

# Wichita State University

## Student Government Association

### 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Senate

**TITLE:** SB-61-013: Legislative Review Constitutional Amendments  
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1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate that:

2 **1. Amend Article I Section 4 of the Constitution to read:**

3 The authority granted to the Association in this section is derived from and shall be  
4 subject to the authority of the Board of Regents and the President of the University.  
5 The authority granted to student organizations, through a grant of official recognition, is  
6 derived from and shall be subject to the authority of the Association and its representative  
7 bodies.

8 The Association, in order that it might perform its duties effectively, shall have the authority  
9 to delegate its legislative, executive, and judicial authority to representative bodies. These  
10 bodies shall have the authority to:

11 A. Prescribe procedure for the election and/or appointments of the membership of the  
12 said bodies of the Association;

13 B. Extend official recognition to groups of students seeking privileges of an official  
14 *recognized* student organization (hereafter referred to as organizations);

15 C. Establish criteria and conduct a review for the granting and removal of said  
16 recognition;

17 D. Levy reasonable penalties for Statutes;

18 E. Recommend to the ~~Dean of Students~~ *Vice President of Student Affairs or designee*  
19 reasonable penalties for students who violate the Association's Statutes or University rules  
20 and policies;

21 F. Reasonably provide for the execution of the Association's duties as prescribed in

the establishment of a special grant of Article I, Section 3, through Section 2 of the Constitution of Statutes and the appointment of special or regular committees with a special authority.

**2. Amend Article III of the Constitution to read:**

The President and Vice President shall be elected on the same ballot, as a team, from the Association at an election held during the month of April.

The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President, said appointment subject to two-thirds (2/3) ratification of the entire Senate, exclusive of the nominee has and maintains office upon nomination and voting, and shall retain said office until the majority of the Student Senate chooses to resign or is removed in the discharge of their duties in the discharge of their duties in their Senate session, excluding the holder of the office.

The tenure granted by these provisions shall not apply to Secretaries hired on a temporary or emergency basis during the session in which the Senate is in session.

**3. Amend Article III of the Constitution to read:**

The President of the Association shall administer the following powers and duties:

- A. To enforce the Statutes, Resolutions, and the Association;
- B. To execute the policies and decisions of the Court;
- C. To act as the official spokesman for the Association;
- D. To appoint the Court as provided for in Article Section 1;
- E. To appoint Association Secretaries in pursuance of the purposes of the Association, subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Senate, unless otherwise specified;
- F. To recommend to the Senate any individual which the individual considers to be in pursuit of the purposes of the Association. The Senate has seven (7) days in which to act upon the President's veto. Said veto must be accompanied with a statement of

- 5.1 explanation in the form of an executive order;  
5.2 H. Other duties as specified in the Association's Bylaws.

5.3 **4. Amend Article III Section 8 of the Constitution to read:**

5.4 The following will be grounds for removal of an Association officer:

- 5.5 A. The failure to maintain a 2.50 cumulative grade point average;  
5.6 B. The failure to execute prescribed duties;  
5.7 C. Others as established by the Code of Conduct and outlined in the Bylaws.

5.8 If an Association officer is charged with one or more of the grounds for removal, the  
5.9 Senate shall review said officer's case, and may expel the officer by a two-thirds (2/3)  
5.10 vote of the entire Senate, excluding vacant seats.

5.11 Recall Election: The Senate must call a special election of the Association within thir  
5.12 (30) days if presented with a petition to recall an Association officer signed by a num  
5.13 of the Association members equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of those voting in the  
5.14 Senate election. Such petition must be validated by the Association's Executive Secre  
5.15 *Office Manager, or equivalent to* prior to public exposure and presentation. If the  
5.16 requisite number of signatures has not been obtained within thirty (30) days of said  
5.17 validation and dating, the petition shall be null and void. If the requisite number of  
5.18 signatures is obtained within thirty (30) days, the Association's Executive Secretary  
5.19 *Office Manager, or equivalent to*, must validate the signatures as those of members of  
5.20 the Association.

7.1 **5. Amend Article IV Section 1 of the Constitution to read:**

7.2 All seats for ~~Senators~~ *members of Senate* shall be reserved according to the following  
7.3 criteria:

- 7.4 A. Seats shall be reserved for three (3) persons designated by the Senate as Holdov  
7.5 Senators.  
7.6 B. One (1) seat shall be reserved for each of the officers *and Cabinet members* of the  
7.7 Association, with the President and Treasurer being non-voting members.

8.1 **6. Amend Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution to read:**

79 All elective seats in the Senate shall be filled at an election held at the same time as the  
80 election for Association officers. That number of candidates for at-large senatorial seats  
81 who receive the largest total of votes shall be declared elected.

82 **7. Amend Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution to read:**


83 The following will be grounds for removal of a Senator:

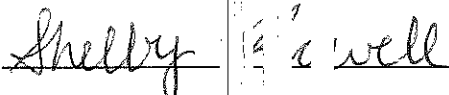
- 84 A. The failure to maintain a 2.50 cumulative grade point average;
- 85 B. The failure to fulfill prescribed *duties*.

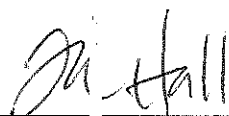
86 **8. Amend Article V Section 5 of the Constitution to read:**

87 Such rules and procedures shall be filed in the office of the Dean of Students Vice  
88 President of Student Affairs or designee and the Association's office. Original copies made  
89 available to students.

91 **APPROVED: 29<sup>nd</sup> Day of August, 2018**

  
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