

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
MISSOURI CAMPUS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Preamble

This constitution is adopted subject to the approval of the Department of Student Affairs. 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:

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (ATSU):

The University, its students, and all campuses, colleges, organizations and programs.

A.T. Still University Missouri Campus (ATSU-MO):

The colleges, programs, students, organizations, and programs located on the Kirksville, Missouri campus, to include those students located at designated outside training sites or those students enrolled in online courses through the School of Health Management.

Association:

All members of the ATSU-Missouri student body.

Executive Council:

Elected/appointed members including SGA President, SGA Vice President of KCOM, SGA Vice President of MOSDOH, SGA Vice President of Student Activities, SGA Secretary, SGA Treasurer, SGA Executives-at-Large, SGA Parliamentarian, and one (1) University Student Association Representative.

General Council:

Elected/appointed members of the Association including Executive Council, Class Presidents, Class Representatives, Third and Fourth Year Representative, SHM Representative, Biomedical Sciences Representative, SHM Caucus, and Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Representative.

Incoming Dental First Year:

Those Dental students who have not yet arrived at MOSDOH or who have not yet completed one quarter.

Dental First Years:

Those Dental students who have completed at least one quarter of study at MOSDOH but have not completed the first year.

Outgoing Dental Second Years:

Those Dental Students who have completed one year and will begin rotations within the coming year.

- Incoming Osteopathic First Year: Those Osteopathic students who have not yet arrived at KCOM or who have not yet completed one quarter.
- Osteopathic First Years: Those Osteopathic students who have completed at least one quarter of study at KCOM but have not completed the first year.
- Outgoing Osteopathic Second Years: Those Osteopathic students who have completed one year and will begin rotations within the coming year.
- Masters of Biomedical Sciences: The Masters of Science in Biomedical Sciences program students.
- Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM): Those students who are enrolled in the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.
- Missouri School of Dental and Oral Health (MOSDOH): Those students who are enrolled in the Missouri School of Dental and Oral Health of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.
- School of Health Management: Those students who are enrolled in the School of Health Management of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.
- University Student Association (USA): Those students selected to represent all ATSU students on the University-wide Council.

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

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

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 General Council shall act as a liaison to the Association, the administration, the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. The General and Executive Councils 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 General and Executive Councils shall take measures to preserve good order and decorum among the students.

Section 6. The General and Executive Councils 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.

Section 8. The Honor Code was created by students to clarify both the ethical responsibilities of students and the reasons behind their creation. Each student enrolled at ATSU-Missouri is expected to abide by the honor code and in doing so will take the following oath during orientation or upon matriculation:

“As a student of ATSU-Missouri, I agree to uphold and encourage the highest standard of academic integrity and social responsibility.”

Any suspected breaches of the ATSU-Missouri Honor Code will be addressed by the protocol for suspected breaches as outlined in the ATSU-Missouri Student Handbook.

ARTICLE II: Officers and Members of the General and Executive Councils

Section 1. The representative body of the SGA shall be known as the General Council. The General Council will consist of the Executive Council, First and Second Year Osteopathic Medicine Class Presidents, First and Second Year Dental School Class Presidents, Masters of Biomedical Sciences Program Representative, one Representative from the School of Health Management, one Osteopathic Third and Fourth Year Representative, representatives from each Osteopathic Medicine and Dental School class as outlined in Section 6, the members of the University Student Association (non-voting members), one Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Representative (non-voting member), Committee Coordinators (non-voting members), and Committee Chairs (non-voting members).

Section 2. The Executive Officers of the General Council shall consist of the SGA President, SGA Vice President of KCOM, SGA Vice President of MOSDOH, SGA Vice President of Student Activities, SGA Secretary, SGA Treasurer, SGA Parliamentarian, one SGA Executives-at-Large each from KCOM and MOSDOH, and one USA representative. 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. The USA representative will serve as a non-voting member.

Section 3. With the exception of the SGA President, SGA Parliamentarian, University Student Association members, Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Representative, Committee Coordinators, and Committee Chairs, all members of the General Council are granted voting privileges within the council.

