

As the official representative of the Clemson University Student Body, Student Government was created to be and still acts as the liaison between the students and the administration, faculty and staff. From its inception in 1957, Student Government has sought to be the chief student advocate in all areas of campus life. In addition to serving as the governing body of the student population, Student Government also participates heavily in the daily affairs of the University. Through interaction with University officials and representation on University committees and councils, Student Government representatives provide continuous input to the administration and offer many recommendations with regard to student sentiment. Student Government also provides a wide array of services and programs for the mutual benefit of all Clemson students, from the Homecoming Pageant in the Fall to Campus Sweep in the Spring.

Every Clemson student is represented through the elected and appointed members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of Student Government, and those representatives welcome and encourage visits from students who wish to voice their ideas, opinions, and concerns. As the chief student advocate on campus, Student Government is dedicated to the service of all Clemson students and the enhancement of the Clemson experience. The active student input is the most vital ingredient in the functioning of the Clemson University Student Government.

## SUPREME CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT BODY

### ***Preamble***

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students of Clemson University do establish this Supreme Constitution for the preservation and improvement of a democratic Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government at Clemson University.

### **Article I- Legislative**

#### *Section 1: Undergraduate Student Government*

- A. The Legislative Branch of Undergraduate Student Government shall have the right to enact legislation to, in any respect, impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government. Such legislation may not directly impact the Graduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception specified in this Supreme Constitution, the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, or executive proclamation of the Undergraduate Executive Branch, in accordance with this Supreme Constitution and all other relevant governing authorities, creating an exception.
- B. The Undergraduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Graduate Executive Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body.

#### *Section 2: Graduate Student Government*

- C. The Legislative Branch of Graduate Student Government shall have the right to

enact legislation to, in any respect, impact the Graduate Student Body or Government. Such legislation may not directly impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government, without explicit exception specified in this Supreme Constitution, the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body, or legislation in accordance with this Constitution and all other relevant governing authorities, enacted by the Legislative Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government creating an exception.

- D. The Graduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Graduate Legislative Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body.

## **Article II- Executive**

### *Section 1: Undergraduate Student Government*

- A. The Executive Branch of Undergraduate Student Government shall have the authority to recommend legislation to the Undergraduate Legislative Branch, create committees to address concerns of Clemson University or the Undergraduate Student Body, advocate and lobby for the will of the Undergraduate Student Body to the administration of Clemson, and otherwise act as the directors of the Undergraduate Student Body. No action of the Executive Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government may directly impact the Graduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception specified in this Supreme Constitution, the Constitution of the Graduate Student Body, or executive proclamation of the Graduate Executive Branch, in accordance with this Supreme Constitution and all other relevant governing authorities, creating an exception.
- B. The Undergraduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Undergraduate Executive Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body.

### *Section 2: Graduate Student Government*

- A. The Executive Branch of Graduate Student Government shall have the authority to recommend legislation to the Graduate Legislative Branch, create committees to address concerns of Clemson University or the Graduate Student Body, advocate and lobby for the will of the Graduate Student Body to the administration of Clemson, and otherwise act as the directors of the Graduate Student Body. No action of the Executive Branch of the Graduate Student Government may directly impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception specified in this Constitution, the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, or executive proclamation of the Undergraduate Executive Branch, in accordance with this Supreme Constitution and all other relevant governing authorities, creating an exception.
- B. The Graduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Graduate Executive Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body.

**Article III- Judicial**

- A. There shall be one unified Judicial Branch with jurisdiction over both the Undergraduate Student Body and Government and the Graduate Student Body and Government. The Judicial Branch shall have the authority to interpret this Supreme Constitution; the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body; the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body; all legislation enacted by the Legislative Branch of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government; all proclamations issued by the Executive Branch of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government; to settle any questions regarding the separation of authority between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches in either Undergraduate or Graduate Student Government, to settle any questions of constitutionality by the acts of any branch of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government; and to settle any questions of jurisdiction between Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government.
- B. The Undergraduate Student Government has the sole authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Unified Judicial Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body.

**Article IV- Amendments**

*Section 1:* Proposal. Amendments to this Supreme Constitution may be proposed by legislation passed with a two-thirds vote by the Undergraduate Legislative Branch and a two-thirds vote of the Graduate Legislative Branch or by a petition of ten percent of the Undergraduate Student Body and ten percent of the Graduate Student Body.

*Section 2:* Referendum. Amendments proposed must be approved by the Undergraduate Student Body and the Graduate Student Body in a referendum by two-thirds of those Undergraduate Students voting and two-thirds of those Graduate Students voting. Amendments must also be signed by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Article V- Supremacy**

This Supreme Constitution shall be the supreme governing authority of the Clemson University Student Undergraduate and Graduate Bodies, and is supreme in all respects to both the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body Constitution and the Clemson University Graduate Student Body Constitution.