

Proposed SGA Constitution

The following is a copy of the revised SGA constitution, as presented to the Assembly last Thursday night by Duane Alexander, chairman of the SGA Reorganizational Committee.

The constitution is scheduled for its second reading at tomorrow night's Assembly meeting. Three readings and a two-third's vote are required for ratification.

PREAMBLE

We, the students of The Pennsylvania State University, in order to promote the welfare of the student body and the University as a whole, and to insure the democratic right of self-government, utilizing the principles of separation of powers and representative government, do hereby establish this constitution of the Student Government Association of the Pennsylvania State University.

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of the Pennsylvania State University, hereinafter referred to as SGA.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of SGA shall be to promote representative self-government for the student body and to promote and protect the students' interests, education, culture, and general welfare in accordance with the preamble of the constitution.

Article III—Executive Branch

Section 1a. The officers of SGA shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

b. The term of the officers shall be one year or until their successors are elected.

c. The officers of SGA shall be elected annually in the spring by the entire student body; shall be at least seventh term at the time of election; shall remain at the University for at least three terms after election, and shall have at least a 2.1 All-University average.

d. Prior to assuming office, the officers of SGA shall be administered the following oath: "I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will uphold the constitution of the Student Government Association, faithfully execute the office of (office) of the Student Government Association and will to the best of my ability serve to promote the welfare of the student body and the University as a whole." The oath shall be administered by a member of the Supreme Court of SGA at the meeting of the Assembly following the election.

Section 2a. All executive powers of SGA except as hereinafter provided are vested in the President of SGA.

b. The President of SGA shall be the official representative of the student body.

c. The President of SGA shall have the power to veto any legislation or parts thereof passed by the Assembly within one week after such passage. The veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the constitutional membership of the Assembly.

d. The President of SGA may call special meetings of the Assembly.

e. The President of SGA may recommend legislation to Assembly.

f. The President shall have the power to appoint or remove all non-elected chairs and members of the various boards and commissions within the executive branch. All appointments or changes shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly and must be placed on the agenda for that meeting. Agendas shall be distributed to members at least two days prior to the meeting.

g. The President shall see that all legislation and recommendations of the Assembly are put into effect and enforced.

h. The President shall attend all meetings of the Assembly and may speak, but not vote, on any matter.

i. The President shall make periodic reports to the Assembly on the progress of legislation passed by the Assembly or under consideration.

Section 3a. The Vice-President of SGA shall assume the office of President in event of the removal, resignation, or disqualification of the President of SGA. The President pro-tempore of the Assembly shall then assume the duties of the Vice-President of SGA in that case, or if the SGA Vice-President resigns, is removed, or is disqualified.

b. The SGA Vice-President shall be responsible for seeing that all organizations and activities which receive funds from the University carry out their duties and functions properly, and shall represent them on Cabinet.

c. In the case of the removal, resignation, or disqualification of both the President of SGA, a special election shall be

held within two weeks to replace them. The President pro-tempore of the Assembly shall act as President of SGA in the interim.

Section 4a. The Secretary-Treasurer of SGA shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the Secretariat, shall care for the records of SGA, handle finances, prepare an annual budget and make reports on the finances of the SGA to the Assembly monthly, at the request of the Assembly, or when the Secretary-Treasurer deems it necessary.

b. The Secretariat shall be a centralized agency to handle SGA correspondence, provide all other secretarial services for SGA organizations and maintain a complete information file for the use of all campus organizations.

Section 5. Officers of SGA may be removed on impeachment by the Assembly, if convicted.

Section 6a. The President shall have a Cabinet which shall serve him in an advisory and administrative capacity.

b. All fraternity affairs shall be under the jurisdiction of an Inter-Fraternity Council. The IFC President shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

c. All sorority affairs shall be under the jurisdiction of a Pan-Hellenic Council. The PHC President shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

d. All affairs concerning male non-fraternity students living in town shall come under the jurisdiction of a Town Independent Men Council. The TIM President shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

e. All affairs of women students shall come under the jurisdiction of an Association of Women Students. The AWS President shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

f. All affairs of male students living in campus residence halls shall be under the jurisdiction of a Men's Residence Council. The President of MRC shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

g. Each college in the University shall have a Student Council. The President of each college council shall be a member of the President's Cabinet. The college council presidents shall form collectively an Inter-College Council Board, ICCB, and shall elect one of their members ICCB chairman.

