

ALL-COLLEGE CONSTITUTION

(Printed in its entirety below is the constitution of the Student Government Association as approved by All-College Cabinet March 17, 1949.)

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 accounted and audited through the Associated Student Activities office.

The All-College Cabinet shall consist of the All-College President, the All-College Vice President, All-College Secretary-Treasurer, 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 Women's Student Government Association, the president of the Men's Athletic Association, the chairman of the Board of Publications, the chairman of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, the president of Interfraternity Council, the president of Panhellenic Council; the president of the Association of Independent Men and the president of Leonides.

Members Ex-Officio

SECTION 3. The Deans of Men and Women, Alumni Association Secretary, Manager of Student Union, a Representative from P.S.C.A., a representative from Windcrest and the chairman of Tribunal and Judicial 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 at the College and who has not attained an All-College average of "1" or better.

Terms of Office

SECTION 5. The terms of office of each cabinet member shall be two consecutive semesters.

Veto Power

SECTION 6. All legislation in order to become effective must be passed by a majority of the Cabinet members voting 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 re-pass the legislation, thus avoiding 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 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.

Right of Initiative

SECTION 9. 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 thirty days thereafter.

Investigation

SECTION 10. The Cabinet shall have power to summon before it

any student and conduct such investigation as it may deem just and proper.

General Supervision

SECTION 11. 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 1, Section 2.

Recognition

SECTION 12. The Cabinet shall have power to recognize and grant charters to any undergraduate organization, and also have the power to withdraw charter from existing undergraduate organization after due consideration and investigations.

Meetings

SECTION 13. Cabinet shall meet at least once in every two weeks, excluding vacations. The All-College president shall have the power, however, to call special meetings at his discretion. All members of the Cabinet, except executive sessions, shall be open to the entire student body. Attendance to these meetings is compulsory by the voting members of the Cabinet. Substitutions for class presidents shall be the vice-presidents of the class. Unexcused absences shall bind the representatives over to Tribunal for men and to Judicial for women.

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 in the Spring of every year 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.

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. The All-College President will in turn swear in the various class presidents at the same ceremony.

Eligibility

SECTION 4. No person shall 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. No person will be eligible for presidency who holds a bachelor's degree. Additional qualifications may be specified by the Elections Committee with the approval of 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. The All-College President shall have the power to appoint all committees he may deem necessary to carry out the work of the Cabinet, subject to the approval of Cabinet.

Special Committees

SECTION 7. The All-College President shall have power to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of Cabinet, any special committee 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 passed 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 the 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 the 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 Vice-President and the All-College President a president pro-tem shall be elected 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 and Vice-President shall be held within four weeks of the regular college session after the disqualification or resignation of the old officers go into effect.

ARTICLE III

Judicial Power

SECTION 1. The judicial powers relative to men students will be vested in the Student Tribunal, while the judicial powers relative to women students shall be vested in the Judicial Committee.

Nominating Committee

SECTION 2. Nominations to Tribunal and Judicial shall be made by a committee composed of the presiding Tribunal chairman, the presiding Judicial chairman, a representative from WSGA Senate, and the All-College President. The All-College President shall serve as the chairman of the committee. Ex-officio members will be deans of men and women. Nominations to Judicial and Tribunal may be made from the floor of Cabinet. Nominations for the successors to the post of Tribunal or Judicial chairman must be approved by Cabinet one month before the end of Spring Semester. Other appointments to the judicial bodies must take place at least two weeks before the end of the same semester.

Membership

SECTION 3. Tribunal shall be composed of men students and Judicial shall be composed of women students. Each judicial body shall be made up of four members from each of the junior and senior classes. Appointments shall be made for one school year. Members whose terms of office have expired may serve again if appointed. A member who withdraws or graduates from college with an unexpired term shall be replaced by a new appointment from that same year who shall serve until the termination of the unexpired term. The chairman of Tribunal and Judicial must be members of the senior class. Original membership on either judicial body requires an All-College average of "1" or better.

