### **CONSTITUTION**

OF

# THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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#### **PREAMBLE**

We, the Student Government Association that governs the student body at Marshall University, understand that the student comes first and is our utmost priority. Therefore, our sole purpose is to create and oversee an open government that listens and advocates for the entire student body. We strive to promote principles of diversity and to continue the traditions of Marshall University's core values. Furthermore, we do hereby establish the constitution before you which is set in place to ensure that the voice of the students shall be heard and represented properly through a structured democracy.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **SECTION 1) CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITIONS**

- A) Student: 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.
- B) Hazing: 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, 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 or mental 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) Intimidation: 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) Regular Session: 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) Regular Meeting: Any meeting as scheduled by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate at the beginning of the session.
- F) Special Session: The sum of any and all meetings occurring outside of the regular session schedule. These special sessions shall follow the same conventions as regular sessions, and their results shall be implemented in a manner befitting regular sessions.
- G) Special Meeting: Any meeting occurring outside of the predetermined regular meeting schedule. These special meetings shall follow the same conventions as regular meetings, and their results shall be implemented in a manner befitting regular meetings.
- H) Regular Election: 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 8-D
- I) Special Election: Any election occurring outside of the regular election cycle as defined in Article III, Section 8-D. 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-D-iii.
- J) Elected Senator: Any student elected in a regular election.
- K) At-Large Senator: Any student in Senate by means other than a regular election.
- L) Apprentice: A first-year student who successfully applies to the Apprenticeship Program and is approved by the full Senate.
- M) Senate: The deliberative body made up of appointed and elected members to the Marshall University Student Government Association.
- N) Freedom of Prayer: The members of any branch of the Marshall University Student Government Association shall be free to include, as part of any of their meetings or

records, a voluntary prayer. The nature and specifics of the prayer shall be left entirely to the discretion of the individual leading it. There shall be no effort on the part of the Student Government Association or its members to restrict the prayers exclusively to any deity, individual, or other specific entity. Likewise, to prohibit the invocation of any deity, individual, or other specific entity shall likewise be considered unconstitutional.

## ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

#### **SECTION 1) MEMBERS**

- A) All students of Marshall University who meet the requirements as set forth in Article III-8 shall be eligible to be elected as members of the Marshall University Student Government Association.
  - i. Membership is open to all students without regard to any of the following: race, sex, ethnic origin, religious affiliation, age, physical or psychological handicap, and/or sexual orientation.
  - ii. In accordance with the policies of Marshall University and all national organizations represented on our campus, hazing shall not be permitted. All acts of hazing by any organizational member are forbidden.

#### **SECTION 2) SUPREME LAW**

A) This constitution and all laws enacted pursuant thereto shall be the supreme law of the Marshall University Student Government Association.

#### **SECTION 3) RULES OF ORDER**

A) All procedural matters not covered in this constitution or Senate legislation shall be governed by the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

#### **SECTION 4) PURPOSE**

- A) The major purpose of the Student Government Association shall be to facilitate the development of a sense of joint responsibility of students, faculty members, and administration for the achievement of the university's educational objectives.
- B) The Student Government Association shall be recognized as the sole authorized agency through which student participation in university governance shall be made effective.

C) The Student Government Association shall be the major body in assisting the overall well-being of the students of Marshall University.

#### **SECTION 5) NAME RESTRICTION**

A) The name "Student Government Association" shall not be used by any student or group of students, except as authorized by the Senate or the Executive Branch.

#### **SECTION 6) LOGO**

A) The logo for the Marshall University Student Government Association shall appear as:



#### **SECTION 7) RECALL**

A) Students shall have the power to recall any elected official of the Student Government Association. The petition to recall shall be given to the Director of Student Conduct and shall not be valid until they determine that it contains the signatures of at least ten (10) percent of the qualified voters of that official's constituency whose recall has been petitioned. Any officer who does not receive a majority of affirmative votes shall have their office declared vacant and filled in accordance with the provisions of this constitution. The sole exception shall be that the recalled official shall not be eligible for the vacancy.

#### **SECTION 8) REFERENDUM**

A) The student body shall have the power to call for a vote on any act of the Senate, provided a petition calling for the ballot specifies, in writing, the act on which the

- referendum is to be taken. This petition must be signed by at least ten (10) percent of the qualified voters.
- B) The Student Body President shall, if they determine the petition to be in good order, call for an election within two weeks of receiving the petition. A majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to enact the proposed measure.
- C) Any act of the Senate may be referred to the student body for a vote, provided the motion for ratification by the student body is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

#### **SECTION 9) INITIATIVE**

A) The student body shall have the power to initiate any act within the power of the Senate, provided that the same procedure shall be used as designated in Article II, Section 8.