h. The Senior Class, which shall consist of those students who have three or less terms remaining at the University, shall elect one of its members President at the Spring Election. The Senior Class President shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

Section 7. Elections of SGA and other organizations which request its aid shall be conducted by an Election Commission appointed by the SGA President with the approval of the Assembly. The Chairman of the Election Commission shall be a member of the President's Cabinet. It shall be the responsibility of Elections Commission to see that all nominations, campaigns, and elections conducted under its auspices are held in a fair, free, honest, and democratic manner, and shall have the power, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to assign penalties for violations of the Elections Code approved by the Assembly.

J. The SGA Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be members of the President's Cabinet.

k. The SGA President may appoint a maximum of two additional members to Cabinet as he sees fit.

l. No student shall hold more than one position of Cabinet rank.

Section 7a. Each of the agencies created in Section 6, except Elections Commission, shall have a Constitution and exercise full legislative, executive, and judicial authority within its jurisdiction. However, the SGA Assembly shall be the final authority on all legislation dealing with an All-University nature and with the welfare of all subordinate groups. Any constitution or legislation of an organization under the jurisdiction of SGA shall be null and void insofar as it is inconsistent with this Constitution or the By-Laws of SGA.

Section 8a. Cabinet shall meet at least twice a month throughout the academic year, except for vacations.

b. Until such time as the summer term operates on an equal scale with the other terms, Cabinet shall serve as an interim government for the summer term. This section shall be deleted by the Assembly when such time arrives.

Section 9a. Cabinet shall have the power to:

1. Advise the President on any matter.

2. Assign any of its agencies to investigate and report on any problem.

3. Introduce legislation as a body to the Assembly by majority vote. Such legislation shall be the first order of new business on the Assembly agenda and shall be introduced by the SGA President or a member of Cabinet, who shall be able to debate the issue.

Section 10a. In order to improve communication between the students, faculty, and administration, there shall be a University Forum. This Forum shall consist of the three SGA officers, the ICCB President, the Presidents of AWS, MRC, TIM, PHC, and IFC; the President of the University, the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, the President's Assistant for Student Affairs, the Coordinator of Student Activities, the Chairman of the Student Committee on Student Affairs, the SGA Advisors, and two faculty members chosen by the Senate.

b. This Forum shall meet monthly and shall have free and open discussion of any problem of concern to the University.

ARTICLE IV—Legislative Branch

Section 1. The Legislative power of SGA shall be vested in the Assembly, which shall be chosen annually during the Spring Term by the student body.

Section 2. Members of the Assembly shall be full-time undergraduate students and shall have at least a 2.4 All-University average, except for first-term or transfer students with no average, and shall be resident of the area they represent when elected and while in office.

Section 3. Representation on the Assembly shall be apportioned among the four major community governments: IFC, MRC, TIM, and AWS. There shall be one representative for each 500 students or fraction greater than half thereof, in each of the four areas, according to the number listed for each area by the University Department of Housing.

Section 3b. Each of the four major community governing bodies conduct nominations for its representatives on Assembly under the supervision of the Elections Commission.

c. All commercial publicity of a campaign shall be financed by SGA. However, the total amount spent in one election shall not exceed \$500.

d. Students shall vote only for those Assemblymen who will be representing the major community government where the voters reside.

e. The times, places, and manner of holding elections shall be prescribed by the Assembly.

Section 4. Each member shall repeat the following oath prior to assuming office: "I do hereby solemnly swear that I will uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association of the Pennsylvania State University, faithfully execute responsibilities of the Assembly membership, and will to the best of my ability serve to promote the welfare of the student body and the University as a whole."

Section 5a. The SGA Vice-President shall be the presiding officer of the Assembly, but shall vote only to break a tie.

b. The Assembly shall choose a member to be President pro-tempore, who shall preside in the absence of the Vice-President.

c. The Vice-President shall appoint a parliamentarian with the approval of the Assembly.

Section 6a. The Assembly shall be the judge of the elections and qualifications of its members, and in case of a tie in an election, shall vote to break the tie.

d. A two-thirds majority of the eligible members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

e. A majority vote shall be required to pass ordinary motions and legislation. A majority shall be defined as one more than half of those voting.

