Constitution of the University of Georgia Student Government Association

as proposed by the Committee on Constitutional Reform

Article I. Name

This organization shall be the Student Government Association of the University of Georgia (abbreviated hereafter as SGA).

Article II. Purpose

The SGA shall be the organized voice for each student of the University of Georgia; shall protect students' rights; shall serve as a liaison between students, administrators, and organized governing bodies of the University; shall foster an environment of civic responsibility; and shall advocate on behalf of the students' academic, social, and cultural welfare.

Article III. Membership

All University of Georgia students are members of SGA upon the payment of their Student Activity Fee. Committee Members, Elected Officials, and Appointed Officials are considered Active.

Article IV. General Organization

SGA shall be organized into three branches: the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial.

Article V. Executive Branch

Section 1. Executive Composition

The Executive Branch shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Executive Board, General Assembly, and the Freshman Forum.

Section 2. Officers

Paragraph A. President

i. Must be registered as a full time student as defined by the President's degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional G.P.A. of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

ii. Shall speak on behalf of SGA.

iii. Shall make appointments to University-wide committees and governing bodies that have student representation, and shall select students to represent the student body outside the University.

iv. Shall serve as the University delegate to the Student Advisory Council of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and shall have the authority to appoint SAC delegates; all these appointments shall require majority approval of the Senate.

v. Shall have the ability to create committees which expire at the end of the current term. vi. May veto bills passed by the Senate within a week of passage. Such a veto must be in writing and delivered to the President Pro-Tempore.

vii. Shall present to the student body a report on SGA activities at the end of each academic term.

viii. Shall run as a ticket with the Vice President and Treasurer.

ix. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than April 30th.

Paragraph B. Vice President

i. Must be registered as full time student as defined by the Vice President's degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional G.P.A. of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

ii. Shall assist the President in the fulfillment of Presidential duties.

iii. Shall have the power to call meetings of the Senate.

iv. Shall be the presiding officer of the Senate.

v. Shall vote in the case of a tie in the Senate.

vi. Shall act in full capacity of the President should the President be unable to fulfill the duties of office.

vii. Shall run as a ticket with the President and Treasurer.

ix. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than April 30th.

Paragraph C. Treasurer

i. Must be registered as full time students as defined by the Treasurer's degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional G.P.A. of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

ii. Shall be responsible for the finances, financial records, and financial transactions of SGA.

iii. Shall chair the Senate Finance Committee, and shall vote only in the case of a tie. iv. Shall chair the Small Clubs Allocations Committee.

v. Shall act as representative of SGA on the University of Georgia Fee Allocation Board. vi. Shall give a report on the state of the budget at each Senate meeting.

vii. Shall make available a current itemized budget at each Senate meeting.

viii. Shall run as a ticket with the President and Vice President.

ix. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than April 30th.

Paragraph D. Chief of Staff

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President.

ii. Shall aid the Executive Board and Committee Chairs in their organization and general duties.

iii. Shall compile weekly committee and Freshman Board updates to be presented at the Executive Board meeting.

Paragraph E. Executive Secretary

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President.

ii. Shall be responsible for recording Officers' and Committee Chairs' absences and their reasons for those absences.

iii. Shall make all reservations on behalf of SGA.

iv. Shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for Executive Board meetings.

v. Shall compile information for the General Assembly.

Paragraph F. Press Secretary

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President.

ii. Shall issue all official SGA press releases to relevant media outlets.

iii. Shall coordinate all official SGA press conferences.

iv. Shall be responsible for issuing a monthly report on the activities and progress of SGA to the student body.

v. Shall attend all meetings of the Public Relations Committee.

Paragraph G. Attorney General

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate.ii. Shall serve as the chair on the Elections Committee.

iii. Shall act as a liaison between the Executive and Judicial Branches.

iv. Shall make quarterly eligibility checks on all SGA Officers and Senators.

v. Shall inquire, investigate, and gather evidence, testimony, or written statements relevant to possible or alleged violations of the Constitution or the Code of Ethics by any elected or appointed official other than the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices.

