

## Constitution of the Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus

### **Article I. Name**

Section 1.01 The name of the organization is the “The Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus.” The organization shall be referred to in the Constitution and the Bylaws as the “Association,” and its Senate as the “Senate.” The University of Connecticut Stamford Campus shall be abbreviated as the “Stamford Campus” or the “Campus.”

Section 1.02 For both official and informal purposes, the Association may be referred to in any way that clearly identifies it, including but not limited to “SGA,” “Stamford SGA,” or “Student Government.”

### **Article II. Statement of Purpose**

Section 2.01 The Senate exists for the following purposes:

- (a) To represent the interests of the undergraduate student body and present them to the administration of the Campus
- (b) To work in the interest of the Campus community
- (c) To supervise all student activities that are sponsored by the Association
- (d) To oversee the allocation of the Association’s funds to Registered Student Organizations
- (e) To promote cooperation between all University of Connecticut campuses

Section 2.02 The Programming Committees exist for the following purposes:

- (a) To plan, organize, and execute events and activities that will benefit the Association
- (b) To represent the interests of the undergraduate student body in their programming
- (c) To work in the interest of the Campus community

### **Article III. Membership**

Section 3.01 The Association shall consist of all those who have paid a student activity fee to the Stamford Campus as part of the University’s fee bill.

Section 3.02 The Senate shall consist of any member of the Association who has been appointed as per the guidelines set forth in the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 3.03 The Programming Committees shall consist of any member of the Association who has been appointed as per the guidelines set forth in the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Association.

### **Article IV. Duties and Powers of the Senate**

Section 4.01 The powers of the Senate are vested in it by the members of the Association.

Section 4.02 The Senate shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To allocate funds for student activities and other activities that allow the Association to fulfill its stated purpose
- (b) To allocate funds for Registered Student Organizations and their activities

- (c) To create and enforce policies and standards that will benefit the Association and the Campus

**Article V. Senator Responsibilities and Requirements**

Section 5.01 Requirements to serve as a Senator are:

- (a) Be a member of the Association
- (b) Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 (current semester and cumulative) at all times during one's time in office
  - (i) The Student Enrollment and Academic Standing will be confirmed by the University.
- (c) Regularly attend meetings of the General Senate

Section 5.02 Responsibilities of each Senator are:

- (a) Be available to one's constituents during one's membership in the Senate
- (b) Participate actively in Senate activities when available and able
- (c) Know and understand Robert's Rules of Order, the Constitution of the Association, and the Bylaws of the Association

Section 5.03 Failure to carry out these duties without an official exemption will result in the possible resignation of the Senator.

**Article VI. Duties and Powers of the Programming Committees**

Section 6.01 The powers of the Programming Committees are vested in it by the members of the Association.

Section 6.02 The Programming Committees shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) Plan, organize, and execute events and activities for the undergraduate student body
- (b) Use the funds allocated to them by the Senate to fulfill their stated purpose
  - (i) The funds are to be used in a manner that is at the discretion of the Programming Committees, so long as that manner meets the following standards:
    - 1) Is in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Senate upon allocation of funds
    - 2) Is decided and carried out with the best interests of the constituents in mind

**Article VII. Committee Member Responsibilities and Requirements**

Section 7.01 Requirements to serve as a Committee Member are:

- (a) Be a member of the Association
- (b) Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 (current semester and cumulative) at all times during one's time in office
  - (i) The Student Enrollment and Academic Standing will be confirmed by the University.
- (c) Regularly attend at least one Programming Committee Meeting each week

Section 7.02 Responsibilities of each Committee Member are:

- (a) Attend and actively participate in at least one Programming Committee each week

- (b) Plan, organize, and execute events and activities for the undergraduate community, and do so with their constituents' interests in mind
- (c) Advertise and promote all events planned by their respective committees
- (d) Be available to one's constituents, and actively seek and respond to feedback

Section 7.03 Failure to carry out these duties without an official exemption will result in the possible resignation of the Committee Member.

### **Article VIII. Officers**

Section 8.01 The Officers of the Association are: President, Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Financial Officer.