Section 7a. The Assembly shall have the sole power of impeachment. Grounds for impeachment shall be embezzlement, malfeasance in office, or actions contrary to or in violation of this constitution; Impeachment shall extend to SGA officers and Assembly members.

b. Removal proceedings may be instituted by a majority vote of the Assembly upon a motion to this effect by any of its members. The Assembly shall sit as a Tribunal with the Chairman of the Supreme Court presiding. Full hearing shall be given to the accuser and to the defendant with the defendant having the

New Timetables Ready At Willard, HUB Desk

The summer term timetables are now available at the Scheduling Office, 2 Willard, and at the Hetzel Union desk. There is no charge for the timetables.

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full right to counsel.

c. Removal shall be effected by a three-fourths vote of the constitutional membership of the Assembly.

d. Removal shall be appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court may overrule such removal by a unanimous vote.

Section 8a. The Assembly shall have the power to:

1. Discuss and legislate on any topic of student concern.

2. Make any recommendation on behalf of the student body concerning student welfare.

3. Summon before it any undergraduate student.

4. Conduct such investigations as it may deem just and proper.

5. Create such committees as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its business. Appointments to committees created by the Assembly shall be made by the Rules Committee, with the approval of the Assembly, unless otherwise specified.

6. Invite any member of the administration or faculty to appear before it to discuss matters concerning student welfare.

7. With the advice and consent of the University Senate, establish regulations for student conduct.

8. Establish lower courts in addition to the Constitutional Courts as may be necessary.

b. Legislation shall become effective if passed by the Assembly and signed by the President of SGA; however, if neither signed nor vetoed within one scholastic week, it shall become effective.

c. The Assembly may override the President's veto by a two-thirds majority.

d. The Assembly shall not legislate on internal matters which are peculiar only to a specific group, or direct any group to perform any acts which are contrary to its own internal structure or character. However, if such a group performs some services or duties of an All-University nature, then such actions may come under scrutiny and action of the Assembly.

e. The Assembly shall meet during each term of the academic year, excluding vacations, at least seven times.

f. No student may be a member of both Cabinet and Assembly.

Article V—Judicial Branch

Section 1. The Judicial branch of SGA shall consist of the Supreme Court, and lower courts established herein, and such other lower courts as may be created by the Assembly.

Section 2. The judicial power shall extend to all cases arising under this Constitution, the acts of the Assembly, or student regulations of the University Senate. Each of the lower courts shall also decide cases arising under the regulations of the organization of which it is a part.

Section 3a. The Supreme Court shall consist of the Chief Justice appointed by the SGA President, with the approval of the Assembly; the Chairman of the IFC Board of Control, the Chairman of the Off-Campus Tribunal, the Chairman of the IFC Tribunal, and the Chairman of the Traffic

Court. They shall elect one of their members Chief Justice.

b. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in all cases involving constitutionality, and jurisdiction as stated in the Constitution.

Section 4a. The IFC shall establish a Board of Control, which shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving a fraternity as a group.

b. The PHC shall establish a Judicial, which shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving a sorority as a group.

c. The AWS shall establish a Judicial, which shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving women students.

d. The MRC shall establish a Judicial, which shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving men living in residence halls.

e. All cases involving men living off campus shall be under the jurisdiction of an Off-Campus Tribunal composed of six members plus a chairman. These people shall be appointed by the SGA President, from a list submitted to him by the IFC and TIM, with the approval of the Assembly. Off-Campus Tribunal shall contain an equal number of fraternity and independent students.

f. All traffic violations shall be under the jurisdiction of a Student Traffic Court. Eight members and a Chairman shall be appointed by the SGA President with the approval of the Assembly.

Article VI. Finances—same

Article VII. Advisors—same

Article VIII. Authority—same

Article IX. Amendments—same

Article X. Bill of Rights—same

Jordan Invited to Join International Committee

Dr. Joseph Jordan, professor of chemistry, has been invited to participate in a meeting of the International Committee on Electrochemical Thermodynamics and Kinetics in Brussels, Belgium, and to join the committee as an active member.

The meeting is scheduled for the week of April 27.

Jordan will present a paper entitled "Electrode Kinetics by Hydrodynamic Voltammetry."

Society to Hold Initiation

Alpha Kappa Psi, men's business honorary society, will initiate new members at a business meeting at 7 p.m. today at Phi Mu Delta fraternity, 500 S. Allen Street.

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