Paragraph H. Finance Director

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the Treasurer with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall be a non-voting member of the Small Clubs Allocations Committee.

iii. Shall be a non-voting member of the Senate Finance Committee.

iv. Shall assist the Treasurer in the fulfillment of financial duties.

v. Shall maintain the SGA Financial Statement.

vi. All funding requests shall be submitted to the Finance Director, who shall report these requests to the Small Clubs Allocations Committee and Senate Finance Committee along with recommendations.

Paragraph I. Freshman Board Advisors

i. Shall be two non-Senators appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall aid the Freshman Board in the execution of its duties.

iii. Shall report to the Chief of Staff.

Paragraph J. Freshman Forum Directors

i. Shall be one to three non-Senators appointed by the President.

ii. Shall aid the Freshman Forum in the execution of its duties.

iii. Shall report to the Chief of Staff.

Paragraph K. Historian

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President.

ii. Shall work with all secretaries to maintain an accurate record of the activities and projects of the current term.

iii. Shall attend all SGA sponsored events, activities, or trips, to serve as both a photographer and a collector of memorabilia.

iv. Shall assemble a scrapbook.

Section 3. Executive Board

Paragraph A. Purpose

The purpose of the Executive Board is to act as the authority of the Executive Branch.

Paragraph B. Composition

The Executive Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Executive Secretary, Press Secretary, Attorney General, Graduate Advisor, and Faculty Advisor.

Paragraph C. Duties

i. Shall review the progress of Executive Committees.

ii. Shall be responsible for determining mandatory events and who is responsible for attending them.

iii. Shall advise and support the President, Vice President, and Treasurer in carrying out executive duties.

Section 4. Standing-Select Committees

Paragraph A. Elections Committee i. Authority Shall derive its authority from the Executive Branch of SGA. ii. Purpose

Shall plan, monitor, manage, and define the annual elections procedures of SGA in order to maintain an effective and meaningful process as prescribed by the constitution. iii. Composition

Shall be chaired by the Attorney General who shall vote only in the case of a tie.
Shall be comprised of two members chosen from the SLAC Board, two at-large members appointed by the President who may be Senators, the SGA Faculty

Advisor, the SGA Graduate Advisor, and the President Pro-Tempore.

3. All nominations must be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

iv. Elections Committee Code

1. Shall be the rule upon which the Elections Committee operates.

2. Shall only be changed by an amendment to the code passed with a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

Paragraph B. Small Clubs Allocations Committee

i. Authority

Shall derive its authority from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and SGA.

ii. Purpose

Shall be responsible for distributing funds from the Small Clubs account established each year by the Student Activity Fee Allocations Recommendations Committee to student organizations classified as Small Clubs.

iii. Composition

1. Shall be chaired by the Treasurer who shall serve as a voting member

2. Shall include four Senators appointed by the Vice President, who shall serve as voting members.

3. Shall include the Finance Director who shall serve as a non-voting member to assist the Treasurer.

4. Shall include the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, who shall serve as an advisor with no voting privilege.

5. Shall include the Senior Administrative Secretary in the Department of Student Activities, as the committee secretary with no voting privilege.

6. Shall include an Accounting Assistant from the Student Activities Business Office with no voting privilege

7. Should a temporary vacancy occur, the Treasurer shall appoint an alternate Senator in order to meet quorum.

iv. Duties

Shall review all requests for funding from the Small Clubs account, and shall determine the monies appropriate for a Small Club to meet its specified goal. Upon approval, the request is sent to the Student Activities Business Office.

v. Small Clubs Allocations Code

1. Shall be the rule upon which the Small Clubs Allocations Committee operates. 2. Shall only be changed by an amendment to the code passed with a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

Section 5. General Assembly

Paragraph A. Purpose

The purpose of the General Assembly shall be to coordinate and implement Executive initiatives among the general student community.

Paragraph B. Composition

i. Academic Affairs Committee Shall consider matters concerning academic and instructional items and issues. ii. Athletic Affairs Committee Shall consider matters concerning varsity, intramural, and club athletics at the University of Georgia and student participation with, support for, and concern for these activities. iii. External Affairs Committee Shall consider matters concerning students in the local government, Athens community, and beyond. iv. Multicultural Affairs Committee Shall consider matters pertinent to the multicultural communities at the University of Georgia. v. Public Relations Committee Shall effectively discover, define, and articulate the multiple roles, purposes, and activities taken on by SGA through positive advertisement and promotion focused on and for the various publics here at the University of Georgia and beyond. vi. Student Life Committee Shall consider matters concerning non-academic and co-curricular items and issues.

vii. Internal???