#### **SECTION 10) AMENDING PROCEDURE**

- A) Amendments to the Constitution shall become valid under the following procedure:
  - i. An amendment may be introduced to the Senate by any member at any regular session. The proposed amendment shall be debated in the subsequent session(s).
  - ii. A simple majority vote of the Senate shall be necessary for approval of regularly proposed amendments.
  - iii. Approval of the Student Body President shall not be required.
- B) A constitutional amendment shall become law after approval by a simple majority of the Senate and ratification by a majority of the students voting in a regular or special election.
- C) The Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association shall be reviewed every three years for accuracy, correctness, integrity, and with the intention of keeping the document in line with current practices of the Marshall University Student Government Association.
  - i. The manner in which this is done shall be the determined by the Senate President Pro-Tempore with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- D) A constitutional amendment shall become effective as hereunder provided:
  - i. If a proposed constitutional amendment is ratified in a special election, it will become law and go into effect at the conclusion of the next regular election.

- ii. If a proposed constitutional amendment is ratified in a regular election, it will become law and go into effect at the conclusion of that regular election.
- iii. If a proposed constitutional amendment with provisions for special time for enactment is ratified, those provisions shall be enacted at that specific time.

#### **SECTION 11) VACANCIES OF SENATE**

A) If a vacancy shall arise in a seat of the Senate, the seat shall be declared vacant and shall be filled in accordance with Article III, Section 6-G.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

#### **SECTION 1) SUPREME POWER**

A) Supreme legislative powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Senate.

#### **SECTION 2) ENUMERATED POWERS**

- A) The Senate shall have the power to:
  - Appropriate funds to all agencies of the Student Government Association and to other activities compatible with the general welfare of the students of Marshall University.
  - ii. Ratify or reject all appointments made by the Student Body President by a simple majority vote.
  - iii. Override a presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in a regular or special session.
  - iv. Establish such subordinate offices and committees of the Senate as it shall deem appropriate.
  - v. Approve all rules governing student elections.
  - vi. Make recommendations to the President of Marshall University concerning matters affecting the student body but not within the power of the Student Government Association to adjust.
  - vii. Require reports from all organizations receiving appropriations from the Senate.
  - viii. Engage in legitimate enterprise for the purpose of gaining revenue for the maintenance of the Student Government Association.

- ix. Make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and promote the general welfare of the students of Marshall University.
- x. Approve or reject the Student Government Association budget in whole or in part.
- xi. Initiate and try all impeachments.

#### **SECTION 3) RESTRICTED POWERS**

- A) The Senate shall not have the power to:
  - i. Pass any ex post facto law.
  - ii. Make any law abridging or denying the freedom of the student press or any other freedom guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America or the Constitution of the State of West Virginia.

#### **SECTION 4) LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES**

- A) Legislation may be introduced in the Senate by a main motion, resolution, bill, or amendment.
  - i. Any resolution that pertains to a specific department on the campus of Marshall University, should be discussed with appropriate personnel within the department before it is taken up by the Senate and its respective committee.
  - ii. To be valid, any act must be signed by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and approved by the Student Body President.
  - iii. If the Student Body President vetoes any legislation, it shall be returned to the Senate for possible reconsideration and may be enacted into law by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in a regular or special session.
  - iv. All legislation not signed by the Student Body President within ten (10) days of its receipt from the Senate President Pro-Tempore shall immediately become law and go into effect.
  - v. All legislation not signed by the Senate President Pro-Tempore within ten (10) days of its receipt from the Student Body President shall immediately become law and go into effect.
  - vi. All legislation signed by neither the Student Body President nor the Senate President Pro-Tempore within ten (10) days of its receipt shall become law and go into effect.

#### **SECTION 5) IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES**

- A) Impeachment procedures may be brought against any Student Government Association member holding office.
- B) When the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, or members of the Senate are tried, the Director of Student Conduct shall preside.
- C) The Senate, when sitting for the purpose of impeachment, shall be under oath or affirmation.
- D) Conviction under any article of impeachment without an advisor recommendation shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by secret ballot of Senate members. With the recommendation of an advisor recognized by the Marshall University Student Government Association, the required majority for impeachment shall be a simple majority.
- E) Judgment in cases of impeachment and/or judicial review shall extend no further than removal from office and a one (1) year probation from holding any office in the Student Government Association. After the probation period, the impeached individual(s) shall then be allowed to run in a regular election with an indication of past impeachment next to their name on the ballot.
- F) Individuals that have been impeached and/or removed through the judicial review process shall not be eligible for At-Large seats in Senate at any time.

