

SGA Constitution Changes

2017-2018

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Article IV: Powers of Student Government:

Letter A: Accountability

Omitted for clarity: (to it)

Added for clarity: The words "for" and "depend" in the correct place, and the word "to" is also added for grammatical clarity

Will now read – "The Student Government Association may require any officer or senator to account **(to it) for** his/her activities, whether through regular scheduled reports or special hearings/meetings. It may **depend** on the basis of such accounting or reports, **to** give appropriate guidance or direction to the officer or senator concerned."

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Article IV: Powers of Student Government:

Letter H: Activities Responsibilities

Added: A bullet for adding - Academic Showcase

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Article VI: Vacated Offices

Letter A:

Added a # 5- To read ; 5. The Elected officer vacates or abandons their office.

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Article VI: Vacated Offices

Letter C: Near End of Term Vacancies:

Added- the words: "and" .. "have" .. "to be filled" "or this office" and "an" "Government" along with "regularly scheduled" for clarity.

Will now read- Vacancies occurring in offices other than that of the President, **and** including that of the Senate, **have** between 7-31 calendar days **to be filled** before the first day of a regularly scheduled election, **or this office** shall be filled in **an** election by the Student **Government** Association at the **regularly scheduled** election.

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Article VII- Officers: Qualifications and Duties

Letter B: President:

#15 - Added on page 7- the words: "and/or Secretary."

Will now read- "Verify all money usage by the Treasurer and/or Secretary."

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Article VII- Officers: Qualifications and Duties

Letter D: Secretary

Added – a "#12" and also the statement, "The Secretary shall be able to assist in the Treasures role if and when needed in the Treasurers absence. This is to include all duties regarding purchase requests for signatures."

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Continuation of: Article VII- Officers: Qualifications and Duties

Letter E: Treasurer

Added- "#10" – to read – " The treasure shall assist in the duties of the Secretary when needed in the absence of the Secretary."

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Article VIII. Senate Qualifications and Duties.

Letter B:

Omitted- "and High School Career Center," and " Chair" - These do not apply anymore.

Added- "Dean."

Will now read- "There shall be one Academic Senator representing the Student Body per division as chosen by the department Dean."

Letter C: Powers of the Student Senate:

Added on #8- "if allocated funds." To the end of this sentence.

Will now read- "Provide for the control and disbursement of Student Senate funds "if allocated funds."

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Continuation of Article VIII. Senate Qualifications and Duties.

Letter F: Elections

#4. Time of assuming office:

Omitted- Old Statement: "Campus-wide officers elected in the spring general election will be required to take office immediately following acceptance of office. At large Senators shall assume office following validation by the student senate."

Will now read-

"Senators and Officers elected in the spring general election will be required to take office immediately following acceptance as *Officers Elect*. The current outgoing SGA officers must fulfill their current duties throughout the completed spring semester. This is to ensure all financials are satisfied before the spring COTO graduation. If in the case that the Treasurer or Secretary's offices are vacant for any reason, ie; Graduated, none elected, or vacated, The SGA advisor or advisors will allocate the funds with the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs. This is to ensure the integrity of the Student Government Association with in the community. (See- Article IV, Letter J, Advisor Clause. Pg.5) Also (See COTO purchase requests rules and guidelines.)"

Continuation of Letter F

Added –A new #5

#5. – Incoming Officers: Officers Elect

"Officers Elect will become independent SGA officers after the College of the Ouachitas year end graduation. A meeting of the new officers must occur within the month of May."

This new #5, Bumps the old #5 to #6 to #7.

Added-Changed past# 5 - is now #6- Incoming Senators: (No changes in content)

Added- Change past #6 – is now #7 - Qualification for Office: (No changes in content.)

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Added – Amended date of (August 9, 2017)