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ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

- C. General membership is open to all members of the undergraduate student body.
- D. Delegate membership is voted upon by the body of the SGA and shall come from the general membership.

ARTICLE IV- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES-AT-LARGE

- 2. They shall be elected as stated in Article VII of this constitution.
- 3. If a vacancy occurs in a student Representative-at-Large position, the President of the SGA shall appoint, with the required approval by a concurring majority vote of the voting members of the SGA, a person to fill that vacancy.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

A. Eligibility

- 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

C. Enumeration of Powers and Duties

- 1. The President shall:
 - d. Have the power to make all appointments with a concurring majority vote of the SGA, including:
 - vi. The appointment of Delegate members, the President of the SGA shall appoint, with the required approval by a concurring majority vote of the voting members of the SGA, a person to fill that vacancy.
 - 1. have the power to establish commissions of the SGA
- 2. The Vice-President shall:
 - d. Hold (at least) a bi-weekly meeting with the chairpersons of the boards;
- 4. The Treasurer shall:
 - c. Serve as the Chair of the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee
 - f. Be responsible for creating and presenting the annual budget to the SGA, said budget must be approved by a majority of the voting members of the SGA

ARTICLE VI- General and Delegate Membership

- B. The Delegate Membership shall consist of all members of the student body who are appointed and approved by the body of the SGA. Such members shall:
 - 1. Serve on boards and committees of the SGA; and

2. Hold office hours as determined by the SGA ;

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS, TERMS, AND THE OATH OF OFFICE

A. Elections will take place in the spring semester no later than May the first, but no earlier than April the first. The election procedure will occur as follows:

1. Representatives will be elected by term:

a. During Even Year elections, ten (10) Representatives-at-Large will be elected;

b. During Odd Year elections, eleven (11) Representatives-at-Large will be elected;

c. These Representatives shall serve two (2) year terms; and

f. They shall be elected by a plurality of the vote of the entire full-time undergraduate student body.

2. For the initial Spring Election of the two aforementioned terms, the following procedures will be followed:

a. The party will nominate the twenty-one (21) members who will be running;

b. All subsequent elections held will be solely for two (2) year terms.

3. The other four (4) student Representative-at-Large positions shall be held open until the fall semester in order to allow interested freshmen and transfer students to participate. The procedure for these elections will be as follows:

a. They shall be elected by a plurality of the vote of the entire full- time undergraduate student body; and

b. These representatives will be elected to a one (1) year term expiring in the spring of that year.

C. All newly elected voting members of the Student Government Association shall be installed in office by the outgoing membership no later than seven (7) school days after the final certification of election results. When being installed, each of the elected persons shall take the following Oath of Office:

I, (State name and position), hereby solemnly affirm to fulfill strictly and conscientiously, the duties that have been bestowed upon me by the undergraduate student body of Southern Connecticut State University in accordance with the constitution of the Student Government Association. With respect to student rights and the amelioration of higher education.

ARTICLE XII- IMPEACHMENTS

A. A vote of no confidence shall suspend the President of his/her duties and temporarily suspend all the appointees of the President, save the Vice-President. Thereafter:

2. The Student Trustee shall oversee the election of a new President. Upon election of a new President, the Vice-President shall resign as Vice-President

B. Bylaws of the Student Government Association

1. Expenditure of SGA Funds:

- a. The President of the SGA shall have the authority, with the consent of the Executive Board, to expend up to one thousand (\$1000) dollars of SGA funds per semester without the express consent of the members of the SGA. Any expenditures above the amount of one thousand (\$1000) dollars must be approved by the members of the SGA prior to any commitment of funds by the President of the SGA.

c. Board of Clubs and Organizational Management (BOCOM)

- i. Membership shall consist of a chairperson and at least four (4) members all appointed as heretofore provided.
- ii. The BOCOM shall have the powers and Duties to:
 1. Serve as a liaison between clubs and organizations and SGA;
 2. Promote collaboration between different clubs and organizations;
 3. Assist the Office of Student Life in the management of the Resource Room;
 4. Provide activities/ events as needed to foster communication between clubs and organizations;
 5. Provide opportunities for club and organization leaders to develop their leadership skills;
 6. A member of BOCOM shall serve on the Leadership Retreat Committee; and
 7. Serve as the primary contact and organizer of Clusters.
- iii. The Board of Clubs and Organizational Management shall give written and/or oral reports to the SGA on its findings, recommendations, and proceedings at each meeting of the SGA.

d. Board Of Membership Involvement

- i. Membership shall consist of a chairperson and at least three (3) member all appointed as heretofore provided.
- ii. The BMI shall:
 1. Assist the General Membership in becoming more involved in the SGA;

2. Make recommendations to the President for General Members to fill the position of Delegate;
3. Assign Delegates to an office hour that is in tandem with a Representatives-at-Large, who shall serve as that Delegates mentor;
4. Oversee the running of SGA participation at select events.
5. Delegate members cannot be members of the Board of Membership Involvement

iii. The Board of Membership Involvement shall give written and/or oral reports to the SGA on its findings, recommendations, and proceedings at each meeting of the SGA.

3. Grade Point Average:

All members of the Executive Board and all Board Chairs shall have and maintain during their terms in office a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better.

4. Standing Committees:

a. Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee (SAFAC)

- i. The Student Government Association shall have a collaborative standing committee dedicated to allocating the student activity fee
- ii. Member shall consist of :
 1. Two (2) representatives from the SGA.
 2. Two (2) representatives from Programs Council
 3. Two (2) representatives from Residence Hall Association
 4. One chairperson aforementioned in this constitution in this constitution under the treasurer