#### **SECTION 6) MEMBERSHIP**

- A) The Senate shall consist of qualified students, as provided for by Article III, Section 8 of this constitution.
- B) Students shall be elected by their constituency.
  - A constituency shall be defined as an academic group considered and counted in the annual student census; those groups shall be determined by the Registrar's Office.
  - ii. A student's constituency shall be determined by information on file in the Registrar's Office. If a student is a member of more than one constituency, they may choose which one they will run in.
- C) The following colleges shall be voting constituencies able to elect students to the Marshall University Student Government Association Senate:

- College of Arts and Media, Bill Noe Flight School, College of Education and Professional Development, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Graduate College, College of Health Professions, Honors College, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Lewis College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, School of Pharmacy, Regents College, College of Science, and University College.
- ii. Within thirty (30) days of the Student Census, the Senate is required to review and/or modify Article II, Section 6-C-i to update constituencies for purposes of Senate reapportionment.
- D) No candidate shall simultaneously run for Senator in more than one (1) constituency.
- E) The advisor in charge of the Student Government Association elections shall check the constituency and eligibility of Senators following the start of each fall and spring semester.
  - i. Senators who transfer to a different constituency during their term shall serve the remainder of the term in which they were elected until the next regular election, wherein they shall be eligible to be elected according to their new constituency.
- F) The number of Senators apportioned to each constituency shall be determined by the Fall Student Census. Senate representation shall be determined using the following methodology:
  - i. The total number of Senate seats is 75, with each college receiving a minimum of two seats in the Senate.
  - ii. Additionally, the total number of Apprentices shall be no more than 25.
  - iii. The percentage of students belonging to each constituency shall be equal to the percentage of seats held in the Senate. If the percentage of a college in proportion to the University is not a whole number, numbers equal to and above .6, round up, and numbers equal to and below .4 round down. In the event of a .5 decimal, refer to the next decimal point following it. If the number preceding the .5 is odd, round up. If the number preceding the .5 is even, round down.
- G) At-Large Senators shall be assigned to an underrepresented constituency by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.

H) No Senator shall be unseated because of declining enrollment during their term in office.

#### **SECTION 7) MEETINGS**

- A) The Marshall University Student Government Association shall meet a minimum of once a week within the standard Academic Calendar (as comprised of the Fall and Spring semesters), excluding the week before and the week comprising finals week.
- B) The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate shall be responsible for securing a place and time for Senate to meet.
- C) If it is imminently apparent that traditional meetings as outlined within this constitution are no longer feasible, it will be the responsibility of the Pro Tempore of the Senate to organize in a timely manner an alternative means of meeting in order to ensure the proper and continuing operation of the Student Government Association. In the case of the Pro Tempore being unable to fulfill such a duty (including the absence of an elected Pro Tempore), it will be the responsibility of the advisors to organize an alternative meeting.

#### **SECTION 8) QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A) In order to be eligible to be elected and/or hold office, undergraduate candidates for Senate must have a G.P.A of 2.5.
- B) Full-time freshmen at Marshall University shall be eligible to apply to the Student Government Association Apprenticeship Program.
- C) Graduate students are required to have a 3.0 G.P.A and enrolled in nine (9) credit hours per semester.
- D) Senators shall be elected in regular elections. The election date shall fall no earlier than the month of March. The exact date shall be determined by the Senate.
- E) All students enrolled at Marshall University have the right to vote in all elections presented to the student body.

#### **SECTION 9) QUORUM**

A) One (1) more than half (1/2) of Senators shall constitute quorum.

#### **SECTION 10) VACANCIES**

A) In the case of a vacancy during the Fall semester, the Senate shall appoint an At-Large Senator from that college to the vacant seat. In the event of a vacancy unable to be filled by an At-Large Senator, an application shall be made available to students for applying to be an At-Large Senator. All applications received shall be referred to the Judiciary

Committee to verify their compliance with the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association and the Senate By-Laws.

#### **SECTION 11) TERM**

- A) Senators shall serve one (1) year, elected in the spring and serve through the following spring.
- B) At-Large Senators shall serve until the conclusion of the term for the seat to which they were appointed.
- C) Officers of the Senate shall be elected at the beginning of each new session of the Senate.
  - i. Should a vacancy arise, a replacement shall be elected from the Senate in a timely manner.

