

Changes to the East Tennessee State University Student Government Association Constitution are here presented in strikethrough form. Proposed deleted language is presented below as a strikethrough with proposed added language in green type. In addition the legislative intent or rationale behind each proposed change is presented below each section.

Section 1: This section pertains to Article I, Section 2.

Jurisdiction. All persons who are registered students at East Tennessee State University are members of the student body and shall be subjected to the Student Government Constitution and ~~Code of Laws as well as any legislation or decision passed or otherwise approved by the organization acting on behalf of the students.~~ The student body shall enjoy equal rights and responsibilities under the Student Government Constitution.

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This amendment was written with the intent to clarify the variety ways the Student Government Association can act, and how those actions relate to the student body.

Section 2: This section pertains to Article I, Section 6.

Recognition of Authority. Any part of this Constitution or any law passed under its authorization which is in conflict with the laws of the United States of America, ~~and~~ the State of Tennessee with any rules or regulations of the State Board of Regents, ~~and/~~ or East Tennessee State University (who serves as an agent of the Board of Regents), shall be null and void from the time of its enactment.

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This amendment is a simply grammatical, technical correction.

Section 3: This section pertains to Article II, Section 4.

President. The Student Government President shall be the Chief Executive of the student body and shall have power ~~and responsibility:~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: The Student Government Senate believed that not only should the President of the Student Government Association should not only have the power to do the things listed below in this section, but he should also have the explicit responsibility to do so.

Section 4: This section pertains to Article II, Section 5, Proposed Enumeration G.

~~To deliver an address to a session of the Student Senate, at which all cabinet members and Student Court Justices shall be in attendance, during the month of~~

November reporting to these elected and appointed officials as to the state of the student body as well as recommended concerns he/she feels the Senate shall address.

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This addition was proposed in order to provide a specified venue for the President to express his concerns, goals, and strategy to the student body. It will be likened to the State of Union address which the President of the United States gives every year.

Section 5: This section pertains to Article II, Section 5.

Vice President. The Student Government Vice President shall be the Assistant Chief Executive of the student body and shall have the power and responsibility:

Rationale for the Proposed Change: The Student Government Senate believed that not only should the Vice President of the Student Government Association should not only have the power to do the things listed below in this section, but he should also have the explicit responsibility to do so.

Section 6: This section pertains to Article II, Section 6, Subsection E.

The presentation of final laws and acts ~~passed by~~ which have achieved the constitutional majority within the Senate to the President, Vice President and Attorney General within seven (7) calendar days of their approval.

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This clarifies the wording given to how the Senate approves actions taken, and it provides a specific window in which the reporting of approved actions is to take place, so that the reporting of actions is completed within a constitutionally stated time frame.

Section 7: This section pertains to Article II, Section 9, Subsection C.

Maintain regular correspondence with the student body and leaders of the branch university centers ~~with an enrollment of over 500 students and at least~~ which shall include, but is not limited to, one visit per term to all other centers in order to investigate matters of concern indigenous to these centers and make recommendations on these matters. Coordinate the activities of the other officials of the Student Government to ensure opportunity for active and comprehensive involvement of the student population of these branch centers in the affairs of the Student Government.

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This is a technical correction. Currently, East Tennessee State University branch centers do not have an enrollment of over five hundred students, and the Student Government Association Senate believes that those branches and the students that attend those centers are deserving of the same treatment as those students on the main campus.

Section 8: This section pertains to Article II, Section 10, Subsection D.

~~The Secretary of State and External Affairs shall work independently of one another, but shall ensure that the major campus event in the spring and homecoming are scheduled together.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This deletion of this section has been proposed and submitted to the students of East Tennessee State University simply; because homecoming is no longer held in the spring semester.

Section 9: This section pertains to Article II, Section 2, Subsection C.

~~Supervise all Student Government elections; enforce all laws pertaining to campus elections, and make additional regulations as may be necessary. Responsible for all pre- election arrangements (except publicity), including the dissemination of petitions and the posting of ballots online printing of petitions and ballots, and collection of student enrollment figures.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This is a technical correction. The Student Government election procedure no longer includes the printing of ballots. The procedure is based on an electronic voting system.

Section 10: This section pertains to Article II, Section 12, Subsection C.

Formulate a written ~~weekly~~ **monthly** report of Student Government activities in conjunction with Cabinet and the Senate Secretary/**Treasurer** and submit this **to a method of dissemination that shall include the campus newspaper and additional method shall be decided upon and agreed to by a majority of Senators present and voting at the first meeting of the fall academic term.** ~~report to the official campus newspaper.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This is an adjustment to one of the responsibilities of the Secretary of Public Relations. It changes the frequency to which a Student Government activity report is to be made, and it further clarifies the method in which the report is to be made public.

