview panel will review applications and select candidates for interviews based on their qualifications.

(c) Interviews will be conducted to assess candidates' leadership experience, communication skills, and their understanding of the responsibilities associated with the specific executive committee chair position.

### **Section 5: Selection Criteria**

(a) The interview panel shall use established criteria to evaluate candidates, including but not limited to:

- i. Demonstrated leadership experience on campus.
- ii. Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively.

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iii. Understanding of the specific responsibilities associated with the executive committee chair position.

(b) The panel will jointly make recommendations for the selection of executive committee chairs based on the interview process.

### **Section 6: Approval Process**

(a) The final selection of executive committee chairs will require approval by a majority vote of the executive board and then passed by the current General Assembly.

(b) In the case of a tie, the student senate advisor or another designated authority shall have the deciding vote.

### **Section 7: Communication of Selection Results**

(a) The results of the selection process, including the names of appointed executive committee chairs, will be communicated to the student senate and the wider campus community.

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## **Article III: Roles and Responsibilities of Top Student Senate Representatives Additions**

### **Section 1: Presidential Responsibilities**

(a) The President of the Student Senate shall serve as the top representative of the student body.

(b) The President is responsible for:

i. Representing the student senate in meetings with the faculty executive committee and the board of trustees.

ii. Attending all meetings and functions where the presence of the student senate president is required.

iii. Giving addresses and speeches on behalf of the student senate, unless delegated to the Vice President or Treasurer.

### **Section 2: Vice Presidential Responsibilities**

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(a) The Vice President of the Student Senate shall serve as the third-highest representative and act in the absence or delegation of the President and Treasurer.

(b) The Vice President is responsible for:

- i. Assisting the President in representing the student senate.
- ii. Attending meetings with faculty executives and the board of trustees when the President is unavailable.
- iii. Delivering addresses and speeches on behalf of the student senate when delegated by the President.

### **Section 3: Treasurer Responsibilities**

(a) The Treasurer of the Student Senate shall serve as the second-highest representative and act in the absence or delegation of the President.

(b) The Treasurer is responsible for:

- i. Supporting the President and Vice President in representing the student senate.
- ii. Attending meetings with the faculty executive committee and the board of trustees with the president for the board's finance committee.
- iii. Participating in addressing responsibilities if delegated by the President.

### **Section 4: Representation at Meetings**

(a) The President and Treasurer shall collectively represent the student senate at meetings with faculty executives and the board of trustees.

(b) In the event that one or more of the top representatives are unable to attend a meeting, a designated alternate member may attend on behalf of the absent representative.

### **Section 5: Delegation of Addressing Responsibilities**

(a) The president retains the primary responsibility for giving addresses on behalf of the student senate. However, the President may delegate this responsibility to the Vice President or Treasurer when necessary.

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(b) The delegation of addressing responsibilities should be communicated to the student senate and relevant stakeholders.

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# **Article XIII: Senate Composition and Compensation**

## **Section 1: Senate Composition**

(a) Starting from the academic year 2024-25, each class shall be represented by a total of three senators.

(b) The senators shall be responsible for representing the interests and concerns of their respective class within the student senate.

## **Section 2: Compensation for Senators**

(a) Senators representing each class shall receive compensation for their service.

(b) Each senator shall be paid a stipend of \$150 per term.

(c) Stipends shall be distributed at the end of each term, subject to satisfactory fulfillment of senatorial duties.

## **Section 3: Selection Process**

(a) The selection of senators shall be conducted through an open and transparent process.

(b) Interested candidates must submit their applications to the student senate by [specific deadline].

(c) The selection process may involve interviews, presentations, or any other methods deemed appropriate by the student senate and then may lead to campus-wide elections for the positions.  
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## **Section 4: Term Duration**

(a) Senators shall serve a term of one academic year.

(b) At the end of each academic year, a new selection process shall be initiated to fill senatorial positions for the following academic year.

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### **Section 5: Reporting and Accountability**

- (a) Senators shall regularly report their activities and achievements to the student senate.
- (b) Failure to fulfill senatorial duties may result in a review of compensation and potential replacement, as determined by the student senate.

### **Section 6: Amendments to Compensation**

- (a) The stipend amount for senators may be subject to periodic review and adjustment by the student senate, as deemed necessary.
  - (b) Any proposed changes to the compensation structure shall be communicated to the student body for feedback before implementation.
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## **Article IV: Membership Authority and Accountability**

### **Section 1: Emergency Bylaw Changes**

- (a) In circumstances where immediate action is necessary and waiting for the approval of the general assembly is impractical, any member, including the president, has the authority to propose temporary changes to the bylaws.
- (b) Any changes made under this provision must be presented to the general assembly for ratification at the earliest opportunity.

### **Section 2: Veto Power**

- (a) Any member, including the president, has the authority to object to any decision or proposal that is deemed unfit for the well-being of the student senate.
- (b) An objection to a decision or proposal may be reconsidered by the general assembly. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general assembly is required to override the objection.

### **Section 3: Member's Trial for Misuse of Power**

- (a) In the event that members of the general assembly believe that any member, including the President, has misused their power, a trial may be initiated.

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- (b) The trial process shall be initiated by a petition signed by at least two-third (2/3) of the general assembly members.
- (c) The trial shall be conducted by an impartial body or committee appointed by the general assembly, excluding the member in question.
- (d) A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general assembly is required to proceed with the trial.
- (e) If the trial concludes that a member has misused their power, the general assembly may take appropriate actions, including but not limited to censure, impeachment, or removal from office.

### **Section 4: Due Process in Trials**

- (a) The member in question shall be afforded due process during the trial, including the right to present a defense and the right to legal representation.
- (b) The trial proceedings shall be conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

### **Section 5: Immediate Suspension Pending Trial**

- (a) In cases where the alleged misuse of power poses an imminent threat, the general assembly may vote to suspend the member from office or duties pending the outcome of the trial.
  - (b) A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general assembly is required for an immediate suspension.
  - (c) In the event of a member's suspension pending a trial, the duties or office may be temporarily assumed by another member, as determined by the general assembly.
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