#### **SECTION 12) SENATE ADVISORS**

- A) The Senate shall elect, by a simple majority vote, faculty advisors, at least one of which shall be the Assistant Dean of Students. If the office shall become vacant, the advisor should be appointed by the Vice President of Intercultural and Student Affairs. The election shall take place yearly at the same time as the election of Senate officers as described in Article III, Section 11-C.
- B) The Advisors of the Marshall University Student Government Association shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Attend at least 50% (½) of all Senate meetings.
  - b. Communicate in a timely manner with the Senate, officers, and fellow advisors.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

#### **SECTION 1) POWER**

- A) The Executive power shall be vested in the Student Body President. To this end, the Student Body President must ensure that the Executive Branch adheres to the requirements, responsibilities, structure, and membership set forth by the Student Government Association Executive Branch By-Laws, so long as they are not in conflict with this constitution.
- B) Amendments to the Executive Branch By-Laws may only be made effective by approval of a simple majority vote of the student body in a special or regular election.

#### **SECTION 2) ENUMERATED POWERS**

#### A) The Student Body President shall:

- i. Make recommendations to the President of Marshall University concerning matters affecting the students that are not within the power of the Student Government Association to adjust.
- ii. Represent the Student Government Association in all relations.
- iii. Make all executive appointments to be approved by the Senate.
- iv. Establish such subordinate offices and committees as deemed necessary.
- v. Remove any presidentially appointed officer for incompetence or neglect of duty.
- vi. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Executive Branch.
- vii. Enforce the decisions of the Director of Student Conduct.
- viii. Ensure the enforcement of the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association and the Executive Branch By-Laws.
  - ix. Call special sessions and/or general student body elections when deemed necessary.
  - x. Determine and recommend to the Senate the Student Government Association budget.
- xi. Make recommendations to the Senate as deemed necessary.
- xii. Have the power to veto bills of the Senate as provided for in Article III, Section 4.
- B) The Student Body Vice President shall:
  - i. Serve as President of the Senate.
  - ii. Serve in the capacity of assistant to the Student Body President.

#### **SECTION 3) EXECUTIVE REQUIREMENTS**

- A) Candidates for Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall meet the following requirements:
  - i. Have a cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 with a letter of recommendation.
  - ii. Be undergraduate students of Marshall University.
  - iii. Be enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours of undergraduate classes during the semester they become a candidate.
  - iv. Have satisfactorily completed at least forty (40) hours of credit.
  - v. Have satisfactorily completed two (2) full semesters at Marshall University prior to the one in which they become a candidate.

- B) The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall:
  - i. Maintain cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.00.
  - ii. Satisfactorily complete at least twelve (12) hours of classes during each of the spring and fall semesters of their term.
- C) The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected as a single ticket during the spring election of each year.

#### **SECTION 4) TERM**

- A) The term for both Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be one (1) fiscal year as determined by Marshall University.
- B) Term limits shall be two (2) terms as Student Body President for the student elected as Student Body President.
  - The student elected as the Student Body President shall be eligible to serve as an Appointed Executive in a subsequent cabinet.
- C) Term limits shall be two (2) terms as Student Body Vice President for the student elected as Student Body Vice President.
  - i. The student elected as the Student Body Vice President shall be eligible to serve as an Appointed Executive in a subsequent cabinet.
- D) Appointed Executives shall be exempt from term limits.
  - i. Executives shall be eligible to run and hold office as either Student Body President or Student Body Vice President following their executive term.

#### **SECTION 5) MEMBERSHIP**

- A) The Executive Branch shall consist of at least: the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and other positions as deemed necessary by the Executive Branch By-Laws.
- B) The Student Body President shall appoint all cabinet members. Each cabinet member shall be subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
  - i. All cabinet members appointed by the Student Body President shall be required to hold and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00.
- C) The Election Commission, which is appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Chair of the Election Commission.
- D) The Election Commission Chair shall:

- i. Ensure adherence to the official election rules by all candidates and their cabinet members.
- ii. Take action to reprimand candidates violating the official election rules according to the official election rules document.
- iii. Ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair, impartial, and open manner.
- iv. Arrange, promote, and schedule a public forum for the President/Vice President tickets.
- v. Fulfill all other duties as determined by the Assistant Dean of Students for Involvement.