Paragraph C. Standing Committee Chairs

i. Shall be appointed by the President.

ii. Shall have the authority to create subcommittees to exist for the duration of the Chair's term.

iii. Shall submit their reports in writing to the Chief of Staff prior to any meeting of the Executive Board.

iv. Shall report to the Senate at each meeting.

Paragraph D. Standing Committee Members

Executive Committee members must participate on a regular basis in order to maintain their voting rights as Active committee members.

Section 6. Freshman Forum

Paragraph A. Purpose

The purpose of the Freshman Forum is to develop lifelong leaders in the Freshman class through leadership training, campus, and community projects.

Paragraph B. Composition Shall be composed of one-hundred freshmen.

Paragraph C. Membership Selection

i. An application process shall be held during the first quarter of the fall semester to select members for the upcoming term. The Freshman Forum Personal Advisors shall be responsible for distributing the applications. All University of Georgia freshmen are eligible to apply.

ii. The Freshman Forum Directors shall be responsible for the application reviewing process.

Paragraph D. Duties

i. Shall participate in weekly General Assembly meetings, the Freshman Forum retreat, and weekly Forum meetings.

ii. Shall plan one campus involvement event, one community project, and one campus impact project.

iii. Shall fulfill all mandatory obligations as defined by the Freshman Forum Directors, and the Freshman Forum Code.

Paragraph E. Freshman Forum Code

i. Shall be the rule upon which the Freshman Forum operates.

ii. Shall only be changed by an amendment to the code passed with a majority vote by the Executive Board.

Article VI. Legislative Branch

Section 1. Legislative Composition The Legislative Branch shall consist of the Senate, its standing committees, and the Freshman Board.

Section 2. Officers

Paragraph A. President Pro-Tempore

i. Shall be elected by a majority from the body of the Senate at the first meeting of the new Senate.

ii. Shall act in full capacity of the Vice President when the Vice President is unable to fulfill the duties of the office.

iii. Shall act upon any veto delivered by the President.

iv. Shall inquire, investigate, and gather evidence, testimony, or written statements relevant to possible or alleged violations of the Constitution or the Code of Ethics by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices.

v. Shall chair the Senate Rules Committee.

Paragraph B. Parliamentarian

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President Pro-Tempore with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall advise the Senate as to the legality of Senate actions, proposals, and legislation, and on matters of Constitutional interpretation of such measures.

Paragraph C. Secretary of the Senate

i. Shall be a non-Senator appointed by the President Pro-Tempore with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall be responsible for recording and distributing the agenda and minutes of the Senate. iii. Shall be responsible for recording absences for Senators and Freshman Board members and their reasons for those absences.

iv. Shall be responsible for notifying the University community of any meeting of the Senate.

v. Shall be responsible for forwarding approved legislation to all relevant outlets, including the Supreme Court.

vi. Shall maintain a voting record for every vote in the Senate for every Senator.

Section 3. The Senate

Paragraph A. Purpose The purpose of the Senate is to serve as the legislative power of SGA.

Paragraph B. Composition

i. Shall be composed of Senators and the Freshman Board.

ii. Senators shall be elected from each of the individual schools and colleges of the University of Georgia in proportion to the student enrollment within the school or college using the formula of one Senate seat for every one-thousand students in a college and one Senate seat for any college with less than one-thousand enrolled.

iii. One Graduate Senator shall be elected per every two-thousand graduate students. iv. Senators must be registered as full time students as defined by their degree or program

of study and must maintain an institutional G.P.A. of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale.

v. Senators must be enrolled in the school or college in which they stand for election.

vi. If a Senator ceases to be enrolled in a class in the school or college he or she was elected to represent, then he or she may be up for review by the Supreme Court.

