

PREAMBLE

WE, THE STUDENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OSWEGO, IN RECOGNITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE FACULTY, AND THE STUDENT BODY IN STUDENT LIFE AND AFFAIRS, HEREBY CONSTITUTE THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT OSWEGO STUDENT ASSOCIATION, BELIEVING THAT BY ORGANIZING IN THIS WAY WE CAN BEST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO SERVE AS THE STUDENT BODY AGENCY IN THE PRESENTATION OF STUDENT OPINION IN MATTERS AFFECTING STUDENT LIFE AND AFFAIRS; TO SERVE AS AN APPELLATE AGENCY FOR PROBLEMS REFERRED TO THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION BY STUDENTS OR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROMOTE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY, A PROGRAM OF SERVICE, SOCIAL ACTIVITY, AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OSWEGO

ARTICLE I
Section I

All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in the Senate of the Student association.

Section II

1. The Senate shall be composed of members chosen annually by the living center or centers. (The term living center shall be defined in the By-Laws of this constitution.)

2. All Senators shall be regularly enrolled students of the State University of New York College at Oswego with an accumulative grade point index of at least the college minimum for good academic standing, and each shall at the time of his election be a member of that living center or of one of those living centers from which he shall be chosen.

3. Senators shall be apportioned among the several living centers within the college according to the respective numbers in the living centers.

The enumeration shall be made 30-60 days prior to the All-Campus Election on the basis of estimated membership in each living center for the coming semester.

The Senate shall determine the number of Senators to be chosen by each living center or group of living centers. The number of Senators shall never exceed 25 nor less than 15. No living center shall be denied representation.

4. When vacancies occur in the Senate by resignation or otherwise, they shall be immediately filled by Writs of Election issued by the Executive Authorities of the living center or centers, affected, and eventually filled by special election conducted among the residents of such living centers.

5. The Vice-President of the Student Association shall be the President of the Senate, but shall have a vote only in the event of a tie.

6. The Senate shall choose its other officers, and also a president pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice-President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the Student Association.

7. The Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment and trial of impeachments. In all cases of impeachment the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside, except in the case of his own impeachment in which case the Vice-President of the Student Association shall preside. No person shall be convicted without the occurrence of 2/3 of the members present.

8. Judgement on cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor or trust in the Student Association.

Section III

1. Senators may be elected at an open election of the members

of their living center or living centers group.

2. The SEnate shall assemble at least once every full academic week during the college year, except during the weeks of final examinations and the first week of the fall semester.

3. All Senators shall be elected at the time of the All-Campus Elections.

Section IV

1. The SEnate shall be judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members; and a majority shall constitute a quorum to do business, But a smaller of absent members under such penalties provided by the Senate.

2. The SEnate may determine the rules of its proceedings, discipline its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of 2/3 's of the total SEnate, expel a member.

3. The SEnate shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from the time to time publish the same, and the yeas and nays of the SEnate on any question shall, at the desire of 1/5 of those present, be entered in the journal.

Section V

No SEnator shall, during the time for which he was chosen hold any other civil office under the authority of the Student Association and no person holding any office under the Student Association shall be a member of the Senate during his continuance in office.

Section VI

Every bill which shall have passed the Senate, before it becomes law, shall be presented to the President of the Student Association. If he approves it he shall sign it; but if he returns it with his objections to the Senate, they shall enter the objections in the Journal and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration 2/3's of the total Senate agrees to pass the bill it shall become law. But in all cases the vote of the SEnate shall be determined by yeas, nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered in the Journal. If any bill is not returned by the President within 10 regular class days after it has been presented to him, the same shall be law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Senate by its adjournment prevents a return in the form of a vote, in which case it shall not be law.

Section VII

The SEnate shall be empowered:

1. To supervise the All-Campus Election;
2. To assess a Student Association tax (This tax shall be uniform throughout the Student Association);
3. To determine the expenditures of the Student Association Tax for the general welfare of the Student Association;

4. To have authority to make recommendations over all matters of policy affecting student welfare under this constitutions;
5. To determine the line of succession to the office of Student Association President following the Student Association Vice-President;
6. To initiate and enact any legislation necessary to implement for forgoing powers or to fulfill the the purpose of this constitution as set forth in the preamble except where such jurisdiction shall be denied by the policies of the State University of New York or the State University of New York College at Oswego.

Section VIII

1. No money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law, and a regular statement and account of the receipts and exenitures of all money shall be published from time to time.
2. The Senate shall passs no law regarding the internal operation of any student organization regonized under the guthority of the office of the Dean of Students.

Section IX

1. Upon presentation to the Senate of the Postion of 25% of the number of voters in the previous All-Campus Election any bill which they shall doom necessary shall be submitted to the Student Assocaition within 2 weeks after the presenation of the petition to be accepted or rejected, and if accepted, shall have the name standing as any bill pssed by the Senate and signed by the Student Association President.
2. The Senate may, by 2/3's vote of the total membership, submit any bill to the Student Associaton who shall accept or reject it; and if accepted said bill shall have the same standing as any bill passed by the Senate and signed by the Student Association President.

Article II

Section I

1. The executive power shall be vested in a Student Association President who shall, together with the Student Association Vice-President, be elected byan All-Campus Election at the earliest practicable date during the period from the 15th of March to the 15th of April; snd hold office for a term of the one year commenting the last day of May of the same year.
2. The President and Vice-President shall be regularly enrolled students wach with an accumulative grade point index of at least two-moths of a point (.2) above the college minxmum for good academic standing, and shall not be eligile for graduation until the completion of the semester in which theor term of office ends. The President at the beginning of the fall

semester during his term of office shall be at least a first semester junior with the minimum number of credits to be considered as such, and the Vice-President shall be at least a second semester sophomore.