- (a) Officers are elected by the Association in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Bylaws.
  - (i) A plurality of the voting body will elect the individual to office.
- (b) The term of appointment will begin and end at the last General Senate Meeting of the spring semester. An Officer of the Association shall not be the President or Treasurer of a Tier-II RSO during their term of appointment.
- (c) To be eligible to run for an Officer position, an individual must:
  - (i) Be a member of the Association at the time of nomination and during their term in office
  - (ii) Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) at the time of nomination and at all times during their time in office
  - (iii) Meet the following involvement/leadership criteria:
    - 1) For the positions of President, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer the individual must have been a member of the Senate or serve as a Stamford Tier-II RSO leader (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for at least two semesters.
      - a) If the individual is currently in the process of completing their second term in one of the aforementioned offices, they are eligible to run for either of the three positions.
    - 2) For the position of Chief Administrative Officer the individual must be a member of the Senate or serve as a Stamford Tier-II RSO leader (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for at least one semester.
      - a) If the individual is currently in the process of completing their first term in one of the aforementioned offices, they are eligible to run for the position.
  - (iv) Exceptions to the eligibility requirements may be considered and approved by the Senate if no Senators meet the requirements.
- (d) If an Officer position becomes vacant, it must be filled within a reasonable period of time, which will be defined by the Senate unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws.

Section 8.02 The Officers of the Senate shall be elected from the ranks of the Senate as per the eligibility requirements described above. Officers are members of the Senate but are not considered Senators for official purposes. With the exception of the President, all Officers are entitled to one vote on motions proposed in the General Senate. The President's voting rights are defined in Section 8.03. Each Officer shall have the following duties:

- (a) To interact and communicate frequently and freely with the Campus's administration
- (b) To oversee the recruitment, retention, and training of new Senators in coordination
- (c) To meet with the other Officers on a regular basis
- (d) To promote all activities and initiatives of the Association
- (e) To oversee regular and timely publication of Association information
- (f) To publicize, initiate, and react to situations that affect the student body and may be created by outside forces
- (g) To poll the student body to better understand and serve the interests of the Association
- (h) To train the incoming Officers in their respective responsibilities

Section 8.03 The President shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To call regular and special meetings of the Senate and the Association
- (b) To supervise all elections pertaining to the Association
- (c) To initiate and maintain communication and active discussion with other campuses of the University of Connecticut
- (d) To serve as the Association's primary media contact
- (e) To vote only in the case of a tie, or when their vote will result in a tie vote
- (f) To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Officers carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
- (g) To be one of two students authorized to sign checks for the Association
- (h) To chair regular meetings with the Officers, held at a mutually convenient time
- (i) To serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee
- (j) To work with the Chief Financial Officer in preparing for and presenting at the annual budget hearing to the Student Fee Advisory Committee
- (k) To handle correspondence concerning The Association

Section 8.04 The Vice President shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To function in place of the President and assume the duties of the President in their absence
- (b) To oversee all Programming Committees and their Directors, and to attend at least one meeting per month per committee
- (c) To appoint Directors of Programming Committees with approval of the Senate, by the process stated in the Bylaws
- (d) To hold regular meetings with all Directors at a mutually convenient time
- (e) To initiate and maintain communication and active discussion with other campuses of the University of Connecticut
- (f) To ensure that all Programming Committees are adequately staffed

- (g) To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Programming Committees carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
  - (h) To chair the Senate Review Committee
- Section 8.05 The Chief Administrative Officer shall have the following duties and powers:
- (a) To preside over the General Senate Meeting in place of the President and Vice President in their absence
  - (b) To appoint members of the Association to the Senate with simple majority approval of the Senate when permitted by the Constitution and the Bylaws
  - (c) To keep, distribute, and make publicly available to the Association minutes of all official Senate and committee meetings
  - (d) To post, in a public place, all major documents pertinent to the functioning of SGA
    - (i) These include, but are not limited to, the Constitution and the Bylaws.
  - (e) To handle correspondence concerning the Association
  - (f) To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Senators carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
  - (g) To publish and distribute minutes of General Senate Meetings within 48 hours of adjournment
  - (h) To provide supplies for the organization at the beginning of each semester, and as needed throughout the semester
- Section 8.06 The Chief Financial Officer shall have the following duties and powers:
- (a) To oversee all funding provided to and spent by the Association
  - (b) To propose motions to authorize or deny requests for money to be drawn from the Association's funds.
  - (c) To maintain the Association's financial sources and accounts
  - (d) To maintain a record of all expenditures and receipts pertaining to Registered Student Organizations funded by the Association
  - (e) To provide access to the Association's financial records to any member of the Association upon request within a reasonable period of time
  - (f) To compile a comprehensive budget report at the end of their term of service for review by the Senate
  - (g) To submit a bi-weekly report on all pertinent Association expenditures and deposits to the Officers
  - (h) To submit a bi-weekly report on the status of the Association's finances to the Senate
  - (i) To be one of two students authorized to sign checks for the Association
  - (j) To work with the President in preparing for and presenting at the annual budget hearing to the Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - (k) To chair the Finance Committee