#### SECTION 6) VACANCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- A) If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Student Body President in the case of their death, disability, removal, and/or resignation, the order of succession shall be:
  - i. The Student Body Vice President.
  - ii. The Senate President Pro-Tempore.
  - iii. Further succession as outlined in Article II, Section 4 of the Senate Bylaws.
- B) If a vacancy shall arise in the office of the Student Body Vice President in the case of their death, disability, removal, and/or resignation, the President shall appoint a new Vice President with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- C) If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Senate President Pro-Tempore, the Senate shall convene in a regular session and elect a replacement from its members.

#### **SECTION 7) OATH OF OFFICE**

A) The Director of Student Conduct, or a designated person of their choice, shall administer the oath of office to the Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President.

#### **SECTION 8) FINANCE**

- A) The Student Government Association shall maintain a financial account.
  - i) The money collected from the student activities and service fees shall be placed in the Student Government Association special account of the university. The expenditures of these monies shall be by requisition generated by the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, or designated person(s) and forwarded for approval to the designated person(s).
- B) The Senate must approve any expenditure from the budget surplus.

- C) It will be the responsibility of the Executive branch to create and maintain a budget for the Student Government Association to be approved by the Senate.
  - The Senate Treasurer shall be present at all meetings regarding the Student Government Association budget.

#### **SECTION 9) FINANCIAL AUDITS**

A) All financial records of the Student Government Association shall be audited by the designated personnel as needed. A copy of this report shall be submitted to the President of Marshall University, the Student Body Vice President, and the Senate.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### JUDICIAL BRANCH

#### **SECTION 1) POWER**

- A) The power of the Judicial Branch shall be to consider actions of the Student Government Association Legislative and Executive branches and uphold them or strike them down, in part or in whole, based on the actions' constitutionality and relation to relevant governing documents.
- B) The power of the Supreme Court, and

#### **SECTION 2) ENUMERATED POWERS**

- A. The Judicial Branch shall be called the Supreme Court of the Student Government Association.
- B. The Supreme Court's decision to uphold or strike down any actions it considers is made with a simple majority vote of the members present.
- C. The Supreme Court shall vote on the conviction and expulsion of a senator, with all five (5) justices present, with a 3/5 required majority.
- D. The Supreme Court shall review all legislation passed by the Student Senate and deem its constitutionality according to the constitutions of the United States, West Virginia, and this constitution.
- E. Additional duties as set by the Supreme Court's faculty advisor.

#### **SECTION 3) MEMBERSHIP**

- A) The Judicial Branch shall consist of qualified students, as provided for below.
  - i. Undergraduate candidates and Justices shall maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00.

- ii. Graduate candidates and Justices shall maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00.
- iii. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must:
  - a. Completed 45 undergraduate college and/or 12 graduate college credit hours at Marshall University.
  - b. One (1) letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty.
  - c. Completed at least 10 hours of community service per semester.
- iv. Justices must not simultaneously hold a position within the Legislative or Executive Branches of the Marshall University Student Government Association.
- B) The membership of the Judicial Branch shall consist of five (5) students that are appointed by the President of the Student Government Association, with one of the appointments being the Chief Justice, that are to be approved by the Senate.
  - The President shall have to submit their Supreme Court appointments at least one
     (1) week prior to the first Senate meeting in which their appointees are to be considered.
  - ii. The Senate shall approve or deny a Presidential Supreme Court appointment with a simple majority vote.
  - iii. If the Senate denies any Supreme Court appointee, the President shall have one(1) week to provide a replacement appointment to the Senate.
  - iv. The President must make the initial Supreme Court nominations of an academic year prior to the first Senate meeting of a new session.

#### SECTION 4) TERMS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

A) The term of a Justice shall last from when they are sworn in until the final day of the academic year.

#### **SECTION 5) MEETINGS**

- A) The Supreme Court shall meet at least bi-weekly and cannot make any decisions unless all five justices are present.
- B) An associate justice shall record meeting minutes and relay their messages to the Senate Historian.
  - i. All decisions of the Supreme Court must be made in standard, in-person meetings that have all five (5) Justices in attendance.

#### **SECTION 6) REMOVAL OF JUSTICES**

A) Justices can be removed from office through impeachment procedures as outlined in Article III Section 5 of this Constitution, with the Director of Student Conduct presiding over a Justice's impeachment proceedings.

#### **SECTION 7) VACANCIES**

A) In case of a Supreme Court vacancy, the President shall have one (1) week to offer a replacement appointee.

#### **SECTION 8) FACULTY ADVISOR**

A) The Director of Student Conduct shall be the designated faculty advisor for the Supreme Court and offer assistance to the Supreme Court when necessary.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

A) This constitution shall go into effect immediately upon ratification by the student body, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.