

BYLAWS

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The Student Association of the State University of New York College at Oswego Bylaws are intended to provide definition and description to the structure and policies of governance. These Bylaws shall be divided into Sections, Parts and Paragraphs.

- I. Civil Officers of the Student Association shall be:
 - A. President of the Student Association
 - B. Vice President of the Student Association
 - C. Senators of the Student Association Senate
 - D. Justices of the Supreme Court.
 - E. Chairman and members of the various departments and committees of the Student Association Executive and Judicial Branches.

- II. The legislative session shall be one (1) year in length and shall begin on the first day in May and shall end on the last day of April the following year.

- III. Recall
 - A. Definition: Recall shall be defined as the ability, independent of the Student Association Senate, of a Senator's constituents to remove the said senator. *[Article VI Section V]*
 - B. Procedure for Recall:
 1. On-Campus: One-half (1/2) of that Senator's constituency must petition for recall. If two-third (2/3) of the Senator's constituency are in favor of recall then the Senator shall be removed.
 2. Off-Campus: One-hundred (100) of that Senator's constituency must petition for recall. If five-hundred (500) of

that Senator's constituency is in favor of recall then Senator shall be removed.

3. At-Large: One-hundred and fifty (150) of that Senator's constituency must petition for recall. If six-hundred (600) of that Senator's constituency is in favor of recall then the Senator shall be removed.

- IV. Annually, the Senate shall determine the apportionment and enumeration of Senators for On-campus, Off-campus, and At-large populations.
- V. Definition of an On-Campus Population:
 - A. An On-Campus population, for the purposes of Senate apportionment, shall be defined as students residing in On-Campus residence halls.
- VI. Definition of an Off-Campus Population:
 - A. An Off-Campus population, for the purposes of Senate apportionment, shall be defined as students residing in residence units off-campus.
- VII. Definition of an At-Large Population:
 - A. The Student population as a whole.
- VII. Definition of Student Association Senators:
 - A. On-Campus Senators shall represent an On-Campus Population.
 - B. Off-Campus Senators shall represent the Off-Campus Population.
 - C. At-Large Senators shall represent the Student Population as a whole.
- IX. Apportionment for On-Campus, Off-Campus, and At-Large Populations:

- A. For every 200 On-Campus residents in a residence hall, one (1) Senate seat shall be apportioned.
 - B. For every 270 Off-Campus residents, one (1) Senate seat shall be apportioned.
 - C. For every 850 Enrolled Students, one (1) At-Large Senate seat shall be apportioned.

- X. Faculty Assembly Representatives
 - A. A Faculty Representative shall be chosen by the Faculty Assembly in a manner that is consistent with their policy.

- XI. Quorum shall be defined as fifty percent (50%) plus one of the total number of Senate seats filled. Quorum shall never be less than twelve

- XII. Permanent speaking seats in the Student Association Senate shall be awarded to:
 - A. President of the Student Association
 - B. Student Association Director of Finance
 - C. A representative of the Office of the Dean of Students
 - D. A representative of the Department of Campus Life
 - E. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - F. Those holding the title of Emeritus

- XIII. Definition of Impeachment:
 - A. Impeachment shall be defined as the process of bringing forth charges against any civil officer of the Student Association.

- XIV. Definition of Censure:
 - A. Censure shall be defined as the Senates formal expression of displeasure concerning the conduct of another senator; or any elected or appointed member of the Student Association, as submitted in the form of a resolution.

XV. Referendum:

- A. In order for the Student Association Senate to submit a bill to the electorate (refer to Article VI, Section IV.D. of the Student Association Constitution), a motion be made to “submit to the Electorate for a decision,” the bill in question (SLE....), with a majority of the Senators present in support of the motion.

XVI. Definition of Resolutions:

- A. Resolutions are to be considered as the majority opinion of the Student Association Senate related to a specific issue.
- B. Any resolutions passed by the Student Association Senate will not represent the Student Association; they will only reflect the opinion of the Student Association Senate.
- C. Resolutions are not considered bills under Article VI, Section IV, part A of the Student Association Constitution, and do not need to be signed by the Student Association President [Article VI. Section IV Part A].

XVII. Student Association Senate Veto Procedure shall be as follows:

- A. The Vice President shall promptly notify the Senate that legislation has been vetoed.
- B. The Vice President should place vetoed legislation on the agenda under general orders following pending legislation for the first Senate meeting following the date of the veto.
- C. The President of the Senate will state the following questions when taking a vote to overturning a veto:
 - 1. “All those in favor of overturning a veto?”
 - 2. “All those opposed to overturning the veto?”
 - 3. “All those abstentions in overturning the veto?”

- D. Two thirds (2/3rds) of the total Senate members present will be needed to overturn a veto. *[Article VI, Section IV, Part A]*

XVIII. Definition of Executive Orders:

- A. Executive orders are defined as policy directives of the Student Association President to agencies or individuals reporting in line to the President.

XIX. Definition of an Executive Agenda

- A. The general direction for the Student Association during a given Presidential Administration that is presented to the Senate.

XX. These Bylaws shall be amended by the following procedure:

- A. A motion to amend the bylaws shall be referred for a period of one week.
- B. The Student Association Vice President shall notify all Senators of the bylaw amendment and its placement on the agenda. Examples of notification may include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Certified Mail.
 - 2. Email, with a reply from the senator confirming they received the notice.
 - 3. Notification via telephone. Notification via telephone does not include a voice mail, or answering machine message. The Vice President must speak individually with the Senator.
- C. After referral for one week, the Vice President will place the amendment on the agenda under General Orders.
- D. To pass the amendment, a 2/3rds vote of all Senators present is required.

- E. All bylaws to this constitution shall be subject to interpretation as bills under the provision of Article VI, Section, IV, Parts C, D, and E of this Constitution.
- XXI. Consent to Appointments shall be by a 2/3rds vote in the affirmative by the Senate present. Appointments should take place prior to the 30th class day of the fall semester.
- XXII. The maximum budget increase per year is limited to 5.6% to be comprised of both fee and non-fee revenue
- XXIII. Executive Transition Protocol:
- A. Prior to leaving office, the President and Vice President shall orient the President-elect and Vice President-elect in all of the following areas:
 - 1. The status of any and all current and past projects conducted by the Student Association throughout the past year.
 - 2. An in-depth breakdown of the Student Association organizational structure and relationship with the college community and administration.
 - 3. A review of projects and university wide committees of which the President and Vice President are members.
 - 4. The SUNY Oswego institutional structure, relationships and responsibilities of positions.
 - 5. Information on the job history, duties and responsibilities of the Student Association non-student professional staff. The President-elect and Vice President-elect should be personally introduced to these staff members.
 - B. The President and Vice President leaving office on March 31st shall be considered Presidential Consultant and Vice Presidential Consultant for their respective positions until the last day of April for

that particular year. The Presidential Consultant and Vice Presidential Consultant shall be available as informative resources to their successors and the new administration with no executive authority or responsibilities except to advise the President and Vice President.