**Article IX. Programming Committee Directors**

- Section 9.01 Programming Committee Directors, or Directors, shall oversee all events planned by the Programming Committees, and lead the Programming Committees in fulfilling their stated purpose.

Section 9.02 Directors shall be appointed by the Vice President, by the means stated in Article VI of the Bylaws.

Section 9.03 To be appointed as a Director, an individual must meet the following criteria:  
(a) Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) at the time of nomination and at all times during their term of appointment  
(b) Have served as a Senator or Committee Member for at least one semester

Section 9.04 Responsibilities of each Director are:  
(a) Lead their respective committees in the event-planning process  
(b) Delegate tasks to their Committee Members in an efficient manner  
(c) Complete necessary financial documentation pertaining to their respective events

#### **Article X. Meetings**

Section 10.01 Meetings of the Senate shall be held on a weekly basis on the day and time established by the Officers prior to the semester. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Statutes and any other rules governing the Senate.

Section 10.02 A special meeting of the Senate will be called by the President, at the request of any Senator, with 48 hours' notice to the Association. Quorum must be met for any official business to be conducted. Minutes of the special meeting will be posted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Section 10.03 Meeting procedures not addressed in the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association will be dictated by Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **Article XI. Amendments**

Section 11.01 Requests for amendments to the Constitution may be made by any member of the Association, and will be reviewed by the Constitution Committee. The Constitution Committee will be created in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Bylaws.

Section 11.02 Any changes in the Constitution must:  
(a) Be approved and signed for by two-thirds of the Senate  
(b) Passed with a simple majority vote by the Association  
(c) Be subsequently made available to the student body

Section 11.03 In the event that members of the Association who are not members of the Senate wish to amend the Constitution, the following procedure must be followed:  
(a) The concerned members will address the Senate with their concerns and request the changes.  
(b) The Senate may discuss the proposed changes immediately or at another public meeting designated for that explicit purpose.  
(c) Approval of the changes will be subject to the process described in Sections 11.01 and 11.02.

#### **Article XII. Authority of the Constitution**

Section 12.01 This Constitution and its Bylaws shall be in force and effect immediately upon their ratification by the Association.

## Bylaws of the Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus

### **Article I. Programming Committees**

- Section 1.01 The Officers will determine the amount of Programming Committees needed for the Association. They may create or dissolve Committees as needed.
- Section 1.02 The Vice President shall assign Directors to lead Programming Committees as needed.
- Section 1.03 Composition
- (a) Programming Committees will be led by a Director or Directors as appointed per Article VI of the Bylaws.
  - (b) Committee Members will be assigned to serve on a Programming Committee by the Vice President. The Committee Member will remain a member of that Committee for the duration of the semester, or until the time he or she is unable to remain a member of the Committee, is relieved of his or her duty as a Committee Member, or is granted an exemption by the Chief Administrative Officer.
  - (c) Members of the Association may volunteer to serve on a Committee.
  - (d) Graduate students and other community members may serve on the Committee, but do not have any voice in decision-making authority of the Committee.

### **Article II. Other Committees**

- Section 2.01 Finance Committee
- (a) Composition
    - (i) The Finance Committee will be chaired by the Chief Financial Officer.
    - (ii) Members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, and must include the President, at least two Senators, and at least two Committee Members.
  - (b) The Finance Committee shall have the following duties and powers:
    - (i) Receive and review all requests for allocations and funding made by Registered Student Organizations and by the Association at pre-semester meetings
    - (ii) Review and prepare an annual budget for the Association
    - (iii) Develop and review funding guidelines for the Association
      - 1) These guidelines shall be in effect and binding upon a simple majority vote following their presentation to the Senate.
    - (iv) Review and revise these guidelines as necessary
    - (v) Oversee funding and ensure that funding and accounting procedures are followed
    - (vi) Ensure that the Association's budget is balanced at all times
      - 1) If the budget is unbalanced, the Finance Committee shall have the authority to place a moratorium on further spending until the budget is balanced.
  - (c) Guests may sit in on meetings for discussion upon invitation from Finance Committee, but do not have any decision-making authority.

