

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS**

SECTION 1) CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITIONS

- A) The definition of a student shall be any persons taking courses at or from Marshall University, both full-time and part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies and who reside in Marshall University residence halls or utilize Marshall University facilities or services for the purpose of pursuing studies. A person shall be considered a student during any break or holiday period that occurs during a term in which that person is registered or between terms for which that person is registered. A person shall be considered a student while: the person is attending or participating in any activity preparatory to the beginning of a term, including, but not limited to, athletic training, orientation, placement testing, and residence hall check-in.
- B) The definition of hazing shall be: to cause any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another individual(s) or causes another individual(s) to destroy or remove public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of or recognized as an organization by Marshall University. Hazing includes, but is not limited to: any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced consumption of any food, alcohol, drug or other substance; any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of the individual(s) and includes any activity which would subject the individual(s) to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment; any other forced activity which could adversely affect the physical and/or mental health or dignity of the individual(s), or any willful destruction or

removal of public or private property. Further, the implied or expressed consent or willingness of an individual(s) to hazing shall not be a defense.

- C) The definition of intimidation shall be: committing, conspiring to commit, or causing any act to be committed which would compel or deter an individual's actions through the threatened or actual use of force, coercion, blackmail, or engaging in an intentional course of behavior directed at a specific individual(s) which frightens or harasses.
- D) A regular session shall be defined as the sum of the last meeting in the previous academic year and all regular meetings conducted in the following academic year consisting of a fall and spring semester as determined by Marshall University for administrative purposes.
- E) A regular meeting shall be defined as any previously scheduled gathering occurring within a regular session with the intent and purpose of conducting Senate business relating to bills, resolutions, and/or affairs relating to the operation of the Student Government Association (SGA).
- F) A regular election shall be defined as the annual election in the spring of each year for the purpose of electing student body representatives and/or giving the student body ratification rights. These elections shall follow the scheduling conventions set forth in Article III, Section 7-F.
- G) A special election shall be defined as any election occurring outside of the regular election cycle as defined in Article III, Section 7-F. These elections shall follow the same conventions as regular elections, and their results shall be implemented in a manner befitting regular election results unless otherwise specified as in Article II, Section 10-C-iii.
- H) The definition of an elected Senator shall be any student elected in a regular election.
- I) The definition of an at-large Senator shall be any student in Senate by means other than a regular election in accordance with Article III, Section 6-G.
- J) "Senate" shall hereby refer to the Marshall University Student Government Association Senate.