

**The Student Government Association of  
The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg  
Constitution**

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We, the students of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, in order to form a more representative, unifying and responsible government; to provide a channel of communication among students, faculty, and staff; to promote favorable liaison between the University and the community; to insure the rights and responsibilities of the students and to promote a sense of campus community, do hereby establish the Constitution of the Student Government Association of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

## **Article. I.**

### **Section 1.**

All legislative powers herein shall be vested in a Student Government. The Student Government shall consist of two separate houses, a Student Senate and a Student House of Representatives.

### **Section 2.**

The Student House of Representatives shall be composed of one representative of each certified organization on campus.

A speaker shall be elected in the same manner as the Student Government president and preside over all House meetings and hold a seat on the Student Government Association Executive Board.

### **Section 3.**

The Student Senate of University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg shall be composed of no more than twenty-one members, elected at-large. The senators will serve one-year terms, but are not limited to one term.

A Senate president shall be elected in the same manner as the Student Government president and preside over all Senate meetings. The President shall have no vote, unless they are equally divided and hold a seat on the Student Government Association Executive Board.

The Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment and their trial. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the Student Government Association President is tried the Student Senate President shall preside; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor or trust under University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

### **Section 4.**

The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators shall be the Wednesday and Thursday three weeks before the end of each semester.

## **Section 5.**

Upon election as Senate President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, his or her term in the Senate is automatically renewed for the next full term, which will end the following Spring semester.

## **Section 6.**

Each House shall draft their own rules concerning Membership, Elections, Duties, Responsibilities, Officers, Meetings and Committees.

Each House will follow Robert's Rules of Order, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member.

Each House shall designate a Secretary to keep minutes of its meeting, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the members of either House on any question shall be entered in the minutes.

## **Section 7.**

All allocation requests shall be appropriated in the Student Senate only.

The Student Senate must then vote on every bill, introduced by the Speaker of the House, which shall have passed the Student House of Representatives. The Student House of Representatives need not confirm any bill passed by the Student Senate.

Any bill or proposal must pass the Senate, then be approved by the Advisor, and or the Dean of Student Services, or his designee.

## **Section 8.**

The Student Government Association shall have sole responsibility to provide a channel of communication among students, faculty and staff, to promote favorable liaison between the university and community, to insure the rights and responsibilities of the students and promote a sense of campus community.

## **Section 9.**

The Adviser of the Student Government Association shall be the Dean of Student Services or his designee.

## **Article. II.**

### **Section 1.**

The executive power shall be vested in a Student Government Association President elected four weeks before the end of the spring semester. He shall hold his office for the term of one year, and be elected, from either house, by a popular vote of the student body. All ties shall be broken by a run off in the Student Senate.

Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall be given the following oath or affirmation by the President of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Student Government Association President, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the rights of the students of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg."

### **Section 2.**

The President shall execute all policies passed by the Student Senate, be the direct liaison to the Campus administration and be the official student representative at public and University functions.

### **Section 3.**

The Student Government Association President shall from time to time present to the Student Government (House and Senate) information on the state of the campus, and recommend to their consideration such measures, as he shall judge necessary and expedient.

The Student Government Association President may, on extraordinary occasions, convene and preside over either houses or both of them, and in case of disagreement between them.

The Student Government Association President shall receive, on behalf of the students, all guests of the University.

The Student Government Association President shall take care that the policies be faithfully executed.

### **Section 4.**

The Student Government Association Executive Board shall meet once weekly to assess the progress of the Student Government Association. The chairman of the Executive Board shall be the Student Government Association President, the vice chair shall be the Student Senate President and the secretary shall be the Speaker of the House. Additional appointments by the Student Government Association President to the Executive Board shall be confirmed by the

Student Senate. These appointees may hold more than one office in the Student Government Association

## **Article. III.**

### **Section 1.**

Every member of the Student Government Association is expected to conduct themselves accordingly to all policies set forth in the University of Pittsburgh's Student Code of Conduct and Judicial Procedures. Any documented university sanction may result in a closed disciplinary hearing held by the Executive Board. In such case a member of the Executive Board is in question, the Student Senate proceeds with impeachment hearing. The Student Senate President may preside over the hearing if charges are brought against the Student Government Association President. Punishment by the Student Government Association will not exceed removal from office. If a member of the Student Government Association is found guilty by a University Judicial Board Hearing, the member will be removed from office.

### **Section 2.**

Any member of the university community may bring charges before a closed meeting of the Executive Board against any member of the Student Government Association that he or she believes to be discharging his or her duties improperly. If the Executive Board believes that there is sufficient evidence, the charges are to be brought in front of the Student Government during a meeting presided over by the Student Government Association President. Removal of office requires a two-thirds vote of the house members other than the accused. The accused cannot vote in these hearings. Punishment by the Student Government Association will not exceed removal from office.

## **Article. IV.**

### **Section 1.**

Any member of the Student Government Association may submit a proposed amendment.

### **Section 2.**

An amendment to the Constitution must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate, then passed by the SGA Executive Board, SGA Advisor, and Dean of Student Services or his designee.

### **Section 3.**

All amendments must be publicized on the Student Government Association bulletin boards one-week prior to the vote.