Section 11: This section pertains to Article II, Section 13, Subsection B.

~~Keep in-~~ **Maintain** contact with applicants **in order to** ~~and~~ inform them of the progress of their applications **and to schedule the review of their application before the BUC Fund committee.**

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This change would further the responsibilities of the Secretary of Allocations when dealing with BUC Fund applications. This is something that is already being done, and the practice is working so well that the Student Government decided to make it a constitutional obligation.

Section 12: This section pertains to Article II, Section 14, Subsection C.

To supervise students on the traffic court and ensure that students attend.
(This subsection shall be moved to Article II, Section 4, Subsection F., and will effectively transmit the responsibility to the SGA President.)

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This is another technical correction. The SGA President currently performs this duty, and this change would make the constitution congruent with current practice.

Section 13: This section pertains to Article III, Section 3, Subsection B.

Senators shall be excused from this requirement one week within every applicable month in order to meet with constituents ~~from the college or off campus site for which they represent.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: Senators are required to serve at least one hour at an SGA Function or office time every week. This amendment would explicitly allow a senator to be excused from such requirement one time each month if the senator is meeting with constituents.

Section 14: This section pertains to Article III, Section 5, Subsection A, Enumeration 2c.

~~The parliamentary shall serve as chairman of the Senate Rules Committee for parliamentary procedure.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: During Student Government Senate Meetings, the chair of the Rules committee no longer serves as Parliamentarian; because, the Rules committee is now the Senate Review Committee, and the Parliamentarian is another member of the Senate.

Section 15: This section pertains to Article IV, Section 3, Subsection A.

The Student Government President and the Chief Justice of the Student Court shall be included in the composition of the University Judicial Committee. **They shall be the primary student voice on the body. In the event he/she cannot attend, his/her designee shall attend in their place.**

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This amendment would explicitly allow for designee to serve in the place of the SGA President or the Chief Justice on the University Judicial Committee.

Section 16: This section pertains to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection B.

Any candidate for a Student Senate Seat must have declared a major in the college or school that they intend to **seek office; students who have not declared a major shall be eligible for seats apportioned to students who are undeclared.** ~~run under however, students with an undeclared major fall into the College of Arts and Science.~~ If a student has declared two majors in two different schools or colleges, the student may determine which college or school they wish to **seek office as a representative of.** ~~run under. The Kingsport and Bristol Student Senate seats are exempted from this requirement.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This amendment clarifies a small part of the election procedure. This clarification pertains to the eligibility of candidates by determining which apportioned seats they are eligible to run for.

Section 18: This section pertains to Article VI, Section 6, Sentence two and three.

The inauguration of the newly elected members shall take place **at the conclusion of business at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the outgoing Senate.** ~~the Tuesday of dead week of the spring semester. The newly elected officers shall be sworn in after conclusion of business of the previous Student Government Association members during the same meeting.~~

Rationale for the Proposed Change: This amendment allows for the smooth and speedy seating of elected members. This would alleviate the task of swearing in new members on the first day of business the following school year.

The final change originates from a Senate Bill 002-10 that received the required constitutional majority vote in the Student Government Senate during the fall semester of 2010.

This change pertains to Article III, Section 4, Subsections A and B.

~~A. One (1) seat shall be apportioned to each of the following residence halls (or groups of residence halls), with a total of four (4) seats being apportioned to campus housing facilities:~~

- ~~—— 1. Buccaneer Ridge/Buc Village Apartments~~
- ~~—— 2. Dossett/West/ Powell/Panhellinic/Carter/ Stone Residence Halls~~
- ~~—— 3. Lucille Clement and Luntsford Residence Halls~~
- ~~—— 4. Governors Hall and Davis Apartments.~~

A. ~~Twenty-four (24)~~ **Thirty (30)** seats shall be apportioned to the ~~seven (7)~~ colleges and schools of East Tennessee State University in the following manner:

1. The Secretary of Interior, with the assistance of the advisor for the Student Government Association, will obtain the following total student enrollment figures from the Fall Census:

- a. College of Arts and Sciences;
- b. College of Business and Technology;
- c. College of Education;
- ~~d. College of Nursing;~~
- ~~e. College of Public Health;~~
- d. College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences;
- e. Undeclared Students
- f. The School of Continuing Studies shall be included with the College of Arts and Sciences.
- g. **College of Medicine shall be included with College of Nursing;**
- h. **College of Pharmacy shall be included with the College of Public Health;**

2. The Secretary of Interior, assisted by the advisor for the Student Government Association, will determine apportionment of the colleges and schools by obtaining a percentage of the total enrollment figure of the University for each College or School and dividing the ~~twenty-four (24)~~ **thirty (30)** seats based upon these percentages.

- a. The Secretary of Interior shall make available a copy of the calculations to all SGA members.