

Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch shall perform the legislative function of Student Government by debating and enacting legislation concerning matters affecting student life and the operation of Student Government. The Legislative Branch shall consist of the five Student Senate officers and the remaining elected and appointed senators.

I. Senate Apportionment

The Clemson University Student Senate shall be comprised of 64 total senators. They shall be elected according to the following makeup:

The following number of senators elected by each of the five colleges: three (3) from College of Art, Architecture and Humanities; six (6) from the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences; four (4) from the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences; five (5) from the College of Engineering and Science; and three (3) from the College of Health, Education and Human Development. Three (3) senators from each of the following classes: Senior, Junior, and Sophomore. Twenty-Four (24) senators with the next highest vote count elected as at-large senators. Five (5) senators shall include the five Student Senate Officers: Senate President, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Senate Clerk, Senate Secretary, and Student Body Vice President. Five (5) senators from the incoming freshman class shall be appointed at the discretion of the Student Senate President.

II. Standing Committees

The Student Senate shall consist of standing committees as defined by the Student Senate Handbook. However, the Senate must consist of the following standing committees:

A. The Executive Committee shall choose a chairman for each standing committee with the exception of the Executive Committee, the Steering Committee, and the Driving Committee. The Executive Committee shall vote on the appointment of a vice-chairman for each standing committee following the recommendation of the respective standing committee Chairman. Each chairman shall seek consultation from the President Pro Tempore regarding his vice-chairman recommendation. The committee shall be comprised of the President, the Student Body Vice President, the President Pro Tempore, the Secretary, and the Clerk. The President shall act as the Chair of the Executive Committee.

B. The Steering Committee shall act on all questions concerning the Senate and shall coordinate Senate action and business, and review all legislation before it is brought before the body. The Steering Committee shall also conduct interviews to fill freshman Senate seats and any Senate seats that become vacant throughout

the year. The interview panel should consist of at least one Executive member and one additional member of Steering, if at all practicable. Preference should be given to the appropriate interviewers during the resulting deliberations of the appointments. In those deliberations, the Executive Committee shall serve as voting members, the standing committee Chairmen shall serve as voluntary, non-voting members, and the President's vote shall be double-weighted and serve as the tie-breaker vote. The appointments will result from the passage of a bill that will be presented by the President to allow for discussion of the appointees, with a failure to pass said bill requiring the drafting of a new appointment bill. The Committee shall be comprised of the President, the Student Body Vice President, the President Pro Tempore, the Secretary, the Clerk and the standing committee chairmen. The President shall act as the Chair of the Steering Committee and the Clerk shall act as the Vice-Chair.

C. The Driving Committee shall coordinate student socials, writes the Senate Newsletter, shall be involved in service projects, and shall act on all questions pertaining to publicity needed by the Senate, Student Government, and the University. Additionally, the Committee shall act as the media outlet for Senate press releases. The Committee shall be comprised of all standing committee Vice-Chairmen. The President Pro-Tempore shall act as the Chair of the Driving Committee and the Clerk shall act as the Vice-Chair.

D. The Academic Advisory Committee shall be comprised of senators who serve on, or as a liaison to, the existing college advisory boards and facilitate collaboration with and awareness of those bodies' initiatives. Should a college not have a college advisory board, the members of the committee shall meet regularly with the Dean, Associate Dean, or other relevant administrators of their respective colleges and shall work to develop a college advisory board. They shall be responsible for submitting three reports to the Chairman of the Academic Advisory Committee each semester, who will communicate that information to the Senate Body. The Committee shall be comprised of those senators serving as representatives on their respective college advisory boards. These senatorial appointments shall be offered to those senators elected to represent their college, with preference going to those who received the largest number of votes in the relevant election cycles and who are not standing committee chairmen, if at all practicable. These appointments shall be offered and confirmed by the Steering Committee. The President Pro Tempore shall act as the Chair of the Academic Advisory Board Committee and the Secretary shall act as the Vice-Chair.

III. Legislation

Legislation considered by the Student Senate shall include:

A. Constitutional Amendments. (*See Constitution of the Clemson University Student Body, Article IV*).

1. Additions to, changes to, or deletions from the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body.

2. Each constitutional amendment shall contain the denotation "A Constitutional Amendment" as the title of the legislation. The body of a constitutional amendment shall include the full text of the proposed amendment as it would read in the Constitution. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each constitutional amendment must be signed by the Student Senate President, four senators, the Student Body President, and the Vice President for Student Affairs, and must be passed by a student referendum with 2/3 approval of those voting before taking effect.