Investigations

SECTION 4. Tribunal and Judicial shall have the power to summon before them any student over which they have jurisdiction and conduct such investigations as each may deem just and proper.

Customs

SECTION 5. Tribunal and Judicial shall have the power to

establish and enforce freshman customs subject to the approval of Cabinet.

Punishment

SECTION 6. Tribunal and Judicial 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 the College.

Trial Procedure

SECTION 7. Tribunal and Judicial shall have power to establish their own procedure except that any hearing must be open if the defendant so desires.

Appeal

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

ARTICLE IV

Elections Committee

SECTION 1. An Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Cabinet chairman by and with the consent of Cabinet each year. Duties of the Elections Committee shall be to establish and enforce the Elections Code which must be approved by Cabinet before each election.

SECTION 2. The entire student body will elect an All-College president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, while each class shall elect a president, vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer at a time specified by the Elections Committee and approved by 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.

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 Elections Committee with the approval of Cabinet.

Class Meetings

Within one month after the start of the fall term the class presidents must call class meetings for their respective classes. Class presidents may call additional meetings when deemed necessary.

Presidential Succession

SECTION 5. The class vice-president shall succeed to the office of the president upon the resignation or disqualification of the president. The class secretary-treasurer shall succeed to the office of the president in the event of the resignation or disqualification of the president and vice-president.

ARTICLE V

School Councils

SECTION 1. Each school shall elect the majority of its council members in a general election subject to the approval of the Elections Committee.

SECTION 2. Additional members may be elected by honorary and professional societies for inclusion in the council, subject to the approval of the council concerned and Elections Committee.

Powers

SECTION 1. The School Councils shall have power to discuss problems pertaining to their own schools and legislate accordingly.

SECTION 2. The president 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.

ARTICLE VI

Finance Board

SECTION 1. The finance board shall consist of the All-College secretary-treasurer as chairman, and the treasurer of each of the four classes.

Budget Powers

SECTION 2. The board shall draw up the All-College Cabinet's

budgets subject to the approval of Cabinet and the Graduate Manager of Associated Student Activities.

ARTICLE VII

Graduate Manager

SECTION 1. The Office of Associated Student Activities under the direction of the Graduate Manager shall be custodian for all student funds controlled by the All-College Cabinet, the actual accounting of which shall be handled by a Treasurer.

Accounts

SECTION 2. There shall be maintained a detailed account and record of all financial transactions involving Cabinet finance.

Payment of Bills

SECTION 3. No bill that is not a part of a regular student government activity and provided for by budget shall be paid until it has been referred to the Finance Board for their recommendation and approved by Cabinet.

Expenditures

SECTION 4. The Graduate Manager must be consulted before agreements are made involving expenditures of student government funds. Expenditures exceeding over \$100 shall be read at one meeting of Cabinet and voted upon at the next meeting. Projects for disposal of the yearly surplus will be submitted to the Finance Board. The final approval of above project or projects lies with Cabinet.

Audit

SECTION 5. The accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by the College Auditing Department.

Bond

SECTION 6. The Graduate Manager and the Treasurer shall be bonded to the extent of \$5000 each by a qualified surety company.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Publications

SECTION 1. The Board of Publications shall consist of the editor and managing editor of Collegian, editor and managing editor of La Vie, editor of Froth, editor of Critique and the editor of the Penn State Engineer. The editor of Collegian shall serve as chairman of this board.

ARTICLE IX

Dramatics and Forensics

The Board of Dramatics and Forensics shall consist of the men's debate manager, women's debate manager, presidents of the Glee Club, Blue Band, Players and Thespians. They shall in turn elect one of their number to represent them on the Cabinet.

ARTICLE X

Right to Vote

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

ARTICLE XI

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 XII

Amendment

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended or revised by a 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 or revision must be placed before the student body at a general election if a petition requesting such action is signed by at least 300 students and presented to Cabinet within two weeks following the published announcement of the proposed amendment.