Section 2.02 Special Committees

- (a) Special Committees may be created or dissolved as needed at any time.
- (b) The President will charge the Committee with its goal and purpose, with approval from the Senate.
- (c) The Committee may be chaired by an Officer, Senator, Director, Committee Member, or a member of the Association, with approval from the Senate.
- (d) Members of the Committee will be assigned as needed. The Committee may include members of the Senate, the Association, and ad-hoc non-voting members from the Campus, the University faculty/staff, or community as needed and appropriate for the particular purpose.
- (e) A weekly report of the progress of the Committee will be presented by its chair at the General Senate Meetings while the Committee is in place.

Section 2.03 Constitution Committee

- (a) The Constitution Committee will have the purpose of reviewing and presenting constitutional changes per the request of the Senate or the Association.
- (b) The Committee may be chaired by an Officer of the Association, with approval from the Senate.
- (c) Members of the committee will be assigned as needed, and may include members of the Association.
- (d) A weekly report of the progress of the committee will be presented by the chair at the General Senate Meetings.

Section 2.04 Senate Review Committee

- (a) The Senate Review Committee shall be considered a Special Committee. The Vice President will create the Senate Review Committee, and once their work is completed the Vice President will dismiss the Senate Review Committee.
- (b) The Senate Review Committee shall be comprised of four Senators. Members of the Senate Review Committee shall be elected by the Senate.
- (c) The Senate Review Committee shall address standing issues brought forth by members of the Senate or the Association, make reasonable resolution in coordination with the other standing Officers, and inform the Senate of its findings and solutions.

**Article III. Senator Appointments**

Section 3.01 Individuals must meet the requirements and responsibilities of the Senators as stated in the Constitution. The Chief Administrative Officer will verify that all individuals meet the requirements.

Section 3.02 Individuals will be appointed to serve as a Senator once they have attended two consecutive required meetings. At the next regular meeting of the Senate, the individual will be appointed to the appropriate Senator status.

- (a) At the end of each semester, all Senators will be sworn out except the Officers and the Directors.
- (b) Reappointment of individual Senators will occur each semester upon their requirements being met.

**Article IV. Code of Ethics**

Section 4.01 All Senators, Committee Members, Directors, and Officers must read and understand the SGA Code of Ethics included in Appendix A of this document. Each Senator, Committee Member, Director, and Officer must understand that failure to abide by this code of ethics will result in an automatic referral of the situation to the Officers. Accepting a position as a Senator, Committee Member, Director, or Officer is an ipso facto acceptance of this Code of Ethics and agreement to abide by its conditions.

**Article V. Officer Elections**

Section 5.01 Regular Elections

- (a) Regular elections will occur in conjunction with the University's Joint Elections timeline each spring semester for the following academic year.
- (b) Election of Officers will be by the Association at large, and by the means set forth by the Senate.
- (c) Officer training/transition will occur immediately following the election, and the Officers-elect will officially begin their term at the last regular General Senate Meeting of the spring semester.

Section 5.02 Vacancy of Office/Special Elections

- (a) In the event that an Officer relinquishes or is relieved of their position the Senate has the authority to appoint an interim Officer to fill the position until a special election can be held. If a vacancy occurs after the seventh week of the spring semester, the interim Officer may remain in office for the remainder of the academic term.
- (b) Special Elections
  - (i) Nomination and election will be held by the Association at the earliest opportunity. The Association will receive notification of at least one week of the special election.
  - (ii) To be eligible to run for an Officer position, an individual must meet the requirements as set in Article VI of the Constitution of the Association.

**Article VI. Director Selection**

Section 6.01 Halfway through each semester, the Vice President will begin the selection of Directors for the following semester.

Section 6.02 The term of appointment will be for one semester.

Section 6.03 To be eligible to serve as a Director, the student must have served as a UConn Stamford Senator or Committee Member for one academic semester, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) throughout their term, and complete an application by the deadline set by the Vice President.

Section 6.04 The Vice President will announce the Director appointments and they will be confirmed by the Senate.

