

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
- MISSOURI**

## **Preamble**

This constitution is adopted subject to the approval of the Department of Student Services. Its provisions shall be duly carried out in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order and shall become incumbent upon the student body immediately upon its acceptance thereby.

For the purpose of this document, the following terms will be used:

Association:	All members of the student body.
Council:	Elected/appointed members of the Association.
Incoming First Year:	Those students who have not yet arrived at KCOM or who have not yet completed one quarter.
First Years:	Those students who have completed at least one quarter of study at KCOM but have not completed the first year.
Outgoing Second Years:	Those students who have completed one year and will begin rotations within the coming year.
Masters of Biomedical Science	The Masters of Science in Biomedical Sciences program offered by the Missouri campus of the A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.
School of Health Management	Those students who are enrolled in the School of Health Management.

## **ARTICLE I: The Name and Duties of the Student Government Association**

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Student Government Association (SGA) of the Missouri Campus of the A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

**Section 2.** Every member of this organization must be a student at the Missouri Campus of the A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

**Section 3.** The Student Council shall act as a liaison to the Association, the administration, the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

**Section 4.** The Student Council shall cooperate with the faculty in matters pertaining to student welfare by considering carefully all such matters coming before it and by making recommendations.

**Section 5.** The Student Council shall take measures to preserve good order and decorum among the students.

**Section 6.** The Student Council shall attempt to provide athletic, educational, entertainment and social activities for the Association.

**Section 7.** The governing documents of the Association are subject to the rules and guidelines of A. T. Still University of Health Sciences.

## **ARTICLE II: Officers and Members of the Student Council**

**Section 1.** The representative body of the SGA shall be known as the Student Council. The Student Council will consist of the Executive Council, first and second year DO class presidents, Masters of Biomedical Science class president, one representative from the School of Health Management, one third and fourth year representative, and five representatives from each KCOM class. The Alumni Representative(s) will be non-voting members of the Student Council.

**Section 2.** The officers of the Student Council shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and two (2) Executive Officers-at-Large. This body shall comprise the Executive Council. Within the Executive Council the Parliamentarian is granted voting privileges and the President will only vote in case of a tie.

**Section 3.** With the exception of the SGA President, Parliamentarian, and Alumni Representative(s), all members of the Student Council are granted voting privileges within the council.

**Section 4.** The tenure of office shall be until the successors shall be duly elected and installed.

**Section 5.** Only one Student Council position may be held per person.

## **ARTICLE III: Election of Council Officers, Class Officers and Representatives**

**Section 1. Election of Council Officers, Class Officers and Representatives.** Members of the Council, class officers and representatives are elected by all members of the Association via online balloting.

**Section 2. Election of President-Elect** (See Bylaws for election procedures)

The President-Elect of the Student Government Association shall be elected from members of the first year or second year classes remaining in Kirksville for their third year rotations by majority vote during the month of March or at another convenient time as determined by the Student Council. If no person receives a majority of ballots cast

(50.1%), then the two persons receiving the greater number of votes in the general election shall be voted on in a primary election. The person receiving a majority of the votes cast in the primary election shall be President-Elect, assuming the duties of President-Elect immediately.

**Section 3. Election of other Officers-Elect** (See Bylaws for election procedures)

The First Vice President-Elect, Second Vice President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and Secretary-Elect of the KCOM Student Government Association shall be selected in the same manner as the President-Elect.

The First Vice President Elect, Second Vice President Elect, Treasurer-Elect and Secretary-Elect shall take office on the same date as the President-Elect.

Two Executive Officers-at-Large shall be elected from members of the incoming first year class during the fall quarter. The Executive Officers-at-Large shall assume office the week following the election.

**Section 4. Election of KCOM Class Representatives** (See Bylaws for election procedures)

If more than five students run for these offices, the five with the most votes will take office. In the case of a tie which prevents the selection of only five members, a run-off election shall be held for those individuals.

If less than five Student Council representatives are elected from a class, the remaining votes are forfeited.

**Section 5. Election of Masters of Biomedical Science Class Representative**

Any student who is currently enrolled in the Masters of Biomedical Science program is eligible to run for this office.

**Section 6. Appointing of the School of Health Management Representative**

Any student who is currently enrolled in the School of Health Management program is eligible to submit a letter of intent to apply for this office.

**Section 7. Election of the Third and Fourth Year Representative**

Any student completing their first year of the D.O. program at KCOM is eligible to run for this office.

**Section 8. Class Office Elections**

Class Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers shall be elected from students in their respective classes.

### **Section 9. Non-voting Student Council Members**

SGA President. The SGA president will serve as a non-voting member of the SGA student and executive council. In case of tie, the President will vote as a tie-breaker.

Alumni Association Representative.

Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President-Elect. Note the Parliamentarian can vote during Executive Council meetings. (See Bylaws for duties)

### **Section 10. Tenure of Office**

The tenure of office shall be until the successors shall be duly elected and installed. The outgoing second year class officers and representatives shall serve until graduation. If a position becomes vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled by special election except for the class on rotation. (See Bylaws)

## **ARTICLE IV: Removal of Officers**

### **Section 1. Removal of Executive Council Officers**

Any member of the Association may file a petition for the removal of an Executive Officer of the Council. (See Bylaws for procedure)

### **Section 2. Removal of Class Officers and Representatives**

Any member of a class may file a petition for removal of any officer or representative of that class. (See Bylaws for procedure)

## **ARTICLE V: Student Council Meetings**

### **Section 1. Time of Meeting**

Student Council meetings will be held regularly while classes are in session. Day and time may vary and will be specified by the President. No specific number of meetings will be required. Emergency meetings can be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee and will be announced at least two (2) days prior to the meeting time.

### **Section 2. Place of Meeting**

The place of meeting shall be on campus as designated by the President.

**Section 3. Quorum**

Two-thirds of the Student Council voting members constitute a Quorum.

**ARTICLE VI: Faculty Advisors**

**Section 1. Faculty Advisors**

The SGA shall have Faculty Advisors.

**ARTICLE VII: Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Association if concurred with a majority of the Council or by a petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Association.

A two-thirds majority vote of the Council shall be necessary to carry the amendment.

**ARTICLE VIII: Nondiscrimination Clause**

At no time will the SGA discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

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