Paragraph C. Duties

i. Senators and Freshman Board members shall attend all Senate meetings as scheduled by the Vice President.

ii. Each Senator and Freshman Board member shall be a member of one executive standing committee unless another committee assignment is approved by the President Pro-Tempore.

iii. Senators and Freshman Board members shall not be required to attend Senate meetings between the Spring and Fall terms.

iv. A Senator or Freshman Board member with voting rights must be present in order to vote on any item or issue. There shall be no voting by proxy.

v. A quorum of the Senate, which shall be considered two-thirds of all Senators on the roll plus the five voting members of the Freshman Board, must be present in order to conduct official business.

vi. A two-thirds vote of the Senate overrides a Presidential veto.

Section 4. Proceedings for Impeachment

Paragraph A. Impeachment

i. The Senate shall have the power to impeach.

ii. The President Pro-Tempore shall inquire, investigate, gather evidence, testimony, or written statements, and prosecute relevant to possible or alleged violations of the Constitution or the Code of Ethics by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices.iii. The Vice President shall preside over the impeachment hearing. In the case of charges being brought against the President, Vice President, or Treasurer, the Chief Justice shall preside over the hearing.

iv. Impeachment shall require a majority vote of the Senate in order to proceeds to hearings for removal from office.

v. Senators shall recuse themselves from any hearing if they have any relationship with, partiality towards, or prejudice against the accused that would compromise their objectivity.

vi. No other business may be conducted by the Senate during hearing for impeachment.

Paragraph B. Rights of Those Facing Impeachment

i. Shall be given one week's notice if they are to be reviewed by the Senate.

ii. The charges must be formally presented to the accused by the President Pro-Tempore.iii. The accused may present any necessary or desired materials that demonstrate contrary evidence to the alleged accusation.

Paragraph C. Removal from Office

i. The President Pro-Tempore shall inquire, investigate, gather evidence, testimony, or written statements, and prosecute relevant to job performance by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices.

ii. Removal from office shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate following impeachment.

iii. No other business may be conducted by the Senate during hearing for removal from office.

Paragraph D. Rights of Those Facing Removal from Office The accused may present any necessary or desired materials that demonstrate job performance.

Section 5. Parliamentary Authority

Paragraph A. Robert's Rules of Order Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings, except as set forth in this Constitution and the Rules and Procedures.

Paragraph B. Rules and Procedures

i. Shall be created and approved by a majority vote of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and each voting member of the Rules Committee.

ii. Shall expire at the end of each term.

Paragraph C. Rules for Debate

Upon debate, the Vice President shall call for two pro and two con opinions. Either debate shall continue upon a movement to extend debate, approved by a majority vote of the Senate, or the Senate shall move to the previous question.

Paragraph D. Open Meetings

All meetings of SGA shall be open to all members of the University community, except where expressly provided for by this Constitution.

Section 6. Legislation

Paragraph A. Resolutions

i. Shall be drafted to express an official position of the Senate on behalf of the student body.

ii. Shall be submitted to the Rules Committee for semantic revision before appearing in front of the Senate body.

iii. Shall require one reading at a Senate meeting. The Vice President shall entertain debate and amendment, and the Senate may vote on the proposed resolution.

iv. Shall require a majority vote of the Senate.

Paragraph B. Bills

i. Shall be drafted to alter any code.

ii. Shall be drafted to add or alter any bylaw.

iii. Shall be submitted to the Rules Committee for semantic revision before appearing in front of the Senate body.

iv. Shall require a first and second reading at a Senate meeting. Upon first reading, the Vice President shall not entertain debate. At least one week shall transpire between the first and second reading. Upon second reading, Vice President shall entertain debate and amendment, and the Senate may vote on the proposed bill.

v. Shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Paragraph C. Amendments

i. Shall be drafted to make deletions or insertions to the Constitution.

ii. Shall be submitted to the Rules Committee for semantic revision before appearing in front of the Senate body.

iii. Shall require a first and second reading at a Senate meeting. Upon first reading, the Vice President shall not entertain debate. At least one week shall transpire between the first

and second reading. Upon second reading, Vice President shall entertain debate and amendment, and the Senate may vote on the proposed bill.

iv. Shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

v. Shall then require a majority approval of the voting student body. The Vice President shall set the date of the vote.

vi. Shall be approved by the President of the University of Georgia for passage.

