

CONSTITUTION

of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION of the UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Ratified April 13, 1948

PREAMBLE: We, the students of the University of Missouri, do hereby establish the Student Government Association of the University of Missouri for the purposes of organizing and supervising student activities and coordinating the student organizations through a system of self government.

ARTICLE I NAME

This Student Government Association of the University of Missouri shall be incorporated under the laws of Missouri as a non-taxable fraternal organization.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

All regularly enrolled resident students of the University of Missouri at Columbia are members of this organization.

ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1. The chief executive of the Student Government Association shall be a President.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board composed of the President, the Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Student Government Association, plus one member on the Student Council to be elected by that body, plus the chairmen of such departments as shall be provided by the laws and directives of the Student Council, and to advise the President.

Section 3. A candidate for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or department chairman must have attended the University of Missouri for two semesters and must have a 2.0 cumulative grade average and cannot be graduated before the expiration of the term for which he is a candidate.

Section 4. Duties.

Clause a. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Student Council, the Executive Board, and general meetings of the student body.

Clause b. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the president in his absence, failure or refusal to act, and to succeed to the Presidency should the office become vacant.

Clause c. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep careful and accurate records of the proceedings of the Student Council, such records to be open to inspection by any member of the association, and to succeed to the office of President in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President.

Clause d. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to supervise and handle all official correspondence of the Student Government Association, to keep the financial records, and to succeed to the office of president in the absence of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

Clause e. It shall be the duty of the department chairman to be responsible to the Student Council in the supervision and conduct of his department.

Clause f. The above officers shall perform such additional duties as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1. The legislative authority of the Student Government Association shall be vested in a Student Council.

Section 2. Membership

Clause a. In the general election each College or School shall choose one representative for every 600 students up to 1200, or major fraction thereof, except that each school shall have at least one representative.

Clause b. In the general election each division at the University with an enrollment of more than 1200 students shall elect an additional representative for each additional 1000 students or major fraction thereof.

Clause c. In the general election two Council members shall be elected at large from the incoming senior class, two members from the incoming junior class, and two members from the incoming sophomore class, further provided that one representative from each class shall be affiliated with a sorority or fraternity, and one non-affiliated.

Clause d. In December of each year the President shall appoint four representatives from the freshman class to take office on January 1, provided that such appointments shall be approved by a majority vote of the Student Council, and further provided that at least one of the freshman representatives shall be affiliated and one non-affiliated.

Clause e. In the event that a duly elected council representative shall change his affiliation or division while holding office, the office shall be considered vacant.

Section 3. Qualifications

Clause a. A candidate for the office of Student Council member with the exception of freshman representative must have at least 2.0 cumulative grade average, and cannot be graduated before the expiration of his term of office.

Clause b. A candidate for class representative shall be a member of the class he represents at least during the fall semester of his term of office, except that a freshman representative shall be a member of his class during at least one semester of his term of office. The records of Registrar shall determine the classification of each candidate, except that first year students in the Schools of Law and Medicine shall be classified as juniors and second year students in those schools shall be classified as seniors for the purpose of elections. Seniors and Graduate students shall not be eligible as candidates.

Clause c. All candidates for representatives from Colleges or Schools, as distinguished from class representatives, must be at least sophomores at the time of service, and shall not expect to complete work for a degree before the expiration of the terms for which they are candidates. This rule shall not apply to students in the Graduate School who need only expect to be enrolled in the University until the expiration of the term of office for which they are candidates.

Section 4. Powers

Clause a. The Student Council shall have the power:

1. To enact such rules, regulations, and laws as authorized in this constitution, or as necessary to carry out the constitutional purposes of Student Government Association.
2. To make such appropriations and expenditures as permitted within the financial powers granted by this constitution.
3. To operate, control, conduct, or prohibit all "All-student" enterprises and functions, except that the Council may delegate this authority to other organizations, provided that such delegation of authority is given in writing for one specific function.
4. To recommend disciplinary action to the faculty disciplinary committee in cases of violations of Student Government rulings.
5. To designate an official publication of S.G.A.

Clause b. The Student Council shall receive petitions for recognition from all organizations, shall review them, and shall present them with recommendations to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.

Section 5. The Student Council shall hold regular open meetings at least once a month and special sessions may be called by the President whenever deemed necessary. A Majority of the membership of the Student Council shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Section 1. Membership

The Board of Review shall consist of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs of the University of Missouri, plus one Student Council member from each class and the President of the Student Government Association. All members of this board shall be elected by the Student Council and approved by the President of the University.

