

Revised Text Of Student Government Constitution

Following is the complete text of the Constitution of the Pennsylvania State College Student Government Association as passed 1939, revised March 26, 1942.

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the Pennsylvania State College, in order to form a more representative union, to promote the welfare of the student body and the College as a whole and to insure the democratic right of self-government do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Pennsylvania State College Student Government Association.

ARTICLE I

Legislative Powers

Section 1. All legislative powers of the Student Government Association herein granted shall be vested in the All-College Cabinet.

All-College Cabinet

Section 2. A student activity shall be defined as an activity whose members are students and whose funds are derived all or in part from student sources. All members of Cabinet shall represent student activities. All student activities shall have their funds audited through the Associated Student Activities office.

The All-College Cabinet shall consist of the All-College President, the All-College Vice-President, the presidents of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes; the president of each School Council; the president of Women's Recreation Association; the president of Men's Athletic Association; the president of the Penn State Christian Association; the chairman of the Board of Publications; the chairman of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics; the chairman of the Interclass Finance Board; the president of Interfraternity Council; the president of Panhellenic Council; a representative of the non-fraternity men and a representative of the non-fraternity women.

Members Ex-Officio

Section 3. The Deans of Men and Women and the Alumni Association secretary shall serve as ex-officio members of the Cabinet.

Eligibility

Section 4. No person shall be eligible for membership in the Cabinet who is not a registered student of the College and who has not attained an All-College average of "1" or better.

Term of Office

Section 5. The term of office of each member of the Cabinet shall be two consecutive semesters.

Veto Power

Section 6. All legislation, in order to become effective, must be passed by a plurality vote of the Cabinet and approved by the All-College President at the same meeting. If the All-College President should fail to approve this measure at this meeting, it shall automatically go into effect. If the All-College President should veto the legislation, Cabinet can repass the legislation, thus voiding the veto, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Quorum

Section 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Finances

Section 8. The Cabinet shall have control over all student class funds, including the establishment of class dues, the recommendation of student activities fees, the approval of specific budgets, the approval of expenditures, and the supervision of the auditing of these expenditures.

Interclass Treasurer

Section 9. The Cabinet shall have power to appoint every two consecutive semesters, with the approval of the President of the College, an Interclass Treasurer, who shall be a competent accountant and a non-student.

Right of Initiative

Section 10. Any member of the faculty, administration, or student body may attend and present to Cabinet any matters which concern student welfare. Cabinet must take action upon the matter

within thirty days thereafter.

Investigation

Section 11. The Cabinet shall have power to summon before it any student and conduct such investigation as it may deem just and proper.

Request

Section 12. The Cabinet shall have power to regulate and supervise all-College student activities, except that any power not specifically delegated to the All-College Cabinet shall be reserved to the governmental organs specified under Article I, Section 2.

General Supervision

Section 13. The Cabinet shall reserve power to regulate and supervise all student activities.

Elections

Section 14. The Cabinet shall have power to regulate all elections of the student government organizations.

Recognition

Section 15. The Cabinet shall have power to recognize and grant charters to any undergraduate organization, subject to the approval of the College Senate Committee on Student Welfare. The Cabinet also shall have power to recommend to the Senate Committee on Student Welfare the withdrawing of charters from existing undergraduate organizations after due consideration and investigation.

Meetings

Section 16. The Cabinet shall meet at least once in every two weeks, excluding vacations. The All-College President shall have power, however, to call special meetings at his discretion. All meetings of the Cabinet, except executive sessions, shall be open to the entire student body.

ARTICLE II

Executive Powers

Section 1. The executive powers shall be vested in the All-College President.

Election

Section 2. The All-College President shall be elected by the entire student body to a term of two consecutive semesters at a time to be specified by the Elections Committee and approved by the Cabinet.

Oath—Inauguration

Section 3. Before he can exercise any of the powers of his office, the All-College President shall take the following oath: "I do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of All-College President of the Pennsylvania State College Student Government Association, and will, to the best of my ability, serve to promote the welfare of the student body and the College as a whole." The oath shall be sworn or affirmed to before the Chairman of Student Tribunal at an all-college inauguration within one month following the election.

