

The Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania Student
Government Association

Code of Conduct and Ethics

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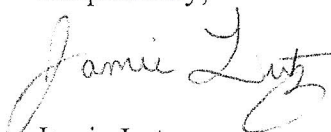
Whereas a properly functioning student government requires an upholding of high ethical standards by all its members, we, the Edinboro University Student Government Association hereby adopt this code of conduct and ethics.

FORWARD

Members of the Edinboro University Student Government Association,

As members of congress, the executive board, EUSGA employees, and members of EUSGA recognized organizations; this document officially charges you with the responsibility of upholding the EUSGA code of conduct and ethics. By choosing to be part of the Student Government Association you are representing the students of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in your actions every day. Members of EUSGA should conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful, honest, and professional. By your own free will you are choosing to be part of the Edinboro Student Government Association and therefore are responsible for upholding this code of conduct and ethics.

Respectfully,



Jamie Lutz
President
EUSGA
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I. CONDUCT

All members of the EUSGA are expected to follow all rules and regulations as enumerated by Article I, Section B of the EUSGA Constitution. Additionally, all members of the EUSGA are expected to conduct themselves in professional manner.

A. INTERNET USAGE

With so much information available to anyone any questionable material placed on the internet could potentially have deleterious effect on one's character and the reputation of the Edinboro University Student Government Association.

1. Exercise extreme caution when placing anything on the internet.
 - a. Uploading pictures or material of oneself performing an illegal activity on the internet is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Uploading pictures or material of another performing an illegal activity is strictly prohibited.
 - c. Uploading pictures or material of oneself performing sexually implicit or explicit activity is strictly prohibited.
 - d. Uploading pictures or material of another performing sexually implicit or explicit activity is strictly prohibited.

II. CODE OF ETHICS

GENERAL RULES

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| 1. General Principle: Do not accept anything of value because of an action relating to official business. |
| 2. General Principle: Represent the views and opinions of the students in your constituency, not any individual(s), group(s), or corporation(s) exclusively. |
| 3. General Principle: Do not use any public resource for private gain because of its relationship to an election. In addition, all campaigning activities are done on personal time. |
| 4. General Principle: If your welfare or the welfare of a closely related individual(s), group(s), or organization(s) is directly involved with the outcome of a specific decision, exercise caution. In many instances, it is better to remain uninvolved if possible. |
| 5. General Principle: Use all EUSGA time and resource with the highest sense of professionalism and efficiency. |

A. GIFTS

General Principle: Do not accept anything of value because of an action relating to official business.

1. A **gift** is any item, activity, or any other thing that is worth any value.
 - a. Any member of the student government association may not accept any gift from a person, group, or organization whose relationship with the congress member is intended to be strictly professional

B. THE REPRESENTATION OF OTHER PARTIES

General Principle: Represent the views and opinions of the students in your constituency, not any individual(s), group(s), or corporation(s) exclusively.

1. **Other parties** are any individual, group, or organization that is not fully encompassed in the senator's constituency.
 - a. As defined by Article II, Section C of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, each member of the general congress represents 150 members. Each congress member also represents students according to a geographic constituency and colleges.
 - b. Representing the interests of a specific group or a collection of groups is lawful. However, each SGA member is responsible for representing the students to which they have been appointed.

C. CAMPAIGNING

General Principle: Do not use any public resource for private gain because of its relationship to an election. In addition, all campaigning activities are done on personal time.

1. Every member of EUSGA is encouraged to promote themselves and others for upcoming elections.
 - a. While promoting/campaigning for an election, using public resource without just compensation to the provider is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Publicly owned mediums or media sources, unless given just compensation to the provider, may not be used in elections.
 - c. During official EUSGA meetings or activities, unless generally for the election itself, promoting or campaigning is prohibited.

- d. Campaign contributions from an individual, group, or organization cannot exceed 25 dollars.
- e. Total campaign expenditures may not exceed 300 dollars in substance.

D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

General Principle: If your welfare or the welfare of a closely related individual(s), group(s), or organization(s) is directly involved with the outcome of a specific decision, exercise caution. In many instances, it is better to remain uninvolved if possible.

1. A **conflict of interest** is when an individual has too many personal or professional interests in a matter to discern and handle that matter impartially.
 - a. Using a position of authority for personal gains or for gains of close friends or family, or for the gain of a specific group that he or she is a member of is prohibited.
 - b. Impartiality in the normal conduct of business is never a conflict of interest.

E. WASTE AND ABUSE OF RESOURCE

General Principle: Use all EUSGA time and resource with the highest sense of professionalism and efficiency.

1. The actions of the EUSGA are dictated by a very limited annual budget. As a
 - a. All EUSGA members and EUSGA general members that receive payment for their service to Edinboro University should carry out their official duties with the highest sense of purpose and responsibility.
 - b. Low levels of productivity should be considered as wasteful on the part of the SGA member.
 - c. Any member of the EUSGA that partakes in an activity funded by the EUSGA should use their available time and resource with efficiency.
 - d. All materials, equipment, etc. purchased with EUSGA funds, unless directed otherwise, are property of the EUSGA. Every member of EUSGA should seek to prevent damage of EUSGA property.