Section 2. Chairman

The Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs shall be the Chairman of the Board of Review.

Section 3. Powers. The Board of Review shall have the power:

1. To declare unconstitutional any rule, regulation, or law enacted by the Student Council that shall be in violation of the provisions of this constitution or the established rulings of the University.
2. To prohibit such expenditures as shall be in violations of the powers granted by this constitution or the established rulings of the University.

3. To allow such appropriations and expenditures as are authorized by the Student Council, but not provided for in this constitution, provided that such expenditures shall be necessary and proper for the welfare of the student body.

4. To hear such cases of violations of the Student Government Association rulings as shall properly be brought before it, and to determine the guilt involved in such violations.

5. To carry out such other functions as may be provided by this constitution or the laws enacted under its provisions.

ARTICLE VI DEPARTMENTS

The Student Council shall establish by law such departments as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of Student Government affairs.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 1. All student Government funds shall be held, audited and expended by the University of Missouri as authorized by the Student Council and approved by the President of Student Government Association and the Faculty Adviser.

Section 2. All expenditures, requisitions, purchases, appropriations and commitments shall be made by the President under authority specifically granted him by legal orders of the Student Council and shall be signed by the President and Faculty Adviser, and shall be in conformance with the financial procedures of the University of Missouri. The Student Government Association may not be held responsible for commitments, debts, or purchases made in any other manner.

ARTICLE VIII FACULTY ADVISER

A faculty adviser shall be elected by a majority vote of the Student Council within one month after the new Council takes office. The Faculty Adviser may be recalled at any time providing a two-thirds vote of the Council is obtained, and further provided a new Faculty Adviser is elected at the same meeting.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS, INAUGURATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Elections

Clause a. Elections shall be conducted under laws and procedures enacted by the Student Council. The Board of Review shall have authority to judge the fairness and legality of any election.

Clause b. A general election for all officers and council members except freshmen representatives shall be held within the first fifteen days of March provided that the Elections Board shall publish the date of election one month in advance.

Clause c. Special elections may be called by the Student Council providing the date of said election is publicized 20 days in advance.

Section 2. Voting

Any member of the Student Government Association may vote in any election providing he complies with the election laws. Any member of the Student Government Association may vote for offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Representatives from Colleges or Schools are elected by students who

are currently enrolled in that College or School at the time of election. Representatives from classes shall be elected as follows; Freshmen shall vote for Junior representatives, and Juniors shall vote for Senior representatives. Seniors and students in Law and Medicine shall not vote for class representatives. The records of the Registrar shall determine the Student's class and school.

Section 3. Term of Office

All elected officials shall hold offices from the annual University Tap Day of one year until the Tap Day of the following year. Freshman members shall hold office from January 1 of one year to January 1 of the of the following year.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS, LAWS AND RECALL

Section 1. Amendments

Clause a. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a petition of ten per cent of the members of the Association or by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council.

Clause b. The President shall call an election to vote on proposed amendments within thirty days of the receipt of a proper petition or within thirty days of a decision by the Student Council to submit such a proposed amendment, provided however, that if such an election should fall closer than thirty days to the general election, the President shall submit the the proposed amendment in the general election.

Clause c. Amendments shall become a legal part of this Constitution when approved by a two-thirds majority of those who vote on the question, in a general or special election.

Section 2. Laws

All Student Government Laws or general regulations passed under the provisions of this Constitution shall be recorded in the statutes of the Association and shall be approved by the Board of Review.

Section 3. Recall

Any student officer may be recalled from office by the following procedure: By a petition of ten per cent of the members of the Association to be presented to a joint session of the Student Council and the Board of Review, which shall hear the charges and determine whether they are sufficient to warrant a general vote of the student body. A majority vote of the joint session shall be necessary to call such an election, and a two-thirds majority of the voters who vote on the proposed removal, shall be necessary to cause such removal.

ARTICLE XI ADOPTION

Section 1. This Constitution shall go into force and effect immediately upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the students voting on it, except that those provisions which affect the size and representation of the Student Council shall not go into effect until the general election of 1949. This Constitution supersedes and repeals all previous laws and constitutions, except that the provisions for the representation of the Student Council

shall remain in effect until the general election of 1949.

Section 2. This constitution shall be submitted for a vote of the student body in the general election on April 13, 1948, under the following form.

Do you favor the proposed new constitution?

Yes()

No()