Section 4. The tenure of office shall be until the successors are duly elected and installed unless a member resigns or is removed from office by the General Council.

Section 5. Only one voting General Council position may be held per person.

Section 6. In order to duly represent an entire class, the number of class representatives will be determined by the number of students in the respective class upon matriculation to ATSU. One class representative position per fifty (50) students or portion thereof will represent the class on General Council as a voting member.

Section 7. When a request is made or granted for a student to serve on a college's faculty committee, attend a conference of a specific profession (such as the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents), perform a speaking engagement, or act in any other necessary manner on behalf of the SGA; the following organizational structure should be utilized to determine the order of precedence for selection, at the discretion of the Executive Council, unless otherwise outlined in the Bylaws or deemed pertinent by the Executive Council for a specific role or position:

- SGA President
- SGA Vice President of the respective college
- SGA Vice President of Student Activities
- 2nd Year Class President
- 1st Year Class President
- SGA Secretary
- SGA Treasurer
- SGA Parliamentarian
- Executives-at-Large
- 3rd and 4th Year Class President and Officers
- 2nd Year Class Officers or Representatives
- 3rd and 4th Year Representative
- 1st Year Class Officers or Representatives

Section 8. Non-voting student council members
SGA President. The SGA President will serve as a non-voting member of the SGA General and Executive Councils. In the case of a tie, the President may cast a vote as a tie-breaker.

Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Representative

SGA Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President-elect and approved by the SGA Executive and General Councils. The Parliamentarian is a voting member of Executive Council.

University Student Representatives. All representatives appointed are non-voting members of General Council. One member will be selected from those enrolled or training on the ATSU-MO campus to serve as a non-voting member on Executive Council.

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

Section 1. Election of Executive 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. Elections will be held in accordance with policies and procedures outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Election of the Osteopathic Medicine Class Representatives

Refer to Article II, Section 6 to determine the number of class representative positions to be elected for each respective class.

Section 3. Tenure of Office

The tenure of office shall be until the successors are duly elected and installed. If a position becomes vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled by special election at the discretion of Election Committee. Procedures are outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: Appointment of Special Positions

Section 1. University Student Association (USA)

In accordance with the USA Constitution and Bylaws, representatives and proxies to USA will be recommended by Executive Council, and appointed by General Council to serve on behalf of the ATSU-MO campus and its students, to include students enrolled in online programs. One (1) appointed member enrolled or training at the ATSU-MO campus will serve on Executive Council as a non-voting member. If no member is located on the ATSU-MO campus, other representatives who were appointed to USA by the General Council may be considered. All USA representatives appointed by the General Council are non-voting members of General Council.

Section 2. School of Health Management Representative

One School of Health Management Representative will be appointed each year. During the fall quarter, letters of intent will be accepted from the School of Health Management and other ATSU-MO Programs. Preference will be given to School of Health Management students.

Section 3. Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association (KOAA) Representative

One student of ATSU-KCOM will be appointed by the KOAA to position of KOAA representative, according to the timeline set forth by the KOAA during the spring semester. The KOAA representative will serve on all roles and duties outside SGA General Council will be determined by the KOAA and its membership.

ARTICLE V: Removal of Officers

Section 1. Removal of Executive Council Officers

Any voting member of the General Council 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 VI: General Council Meetings

Section 1. Time of Meeting

General Council meetings will be held regularly while classes are in session. Day and time may vary and will be specified by the SGA 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 SGA President.

Section 3. Quorum

Two-thirds of the elected and currently seated General Council voting members constitute a Quorum. A quorum may be declared by the Parliamentarian in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII: Faculty Advisors

The SGA shall have at least one Faculty Advisor from the Department of Student Affairs. Representatives from the different colleges' Department of Student Affairs will be notified of meetings, will be welcome to attend all SGA meetings, and may be invited to advise the General or Executive Councils on matters of pertinent importance to encourage open discussion with all involved parties.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments to the Constitution

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

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

ARTICLE IX: 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, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

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