

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 ON MATTERS AFFECTING STUDENT LIFE AND AFFAIRS: TO SERVE AS AN APPELLATE AGENCY FOR PROBLEMS REFERED 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 and shall remain a member of that living center for the duration of his office."
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 66 nor be less than 33. No living center shall be denied representation. X

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 the judge of the qualifications of its own members; and a majority shall constitute a quorum to do business. But a smaller number may convene and may be authorized to compel the attendance 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 time to time publish the same, and the years and days 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 constitution;
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 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 expenditures of all money shall be published from time to time.

2. The Senate shall pass no law regarding the internal operation of any student organization recognized under the authority of the office of the Dean of Students.

Section IX

1. Upon presentation to the Senate of the Position of 25% of the number of voters in the previous All-Campus Election any bill which they shall deem necessary shall be submitted to the Student Association within 2 weeks after the presentation of the petition to be accepted or rejected, and if accepted, shall have the same standing as any bill passed 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 Association 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 by an All-Campus Election at the earliest practicable date during the period from the 15th of March to the 15th of April; and hold office for a term of the one year commencing the last day of May of the same year.

2. The President and Vice-President shall be regularly enrolled students with an accumulative grade point index of at least two-tenths of a point (.2) above the college minimum for good for good academic standing, and shall not be eligible for graduation until the completion of the semester in which the 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 revolve 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 principle 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. Reccommend 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, and all its dealings with agencies and organization 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 on justices of the Supreme and lower courts shall be determined by the Senate and the appointments 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 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 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 or 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 Student Association which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all 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 three categories as follows: (a) on campus residence halls, (b) off-campus residence units recognized as residence halls by the college, and (c) commuters (all students not residing in living centers categorized by a or b above). The Senate shall determine each year the grouping of the several living for the purposes of apportionment and enumeration of Senators to be elected by these groups of living centers. These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3's vote of all the members of the Senate.

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 the 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 in 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 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 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 provision of

Article I, Section 9 of this constitution.

8. This association is not organized for profit nor for the pecuniary gain of its members, officers or other private persons. It may not issue stock or declare or distribute dividends. No part of the income of the association shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or other person, except it may pay a reasonable compensation for services rendered in effecting one or more of the association's purposes, and no member, officer, or other person shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the association assets on dissolution of the association. Any balance of money or assets remaining after the full payment of association obligations shall be directed exclusively to the furtherance of educational purposes.

9. Upon the dissolution of the association, the members, after payment or making provision for payment of the just debts, obligations and liabilities of the association, will dispose of all of its assets by transfer to such other not-for-profit organization(s), or organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, or such other purposes as shall at that time qualify for exemption under Section 501-C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 420 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law as, in the judgement of the members, is best qualified and competent to promote the purposes of the association.

10. No part of the activities of the association shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.