Eligibility

Section 4. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of All-College President who is not a registered senior at the College and who has not attained an all-College average of "1" or better. Additional qualifications may be specified by the Elections Committee with the approval of the Cabinet.

Chairmanship

Section 5. The All-College President shall serve as chairman of the Cabinet and shall be privileged to vote to make or break a tie.

Appointment Power

Section 6. The All-College President shall have full power to appoint all committees he may deem necessary to carry out the work of the Cabinet, but the number of any committee shall be set by the Cabinet. This provision shall include the establishment of an Elections Committee herein mentioned.

Special Committees

Section 7. The All-College President shall have power to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Cabinet, any special committees he may deem necessary, except committees charged with the administration of purely

class functions, the appointment of which shall rest in the hands of the respective class presidents.

Veto Power

Section 8. The All-College President shall have power to veto any legislation passing by Cabinet according to Article I, Section 6.

Official Representative

Section 9. The All-College President shall be the official representative of the student body on any matter pertaining to the welfare of the student body.

Meetings

Section 10. The All-College President shall have sole power to call special meetings of the Cabinet at any time for any reason whatsoever.

Parliamentary Powers

Section 11. The All-College President shall have full parliamentary powers over all meetings of the Cabinet.

Presidential Vacancy

Section 12. In the event of the resignation or the disqualification of the All-College President, the All-College Vice-President shall assume the duties of All-College President.

Temporary Absence

Section 13. In the event of the absence of the All-College President, the All-College Vice-President shall assume the chairmanship of the Cabinet and all relative powers. In the absence of the All-College President and Vice-President, a president pro tem shall be selected by the Cabinet.

Succession

Section 14. In the event of the disqualification or resignation of both the All-College President and Vice-President, an election for All-College President shall be held within four weeks of the regular College session after the disqualification or resignations of the old officers go into effect.

ARTICLE III

Judicial Power

Section 1. The judicial powers relative to men students shall be vested in the Student Tribunal.

Student Tribunal

Section 2. The Student Tribunal shall be composed of seven male members, appointed by the All-College President by and with the advice and consent of the Cabinet, five of whom must be seniors, and two of whom must be juniors. The senior members will elect one of the two juniors as chairman for the following year.

Eligibility

Section 3. No person shall be a member of the Student Tribunal who has not attained an all-College average of "1" or better and who does not otherwise qualify under Section 2 of this Article.

Customs

Section 4. The Student Tribunal shall have power to establish and enforce College customs.

Investigation, Subpoena

Section 5. The Student Tribunal shall have power to summon before it any student and conduct such investigations as it may deem just and proper.

Punishment

Section 6. The Student Tribunal shall have power, after a fair trial, to affix such punishment as it may deem justifiable upon any student, found guilty of conduct detrimental to the College, and may recommend, when necessary, penalties up to and including expulsion from College.

Trial Procedure

Section 7. The Student Tribunal shall have power to establish its own trial procedure, except that any hearing must be open if the defendant so desires.

Appeal

Section 8. Any student may appeal from a decision of the Student Tribunal to the Cabinet, which shall have final jurisdiction over the matter.

Minor Judiciary

Section 9. The judicial powers relative to women students shall be vested in the Judicial Committee, as shall be specified in the constitution of the Women's Student Government Association.

ARTICLE IV

Class Officers

Section 1. Each class shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer at a time specified by the Elections Committee and approved by the Cabinet. The Freshman Class shall be organized as soon as advisable after the opening of the first semester under the direction of the Elections Committee.

Presidential Succession

Section 2. The class vice-president shall succeed to the office of president upon the resignation or disqualification of the president.

Eligibility

Section 3. No person shall hold a class office who is not a registered student in that class and who does not possess an all-College average of "1" or better. Additional qualifications may be established by the Elections Committee with the approval of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE V

School Councils

Section 1. Each school shall be permitted to elect its own School Council in any matter whatsoever, subject to the approval of the Elections Committee.