Section 7. Standing Committees

Paragraph A. Senate Finance Committee

i. Purpose

The purpose of the Senate Finance Committee is to supervise the finance process. ii. Composition

Shall be chaired by the Treasurer, who shall only vote in the case of a tie, the Finance Director, who shall serve as a non-voting member to assist the Treasurer, and five Senators who shall be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

iii. Should a temporary vacancy occur, the Treasurer shall appoint an alternate Senator in order to meet quorum.

iv. Duties

1. Shall revise and approve of all expenditures.

2. Shall maintain an active balance sheet to accurately reflect the state of the budget.

Paragraph B. Rules Committee

i. Purpose

The purpose of the Rules Committee is to ensure the legitimacy of the legislative process. ii. Composition

Shall be chaired by the President Pro-Tempore, who shall vote only in the case of a tie, the Vice President, who is an ex officio, non-voting member, and five Senators who shall be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore and approved by a majority vote of the Senate. iii. Duties

- 1. Shall correct all semantic errors in proposed legislation.
- 2. Shall set the agenda for each session of the Senate.
- 3. Shall catalog all legislation presented before the Senate

4. Shall rectify the Constitution in accordance with approved Constitutional amendments.

Section 8. Freshman Board

Paragraph A. Purpose

The purpose of the Freshman Board will be to represent the concerns and needs of the freshman class to the Senate. The Freshman Board term shall commence upon the installation of the body at a meeting of the Senate and shall expire upon the end of the current Senate term.

Paragraph B. Composition Shall be composed of fifteen freshmen.

Paragraph C. Membership Selection

i. An application and interview process shall be held during the first quarter of the fall semester to select representatives for the upcoming term. The Freshman Board Advisors shall be responsible for producing and distributing the applications. All University of Georgia freshmen are eligible to apply. ii. The Selection Subcommittee shall oversee the selection process. The Subcommittee shall consist of either the President or Vice President, two Freshman Board Advisors who will each have a vote, two Senators nominated and approved by the Senate who will each have a vote, and two at-large representatives nominated and approved by the Senate who will each have a vote.

iii. The Subcommittee shall be chaired by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, who shall not have a vote.

iv. The Attorney General shall also serve as a non-voting member.

v. The selection process, including criteria used for screening applicants, shall be at the discretion of the Selection Subcommittee.

vi. Every member of this Selection Subcommittee must be present in order for the committee to conduct business.

Paragraph D. Duties

i. Shall attend Executive Committee meetings, Senate meetings, mandatory events, and the separate Freshman Board meetings.

ii. Shall have five votes in the Senate, one belonging to the President of the Freshman Board and the other four of which will rotate among the present members in alphabetical order.

Paragraph E. Freshman Board Code

i. Shall be the rule upon which the Freshman Board operates.

ii. Shall only be changed by an amendment to the code passed with a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

Article VII. Judicial Branch

Section 1. Judicial Composition The Judicial Branch shall consist of a Supreme Court.

Section 2. Officers

Paragraph A. Chief Justice

i. Shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall call and preside over all meetings of the Supreme Court.

iii. Shall align with a majority opinion or file a dissenting opinion either jointly with the Associate Justices or individually.

iv. Shall present the majority opinion of the Supreme Court, both verbally and in writing, to the Senate.

v. Personal information, including but not limited to health, arrest, legal, or academic records, shall never be distributed through any opinion, verbal or written.

vi. Shall have one vote in every judicial hearing.

vii. Shall preside over the impeachment hearing should the President, Vice President, or Treasurer face impeachment.

Paragraph B. Associate Justices

i. Four associate justices shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate.

ii. Shall align themselves with a majority opinion or file a written dissenting opinion either jointly or individually.

iii. Shall issue a written majority opinion authored by either the Chief Justice or Associate Justices which the Chief Justice will present before the Senate.

iv. Personal information, including but not limited to health, arrest, legal, or academic records, shall never be distributed through any opinion, verbal or written.

v. Shall each have one vote in every judicial hearing.

Paragraph C. Secretary of the Court

i. Shall be appointed by the Chief Justice.

ii. Shall compile, distribute, and archive all materials presented by the Attorney General and the accused.

iii. Personal information, including but not limited to health, arrest, legal, or academic records, shall never be distributed through any records kept by the Secretary.

