

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION (2011-01)

*UIS Student Government Association Constitutional Amendments*

**By Internal Vice-President Ryan Melchin, External Vice-President David Ballard, Treasurer Randy Knuppel, Senator Erin Wilson**

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to represent the students of the University of Illinois at Springfield in issues affecting them; and

WHEREAS, the SGA is vested with the power to recommend changes to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the SGA finds it necessary to establish committees to deal with the concerns of students regarding Housing and Food Services; and

WHEREAS, The President of SGA has the responsibility to understand and be informed about a wide variety of issues related to the functioning of SGA and the larger University system; and

WHEREAS, Any candidate for the position SGA President should have the necessary qualifications in order to meet the demands of the role and be able to effectively represent the UIS Student body not only here on campus but to the Springfield community and the University of Illinois system as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the election of a qualified candidate to the position of Student Government President, the Student Government Association supports the following necessary changes to the UIS SGA Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SGA pose the following change to the Student Body for a vote to be voted on at the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Spring SGA Election. The amendment shall be the following:

**“Strike all instances of ICCB from the Constitution and rename it as SOFA or Student Organization Funding Association.”**

**ARTICLE VI. VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Section 7. All members serving on the SGA shall not miss more than three meetings without approval by the Executive Board of the SGA. If a member has missed more than three meetings the SGA shall have the ability to declare the seat vacant and appoint a new member who shall serve until the next election.**

**ARTICLE VII: DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**

Section 1. All student body legislative power shall be vested in the Student Government Association.

Section 2: The President of SGA shall, at the time of seeking office, have a minimum of twelve (12) hours of undergraduate credit or eight (8) hours of graduate credit successfully completed at the University of Illinois at Springfield. **The President shall have served at least one term on SGA. ~~or as an SGA Committee Chair.~~ In the event that no qualified candidate can be found to seek the Office of SGA President, the Director of Student Life will have the authority to temporarily make null the term requirement for one election.**

The President shall preside at Student Government meetings. The President is responsible for developing and distributing the agenda for each Student Government meeting. **The President is an ex-officio member of all Student Government Committees.**

The President shall have the power to nominate any student, in governmental service or not, into any committee or appoint persons to vacancies, subject to the approval of the SGA at large.

The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian and an External Vice-President, to be approved by the SGA at-large, within two (2) business meetings of his/her tenure. **The President shall appoint a Committee Chair for the Committee on Housing. The President shall be the Chair of the Student Fees committee.**

Section 3: The Internal Vice-President of the Student Government shall, at the time of seeking office, have a minimum of twelve (12) hours of undergraduate credit or eight (8) hours of graduate credit successfully completed at the University of Illinois at Springfield. **The Internal Vice-President shall have served at least one semester on SGA or as an SGA Committee Chair.**

The Internal Vice-President is an ex-officio member of all Student Government Committees and will supervise the coordination of and between committees. The Internal Vice-President shall serve as Chair of the Committee on Committees. **The Internal Vice-President shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Student Fees Committee.**

**The Internal Vice-President shall create a written report at the end of each semester detailing all SGA committee activity. The report shall be given to the SGA members, the Student Body, and the Campus Senate.**

~~The Internal Vice-President shall nominate a prospective chairperson for the Inter-Club Council Board and Student Activities Committee to the SGA at large for appointment."~~

**The Internal Vice-President shall nominate with the full consultation and advice from the SGA Treasurer, a chairperson for the Inter Club Council Board and the Student Activities Committee to the SGA at large for confirmation. The membership of SOFA and SAC shall submit nominations to the Internal Vice-President for consideration in regards to the chairmanship of each committee.**

Section 4: The External Vice-President of the Student Government shall serve as a ~~non-voting~~ **advisory** voting member on both the Student Government Association and the Executive Committee.

The External Vice-President is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships between the SGA and legislators, administrators, students, the Alumni Association and the Springfield community.

The External Vice-President shall serve as Chair of the SGA Governmental Affairs Committee.

Section 5: The Parliamentarian shall serve as a **non-voting advisory-voting** member on both the Student Government Association and the Executive Committee, who shall advise on Parliamentary procedure.

During the course of a meeting the work of the Parliamentarian should be limited to giving advice ~~to the chair and to any other member~~ to all members on SGA.

The Parliamentarian, ~~through~~ **as the Chair** of the Constitution & Rules Committee, will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the University of Illinois at Springfield Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws.

The Parliamentarian shall have final decision in any discrepancies or disputes over the Constitution and its bylaws; subject to a 2/3 veto of the Student Government Association.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall keep a record of all expenses and income of the Student Government. ~~The Treasurer will serve as the Chair of the Budget Review Committee.~~ The Treasurer will obtain all student fees information through the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

The Treasurer shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Inter-Club Council Board and shall be the Vice-Chair of the Student Activities Committee.

**The Treasurer shall compile a list of possible Chairpersons for the Inter-Club Council Board and the Student Activities Committee. They shall report the list to the Internal Vice-President along with their recommendation. This list and recommendations shall be provided to the SGA at large for consideration.**

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

Section 3:

**H)Committee on Housing**

**I)Food Services Committee**

**J)Committee on Student Fee's**

Section 4: The Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, Director of Student Life, ~~and Student Body President~~ **SGA President, and SGA Internal Vice-President** will serve as ex-officio members of all committees.

## **ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS**

Section 1: Quorum for regular meetings shall be a simple majority of the total voting membership enumerated in the SGA Constitution.

Section 2: The parliamentary manual ~~for the SGA sessions~~ **for all SGA meetings and committees** shall be Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, except where its procedure is expressly modified in the SGA Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 3: The SGA shall convene regularly during the fall and spring semesters. During the summer semester, the SGA shall convene when a special session is called for.

Section 4: The SGA President **or the Internal Vice-President acting on behalf of the President** with a minimum 24 hours' notice may call a Special session. Quorum for special sessions shall be a majority of the total voting membership enumerated in the SGA Constitution.

Section 5: Proxy votes are not allowed **at any SGA meeting or committee meeting.**

Section 6: All votes before the SGA require a simple majority of those present and voting to pass, unless otherwise stated.

Section 7: While the SGA and Executive committee reserve the right to adjourn into closed session for legal, monetary, and personnel issues, all regular SGA meetings must be open to the public and public comment **and publically recorded.**

Section 8: In cases of emergency, or when quorum of the SGA cannot be obtained, the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the SGA to advise the Campus or University Administrators, the Board of Trustees, or other individuals or bodies on policy matters as requested or necessary; however, such advise shall be offered for review at the next regular meeting of the SGA.

#### **ARTICLE XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution shall take effect on **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

THE REFERENA QUESTION SHALL BE POSED AS:

“Shall the UIS Student Government Association Constitution be amended in accordance with SGA Resolution 2011-01?”

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President Van Vossen

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Secretary Kirschbaum