Powers

Section 2. The School Councils shall have power to discuss problems pertaining to their own schools and legislate accordingly.

Cabinet Representation

Section 3. The chairman of each School Council shall be a member of the All-College Cabinet, but any school which has not organized a Council upon a date to be specified by the Elections Committee shall not be given representation in the Cabinet.

Eligibility

Section 4. No person shall be a member of any School Council who is not a registered student in that School and who does not possess an all-College average of "1" or better.

ARTICLE VI

Interclass Finance Board

Section 1. The Interclass Finance Board shall consist of the present treasurer of each of the four classes, the three class treasurers of the preceding year, the present treasurer of WSGA, and the WSGA treasurer of the preceding year.

Chairman

Section 2. The junior class treasurer shall automatically become chairman of the Board in his senior year.

Budget Powers

Section 3. The Board shall draw up all class budgets subject to the approval of the Cabinet and the College Comptroller for the Administration.

Women's Finances

Section 4. The finance of Women's Student Government Association and Women's Recreation Association shall be supplied by the women students and shall be subject to the general supervision of the Interclass Finance Board.

ARTICLE VII

Interclass Treasurer

Section 1. The Interclass Treasurer shall handle all student class funds and Associated Student Activities Funds.

Accounts

Section 2. The Interclass Treasurer shall keep separate accounts for each class and shall maintain a detailed account and record of all financial transactions involving student finances.

Payment of Bills

Section 3. The Interclass Treasurer shall pay no bill which has not been first approved by the Cabinet.

Expenditures

Section 4. The Interclass Treasurer shall approve all agreements involving expenditures of student funds.

Audit

Section 5. The accounts and records of the Interclass Treasurer shall be audited or published every two consecutive semesters, the expense of which is to be shared equally by the four classes.

Bond

Section 6. The Interclass Treasurer shall be bonded to the extent of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by

a qualified surety company.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Publications

Section 1. The Board of Publications shall consist of the editor and women's editor of The Daily Collegian, editor of Froth, editor and women's editor of La Vie, editor of Co-Edition, and editor of Portfolio.

Chairman

Section 2. The editor of Collegian shall act as chairman of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

Dramatics and Forensics

The Board of Dramatics and Forensics shall consist of the men's debate manager, women's debate manager, president of the Glee Club, president of the Blue Band, president of Players and president of the Thespians.

ARTICLE X

Self-Organization

The organization and functioning of all other governmental bodies specified in Article I, Section 2 shall be left to their respective members, but no constitution of any of these bodies shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI

Right to Vote

The right of any undergraduate student to vote or hold All-College offices shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, age, sex, or scholastic standing, except as otherwise herein provided.

ARTICLE XII

Amendment

Section 1. This constitution may be amended or revised by three-fourths vote of the membership of Cabinet. Every amendment must be read at three consecutive meetings and can be passed after the third reading.

Ratification

Section 2. Any proposal for amendment must be placed before the student body at a general election of a petition requesting such action is signed by at least 300 students and presented to the Cabinet within two weeks following the published announcement of the proposed amendment.

Cabinet Changes IFB Membership

Membership of the Interclass Finance Board has been changed according to Article VI, section 1 to include the following members: present treasurer of each of the four classes, the three class treasurers of the preceding year, the present WSGA treasurer and the preceding WSGA treasurer.

Under the old constitution, the Board was made up of the treasurer of each class plus another student of each class to be appointed by the class president. Also a representative of the opposite sex was included.

Under the old constitution the students who have experience are on the Board. The treasurers of the preceding year have naturally had experience on the board and are in a better position to advise on the use of interclass funds than would be students appointed indiscriminately by the class president.

Portfolio Represented

The only change in Article VIII, section 1 concerning the Board of Publications is that the editor of the campus literary magazine, Portfolio is included on the Board of Publications. Revisers of the constitution could see no reason that this editor should not be included along with editors and women's editors of The Daily Collegian, Froth, La Vie and editor of Co-Edition.