3. In the event of the inability of the President to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President.

Section II

1. The Student Association President, before taking office shall take the following oath of office:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Student Association, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Student Association of the State University of New York College at Oswego.

Section III

The duties of the Student Association President shall include:

1. The presentation of a legislative program to the Senate at the first Senate meeting following his election and at the beginning of each semester;
2. The appointment, with the consent of the Senate, of all the officers, whose appointments shall not be otherwise provided for;
3. The presentation of periodic messages upon the State of the Student Association to the Senate;
4. The execution of all legislation of the Senate for which he shall be responsible to the Senate, except where a specific executive department shall be given authority, in which case the appropriate executive head shall be responsible to the Senate.

Section IV

The Student Association President shall be empowered to:

1. Require the opinion in writing of the principal officer of any executive department upon any subject relating to the department.
2. Convene such special sessions of the Senate as he shall deem necessary.
3. Recommend to the Senate such measures as he shall deem necessary and expedient.
4. Enter into agreements with agencies and organizations outside the college community by and with the consent of the Senate and the proper college authorities;
5. Represent the Student Association personally, and through his appointed representatives, in all its dealings with agencies and organizations outside the college community;
6. Assume such other executive powers as shall not be denied by the policies of the State University of New York or the State University of New York College at Oswego, or by this constitution.

ARTICLE III

Section I

The Judicial power shall be vested in a Supreme Court and such lower courts as the Senate shall establish. The number and manner of selection of justices of the Supreme and lower courts shall be determined by the Senate and the appointments of the justices of the Supreme and lower courts shall require approval by a 2/3's vote of the Senate. The term of office of the justices of the lower courts shall be for one year. Justices of the Supreme Court shall serve from the time of their appointment until they shall vacate their office by resignation or otherwise.

Section II

The Senate shall establish such administrative offices as it shall deem necessary for the operation of the Supreme and lower courts and the Supreme Court shall appellate jurisdiction over any lower court created by the Senate.

Section III

The judicial power shall extend:

1. To all cases to which the Student Association shall be a party except as otherwise stated in the following parts of this section.
2. To the student approval of all local student organization constitutions.
3. To any case involving the constitutionality of an act or ruling of the Student Association.
4. To any case involving violation of an act of the Senate except as otherwise stated in the following parts of this section.
5. To any dispute between students, or between a student organization and a student, or between student organizations, if no lower court, housing unit court, executive committee or commission, judicial board, or standards committee shall have prior jurisdiction, in which case the Supreme Court shall have the power ~~to~~ to decide whether the trial or hearing was conducted properly with the power to remand such cases back to the original trial body.
6. And to any other case where jurisdiction shall not be denied by the policies of the State University of New York of the State University of New York College at Oswego.

ARTICLE IV

This Constitution may be amended in the following manner: Upon the signing of a petition by 2/3% of the number of voters in the previous All-Campus Election, or by a 2/3's vote of all the members of the Senate, an amendment may be presented to the Student Association within two weeks after the presentation of the petition, in the case of such a presentation, to be accepted or rejected, and if accepted shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this constitution.

ARTICLE V

1. All engagements with organizations or agencies outside of or within the college shall be as valid against the Student Association under this constitution, as under the Associated Student Body Council.

2. This constitution, and the laws of the Students Association which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all engagements entered into, or which shall be entered into, under the authority of the Student Association shall be the supreme law of student life at the State University of New York College at Oswego except where they may conflict with the policies or practices of the State University of New York or the State University College at Oswego.

3. The Senators before mentioned and all executive and judicial officers, of the Student Association, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this constitution.

ARTICLE VI

The ratification of this constitution shall be determined by at least a quorum vote of the Associated Student Body as established under the constitution of the Associated Student Body Council.

ARTICLE VII

This constitution shall take effect immediately and shall be implemented by the present Associated Student Body Council until May 1, 1966, at which time the new Senators, Student Association President and Vice-President, and other civil officials shall assume the powers and duties of their respective offices, and at which time this article shall be expunged.

BY-LAWS

1. A living center shall be defined for the purposes of Senate apportionment to one of four categories as follows: (a) on-campus residence halls, (b) off-campus residence units recognized as residence halls by the college, (c) fraternity and sorority houses, and (d) commuters (all students not residing in living centers categorized by a, b, or c above.) The Senate

shall determine each year the groupings of the several living centers for the purposes of apportionment and enumeration of Senators to be elected by those groups of living centers.

2. Permanent speaking seats shall be awarded to:
 - (a) A representative of the Office of the Dean of Students
 - (b) A representative of the Office of the Co-ordinator of Student Activities
 - (c) The executive heads of C.U.B.M., A.W.S., and Athletic Council
 - (d) And to the delegated representative of any organization which the Senate shall designate by a majority vote.
3. The legislative session shall be one (1) year in length and shall begin on the first day of May in one year and end on the last day of April of the following year.
4. All meetings of the Senate shall be conducted by Robert's Rules Of Order.
5. Civil officials shall be
 - a. President and Vice-President of the Student Association
 - b. Senators of the Student Association
 - c. Justices of the Supreme and lower courts
 - d. Chairman and members of the various departments and the committees of the Student Association Executive and Judicial branches.
6. A Senator or a Justice at his own discretion may choose to participate in any of the various departments and committees of the Executive branch of the Student Association for the purpose of aiding him in discharging the duties of his office.
7. These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3's vote of all the members of the Senate. All by-laws to this constitution shall be subject to interpretation as bills under the provisions of Article I, Section 9 of this constitution.