



THE CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Bay State College, hereafter referred to as the SGA.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

It is the object of SGA to represent, promote, and further the interests of the student body among the students, faculty, staff, administration, trustees, and any other parties concerned with the Bay State College community.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES

It is the duty of SGA to represent, finance, assist, and supervise on the occasions and in the manner expressed in the following sections.

SECTION 1: It is the duty of SGA to identify the needs and desires of the student body of Bay State College and, whenever possible, to meet the demands to the best of their abilities.

SECTION 2: It is the duty of SGA to represent the student body before the faculty, staff, administration, trustees, and other such groups or persons as would be affecting, or affected by the Bay State College community.

SECTION 3: It is the duty of SGA to institute, conduct, assist, finance, or supervise social activities for the student body as a whole and to assist Bay State College organizations and clubs, when justifiable.

SECTION 4: It is the duty of SGA to allocate and manage the SGA funds. This handling shall include the use of generally accepted accounting principles, a budget for the school year, and a financial statement which is left on file with Student Affairs.

SECTION 5: It is the duty of SGA to inaugurate and conduct special fundraising drives and activities as the occasion demands.

SECTION 6: It is the duty of SGA to act and decide upon requests for formal recommendations and resolutions; given said requests have majority approval by the Government in order to receive official SGA and/or student body endorsement.

ARTICLE IV – ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

SGA will consist of one body of elected Officials; either elected or appointed Senators from outside organizations, and lastly Government Officers. Officials shall be elected to represent the Bay State College community as a whole; Senators shall represent each club and organization funded by SGA. Government Officers are members whom have earned their position through their attendance of SGA meetings.

SECTION 1: Senators shall be elected or appointed by their respective organizations or clubs. The Senator possesses the authority to vote on behalf of their respective club or organization. This means if a Bay State Student is attending an SGA meeting, representing their organization as a Senator (and as the only Senator for that organization, as each organization is only allowed one per meeting), they do not need to have earned their voting right in order to vote, i.e. said student does not also need to hold the position of a Government Officer.

SECTION 2: Elected Officials of SGA shall be appointed in the manner described in the following sections:

- At any point in time, the number of SGA Executive Board Members shall not exceed one for every 25 students at Bay State College.
- A member of SGA may only serve SGA in one capacity; either as a Senator, Elected Official (Executive Board Member), or Government Officer.
- Said SGA Members will be referred to as in this Constitution, as well as its By Laws, as "The Government."
 - o There is no limit on the percentage of resident verses commuter members of SGA.
 - o An Executive Board Member of SGA cannot service as a Senator, nor as a representative of any other organization other than SGA for any purpose (Meeting representative, attendance for financial purposes, etc.)

SECTION 3: Term of officer for the elected Executive Board Member will be for one academic year following election to office. For as long as an elected Executive Board Member remains a student at Bay State College, they shall be allowed to run for re-election for their position, or for any other position on the Executive Board.

SECTION 4: Elections shall be conducted as described in the By-Laws.

SECTION 5: Any current student of Bay State College, who attends three consecutive meetings during a single semester, shall earn the position known as Government Officer. Government Officers have the right to vote on any item put to vote for the entire Government; however, this excludes certain circumstances in which voting is held for just the Executive Board. The Secretary will announce new Government Officers at every SGA meeting following the meeting in which said student has earned their position.

ARTICLE V – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The duly elected officials of SGA; The President, The Executive Vice President, The Head of Evening, Online, Taunton, The Head of Finance, The Secretary, The Head of Campus Activities, and The Head of Marketing shall, as of March 1st, 2013, collectively be recognized as the Executive Board of SGA.

SECTION 1: The Executive Board shall be elected by a secret ballot which is sent to all students via electronic survey or hand ballot.

SECTION 2: Any person elected to an Executive Board position for SGA, may have restrictions with their involvement with outside organizations.

- The President and Vice President cannot sit on the Executive Board of any organization other than SGA.
- Board members are expected to put SGA before any other organization in which they may be members.

SECTION 3: All candidates for the Executive Board of SGA must meet all the following expectations for their respective positions:

- The President and Executive Vice President
 - o The candidates are on track to be considered a sophomore, junior, or senior by September for the full academic year as outlined by Bay State College

- In the event that the elected President does not reach said academic level previously stated, the elected Executive Vice President will then take the position of President and a special election for Executive Vice President will be held, given that he/she will meet the above stated qualification.
- The candidates have a cumulative average of at least 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of nomination. They must also hold a 3.0 GPA throughout their term in office for SGA.
- All Other Executive Board Members
 - All candidates must have completed at least one full semester at Bay State College before obtaining a role on the SGA Executive Board. In the event that an elected member does not qualify for their position, said person will be lifted from their role, and a special election will take place to fill the open position. No one automatically assumes any role, other than that with the Executive Vice President moving to the role of President.
 - The candidate is attending Bay State College as a full-time Day, Evening, or Online student during the entirety of their term in office.
 - The candidates have a cumulative average of at least 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of nomination. They must also hold a 2.5 GPA throughout their term in office for SGA.

SECTION 4: In the event of a vacancy on the SGA Executive Board, a ballot will be created and voted on by the entire student body via online survey to appoint new candidate or elected through the entire body of SGA.

- Candidates for SGA Executive Board vacancies can be nominated by Executive Board Members, Senators, Government Officers, as well as be self-nominated.

SECTION 5: Any SGA Executive Board Member may be dismissed from office on the grounds of poor citizenship, malfeasance, inability, violation of campaign rules, or unwillingness to perform the required duties of their position, as well as unwillingness to work with other members of the SGA Executive Board. A dismissal will be enforced by a private three-fourths (3/4) vote for dismissal by the Executive Board, however, Senators and Government Officers are allowed to bring their concern of this nature to the board, and request a dismissal for review.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Government. Amendments shall take the form of striking a word or words or adding a word or words. Amendments shall not take the form of implied or unwritten interpretations.

SECTION 1: A motion to amend this constitution must be made by a Senator, Government Officer, or Executive Board member. Before the Executive Board can honor this motion, the Government must receive prior notification of its placement on the agenda. This must be done by a formal announcement at the preceding SGA meeting.

- When notifying the Government of a proposed Constitutional amendment, the Representative(s) must inform the members of the change or changes inherent in the proposal. The proposal is not to be discussed at the time of announcement; however, the Government is expected to be aware of what the proposal entails. Any and all questions should be held until the meeting in which the proposal is voted on.
- During the meeting in which a proposal is to be voted on, Executive Board Members, Senators, and Government Officers may ask questions. All questions asked of the proposal must be answered thoroughly and honestly by the Representative(s) given

- the question is fair. If the President feels the announcement of the proposal, or an answer to a question is too vague for the Government to evaluate, then the Representative(s) may be asked to clarify.
- A representative may request that the Executive Board consider adding a new Article or Section, but may not make an official motion for action.

ARTICLE VII – THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: The rules contained in the SGA By-Laws shall govern the Government in all cases. When required to fulfill SGA's macroscopic mission, the Executive Board may by quorum make exception to any part of the Constitution or its By-Laws.