Section 3. Supreme Court

Paragraph A. Jurisdiction

i. Shall hear alleged violations of the Constitution by any elected or appointed official other than the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices as presented by the Attorney General.

ii. Shall hear alleged violations of the Code of Ethics by any elected or appointed official other than the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Justices as presented by the Attorney General.

iii. Shall determine the Constitutionality of any legislation passed through the Senate as an Amendment to any of the SGA codes referenced in the Constitution as presented by the Secretary of the Senate.

iv. Shall determine the Constitutionality of any rules and procedures passed through the executive or legislative branches.

v. Shall determine the Constitutionality of the form under which legislation is passed.

Paragraph B. Expulsion

i. The Supreme Court shall require a majority vote of the Justices to expel a member from office.

ii. Justices shall recuse themselves from any hearing if they have any relationship with, partiality towards, or prejudice against the accused that would compromise their objectivity.

iii. Should a recusation occur, the President Pro-Tempore shall fulfill the duties of the absent Justice.

iv. Should multiple recusations occur, the presiding official shall appoint Senators to temporarily fill the vacant seats upon majority approval in the Senate.

Paragraph C. Rights of Those Facing Expulsion

i. Shall be given one week's notice if they are to be reviewed by the Supreme Court.ii. The charges must be formally presented to the accused by the Attorney General.iii. The accused may present any necessary or desired materials that demonstrate contrary evidence to the alleged accusation.

iv. The accused may present any necessary or desired materials that demonstrate job performance.

Article VIII. Vacancies

Section 1. Vacancy in the Office of the President The Vice President shall assume said office for the remainder of the term.

Section 2. Vacancy in the Office of the Vice President The President Pro-Tempore shall assume said office for the remainder of the term.

Section 3. Vacancy in the Office of the Treasurer

The President shall appoint said office for the remainder of the term upon majority approval of the Senate. If the appointment is a Senator, said senate seat shall be considered vacant.

Section 4. Vacancy in the Office of a Senator

All students who qualify as candidates may apply for a vacant seat. Applicants will be interviewed by the Rules Committee, and one candidate will be slated for Senate majority approval of the Senate.

Section 5. Vacancy in an Appointed Office

The President and/or Vice President shall appoint one candidate for the vacant position. Said appointment is contingent upon the rules of approval for that office.

Section 6. Resignation An elected or appointed official who wishes to resign shall submit a resignation in writing to the Vice President, who shall inform the Executive Board and the Senate at their next regularly scheduled meetings.

Article IX. Advisors

Section 1. Appointments

Paragraph A.

At least one advisor to SGA shall be appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs in consultation with the SGA.

Paragraph B.

At least one additional advisor to SGA may be appointed by the SGA President with approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Consultation

The SGA shall be formally consulted in the selection of SGA graduate advisors. In the event that SGA is not formally consulted, the President of SGA shall have the authority to not recognize the graduate advisor, subject to a majority vote of the executive committee.

Article X. Ratification, Recall, and Referendum

Section 1. Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified when a majority of the voting students approve this document in a special election. At least ten percent of the University student body must vote in the election in order for the result to be valid. It is approved by the University President.

Section 2. Recall

A recall election for any office may be called by a petition signed by at least ten percent of the electing body. For Senators, the electing body is the college or school which they represent, and for the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, it is the entire student body. Only one recall election per Senator or Officer per term of office shall be held.

Section 3. Referendum

A referendum on any question may be called by a petition by at least ten percent of the student body. A referendum may also be called by two-thirds of the Senate. The Vice President shall set the date of the referendum.

Article XI. Vote of Confidence

Section 1. Statement

Every four years, the ballot for electing the President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall contain the following statement to be voted upon: "The Student Government Association of the University of Georgia should continue to operate."

_____AGREE _____ DISAGREE

Section 2. Abolition

If more than two-thirds of the voting population disagrees, the Student Government Association shall be abolished. The first four-year period began Spring Quarter of 1987.

Article XII. Constitutional Supremacy

Upon ratification, this Constitution and its associated codes shall supersede all previous governing documents, which shall be deemed null and void.