B. Rules Amendments

1. Additions to, changes in, or deletions from the Undergraduate Student Senate Handbook.

2. Each rules amendment shall contain the denotation "A Rules Amendment" as the title of the legislation. The body of a rules amendment shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, as it would read in the Student Senate Handbook. Upon approval by the Student Senate, the rules amendment must be signed by the Student Senate President and two senators before being enacted.

C. Resolutions

1. Statements, recommendations, or proposals regarding any University activity that the Student Senate has deemed necessary for student input.

2. Each resolution shall contain the denotation "A Resolution" as the title of the legislation. The body of a resolution shall include any opinions, explanations, or supporting data that may strengthen the resolution. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each resolution must be signed by the Student Senate President and one senator before taking effect.

D. General Bills

1. Additions to, changes in, or deletions to the By-Laws that accompany the Constitution as the supreme governing authority of the Clemson University Student Body.

2. Each general bill shall contain the denotation "A Bill" as the title of the legislation. The body of a general bill shall include the full text of the proposed change, as it would read in the By-Laws. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each general bill must be signed by the Student Senate President, two senators, the Student Body President, and the Vice President for Student Affairs before taking effect.

E. Approval Bills

1. States the Student Senate's approval of nominations or appointments.
2. Each approval bill shall contain the denotation "An Approval Bill" as the title of the legislation. The body of an approval bill shall list the name(s) of the recommended individual(s) to be approved and for what they are being approved. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each approval bill must be signed by the Student Senate President and two senators before the nomination is confirmed.

F. Appropriations Bill

1. An allocation of Student Activity Fee funds by the Student Senate that outlines the Funding Board's recommended allocation of Activity Fund monies to Activity Fund Recipients and recognized funded organizations.
2. Allocations stated in an appropriations bill shall be considered un-amendable with the exception that any senator may submit a motion to fully strike a lined allocation. In order to pass, the motion to strike must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Undergraduate Student Senate.
3. Such a motion to fully strike a lined allocation shall be considered out of order should it be determined discriminatory in nature. Such disallowed motions include, those discriminatory against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, political ideology, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran's status.
4. Circumstances permitting, the stricken allocation shall be returned to the Student Activity Funding Board for reconsideration with a recommendation to be made by the Finance and Procedures Committee.
5. Motions to divide the question with regard to appropriations bills shall be considered out of order.
6. The appropriation bill to approve the Student Activity Fund Budget shall be un-amendable.
7. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each appropriations bill must be signed by the Student Senate President, two senators, the Student Body President, and the Vice President for Student Affairs before taking effect.
8. Appropriation Bills can include the following:

a. Student Government Budget – Annual report of projected Student Government expenditures submitted by the Chief of Staff to the Student Senate for approval.

Each Student Government budget bill shall contain the denotation "Student Government Budget" as the subtitle of the legislation.

b. Operational Funding – Annual reports submitted by the Finance and Procedures Committee to the Student Senate outlining the recommended allocations.

Each operational funding bill shall contain the denotation "Operational Funding" as the subtitle of the legislation.

c. Non-Operational Funding – A recommendation of allocations for the funding of uses of organizations that are defined as those which further a unique and/or widely available function of the organization.

Each non-operational bill shall contain the denotation "Non-Operational Funding" as the subtitle of the legislation.

d. Emergency Funding – An outline of recommended allocations made by the Student Activity Funding Board regarding the allocation of Student Government controlled funds from the Student Activities Fee to funded Student Organizations.

Each emergency funding bill shall contain the denotation "Emergency Funding" as the subtitle of the legislation. The body of an emergency funding bill shall list the organization requesting funds, the amount requested, the recommended amount to be allocated by the Student Activity Funding Board, and the purpose for which the funds are to be allocated. Unlike other legislation, an emergency funding bill is debated and voted on the same night of the initial reading due to the urgent nature of the bill. The Chair of the Finance and Procedures Committee must notify all student senators of any proposed emergency funding bill, in an expeditious manner, before the meeting during which it is to be considered. Upon approval by the Student Senate, each emergency funding bill must be signed by the Student Senate President, the Student Body President, two senators, and the Vice President for Student Affairs before it can be enacted. All emergency funding bills are un-amendable.

G. De-Recognition Bill Legislation entitled "De-Recognition Bill" states the formal de-recognition of an undergraduate organization by the Student Senate.

1. The formal de-recognition of an undergraduate organization by the Student Senate.

2. Upon approval by a majority of the Student Senate, the de-recognition bill must be signed by the Student Senate President, the Student Body President and the

Vice President for Student Affairs before the organization is officially de-recognized as an undergraduate student organization.