Section 6.05 If any Director relinquishes or is relieved of their position, an interim Director will be appointed by the Vice President.

**Article VII. Officer and Director Removal**

Section 7.01 To remove an Officer or Director from their position, the individual must have committed at least one of the following misconducts:

- (a) Exhibited behavioral misconduct unbecoming of a leader, including but not limited to violations of the Student Code of the University of Connecticut, or
  - (b) Repeated failure to complete duties or responsibilities of positions, or
  - (c) Failed to maintain minimum standards for membership in the Senate
- Section 7.02 The process to remove an Officer or Director from their position for a violation of Section 6.01a and b is:
- (a) A motion to investigate the alleged violation is brought to the Senate, and approved with at least one-third of the vote.
  - (b) If the vote to investigate is approved, a committee is immediately formed to investigate the alleged violation. The committee is appointed by the President, or the Vice President if the allegation is against the President. The committee appointments are confirmed by a vote of the Senate.
  - (c) The committee has one week to investigate the allegations and report back to the Senate their findings.
  - (d) The Senate hears the findings of the committee, and the Officer or Director in question has an opportunity to respond. A motion to remove the Officer or Director is made to the Senate and a secret ballot vote is taken. The motion passes with a two-thirds majority.
- Section 7.03 The process to remove an Officer or Director from their position for a violation of Section 6.01c is:
- (a) If an Officer violates 6.01c, the advisor will notify the Officers and the Officer in violation will resign. A special election will be held to fill the vacant seat per the Bylaws.
  - (b) If a Director violates 6.01c, the advisor will notify the Officers and the Director in violation will resign. The Vice President will appoint an interim Director to complete the term.

### **Article VIII. Meetings of the Senate**

- Section 8.01 Meetings will be held once a week during the fall and spring semesters that UConn classes are in session.
- Section 8.02 A special meeting of the Senate will be called at the request of any Senator within 48 hours' notice to the Association. Quorum must be met for any official business to be conducted. Minutes of the special meeting will be posted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.
- Section 8.03 The format of the meetings will be as follows:
- (a) The President will call the meeting to order.
  - (b) Attendance will be taken and minutes will be approved as read, or amended, by the Senate.
  - (c) Officer reports will be given.
  - (d) The advisor will give a report.
  - (e) Committee reports will be given.
  - (f) Old business will be discussed.
  - (g) New business will be discussed.
  - (h) An open forum will be held.

(i) The meeting will adjourn.

Section 8.04 Meeting procedures shall reflect guidelines set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

**Article IX. Senate Voting**

Section 9.01 A super majority of the voting Senate (one-half plus one) is required to constitute a quorum.

Section 9.02 Each member of the voting Senate is entitled to one vote.

(a) The President may only vote in case of a tie, or when their vote would result in a tie (in order to defeat a motion).

Section 9.03 A vote will be conducted by secret ballot at the request of any member.

Section 9.04 Absentee votes may be accepted provided that the member notifies the Chief Administrative Officer that they would like to submit an absentee vote prior to the beginning of the General Senate Meeting. They must be cast within 24 hours of the vote and can be confirmed by the Senate.

Section 9.05 Votes requiring a simple majority approval shall be conducted by voice vote, if the outcome is not clear a show of hands will suffice.

Section 9.06 The Senate shall have the power to grant one vote to any outside individual or representative of a group when a vote held by the Senate will affect that individual or group.

Section 9.07 In the case that a member of the Senate disagrees with the voting majority, he or she may, within 48 hours of the meeting, provide the Chief Administrative Officer with a written dissenting opinion outlining their concerns and disagreement with the decision. If received within this time period, the text of this dissenting opinion must be included with the minutes of that meeting as an appendix for further reference. This must be included in addition to any comments that the Senator made during discussion that were included in the minutes.

**Article X. Attendance**

Section 10.01 Members of the Senate who miss any two meetings of the Senate in any one semester without being excused by the Chief Administrative Officer shall be notified, and in the case of an additional unexcused absence, the Senator will be resigned from the Senate at the next regular meeting.

Section 10.02 Committee Members who fail to attend their required meeting for two weeks without being excused by the Chief Administrative Officer shall be notified, and in the case of an additional unexcused absence, shall be removed from the roster as a Committee Member.

**Article XI. Catch-All Clause**

Section 11.01 Any situation or rules not covered in these Bylaws, the Constitution, or Robert's Rules of Order shall be dealt with fairly and justly by the Senate whenever these issues arise.

**Article XII. Amendments**

Section 12.01 A request for a change in the Bylaws can be made by anyone.

Section 12.02 Any changes in the Bylaws must:

(a) Be passed by a two-thirds favorable vote of the Senate

- (b) Be posted publicly to the student body for five consecutive days
- Section 12.03 When the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is established it must consist of at least two members of the Senate, and be instated by the President.
  - (a) The above-mentioned members must consist of an Officer and a Senator.

**Article XIII. Acceptance of the Bylaws**

- Section 13.01 These Bylaws shall be in force and in effect immediately upon their ratification and approval by the Senate.
- Section 13.02 These Bylaws can in no way infringe or usurp the rules and powers that are set forth in the present and acknowledged Constitution governing the actions of the Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus.
- Section 13.03 During the first month of each semester, these Bylaws must be reviewed in full by the standing Senate and Officers, and any proposed revisions must be considered and discussed during a regular meeting of the General Senate.

**Article XIV. Responsible Spending of SGA Funds and Funding of Registered Student Organizations**

- Section 14.01 During the first 8 weeks of each semester, one third of SGA's budget must be reserved for the funding of Registered Student Organizations.
  - (a) In order for a group to be eligible for funding, they must be a Registered Student Organization with the Stamford Student Activities Office.
  - (b) The Registered Student Organization must present an itemized budget with estimated expenses and estimated number of participants to the Finance Committee.
  - (c) The Finance Committee and the Senate have the power to reduce or increase the amount of funding that is requested before voting on a budget as they see fit. After the 8-week point, the Senate cannot guarantee that any club will receive funding and all reserved money will be available to SGA for normal use.
- Section 14.02 In order for a committee or a Registered Student Organization spend funds other than as allocated, the Senate must vote on the re-allocation.
- Section 14.03 Under no conditions are ex post facto allocations guaranteed to be approved by the Senate.

APPENDIX A

SGA Code of Ethics

**Article I. Responsibilities to the Students of the University of Connecticut's Stamford Campus**

1. I will serve as a liaison between the students of the University and its Administrative Staff.
2. I will consider every action I take on behalf of SGA and while acting as its representative and think about how these actions reflect on the University and how these actions affect the students. I will take into account the best interests of the students and base my actions on these interests in order to help to provide the most positive and effective experience for each and every student.
3. I will seek to provide equal opportunities for all students regardless of race, gender, age, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation.
4. I will work consciously to uphold the SGA Statement of Purpose as described in the Constitution of the organization.
5. I will frequently poll my constituents, whether formally or informally, on the general needs and concerns regarding the University and the educational experience of the students, and actively work to keep them informed about the various issues affecting them.

**Article II. Responsibilities to the Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut's Stamford Campus**

1. I will work to promote a positive image of the SGA, encouraging unity and cooperation.
2. I will present myself at University and SGA meetings and functions, or at any meeting or function at or in which I appear as a representative of the University or SGA, in a professional manner of physical appearance and mental preparedness, and I will strive to follow the principles of parliamentary procedure as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.
3. I will make decisions that affect the SGA only after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.
4. I will respect the opinions of others and will graciously accept the principle of "majority rule."
5. As a representative of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus, the SGA of the University of Connecticut's Stamford Campus, and the University of Connecticut as a whole, I will act in a trustful manner and honor all agreements, obligations, and promises I make.
6. I will use the SGA office and other resources as necessary to fulfill my obligations and duties as an SGA member. I will not abuse the SGA office or SGA resources, nor will

I take resources for personal use in a way that is detrimental to the goal and purpose of SGA.

**Article III. Responsibilities to Myself as a Member of the Student Government Association of the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus**

1. I will take advantage of all opportunities and experiences for improvement, making a great effort to understand my duties and enhance my knowledge, leadership skills, and representation of the student body.
2. I will respect and follow the SGA Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics.
3. I will remember that I am a student first and as such I will fulfill my responsibility in the classroom seriously and strive to achieve academic excellence.

**Officer Signatures**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Oliveira  
*President*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgios Karakyklas  
*Vice President*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Fazza Mattoso  
*Chief Financial Officer*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Chinedu Nkwo  
*Chief Administrative Officer*