

Fairfield University Student Association

Constitution

"For the Students, By the Students."



We, the undergraduate students of Fairfield University, hereby organize and establish the Fairfield University Student Association. As the governing association of the undergraduate student body, the Fairfield University Student Association shall be charged with the following roles: to represent and advocate student issues, needs and concerns; to promote a diverse array of social, educational and cultural programs and initiatives; to be a valuable partner in the administrative processes of the school; to aid in the development of student clubs and organizations; and to govern ourselves in a manner that is both respectful of individual rights and consistent with the needs of the University and the larger community. This Constitution seeks to create a governing association that is accessible and transparent to all students and consistent with Jesuit values.

Article I: Title

Section 1 - Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the Fairfield University Student Association hereafter referred to as FUSA.

Section 2 - Logo

1. The below image is the official representative logo of FUSA.



2. This logo shall serve as the only representative FUSA logo on all external communications.

Article II: Membership

Section 1 - General Members

- 1. All matriculated-undergraduate students are members of FUSA.
- 2. This organization shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, disability, national origin, religious affiliation, or religious beliefs.

Section 2 - Title Holding Members

1. FUSA title-holding members shall consist of individuals elected and/or selected to hold positions within FUSA.

Section 3 - Eligibility

- 1. All FUSA title-holding members must be matriculated undergraduate students as determined by the University Registrar.
 - a. No FUSA title-holding member shall serve in more than one FUSA title-holding position at a time.
 - b. All members of the Executive Cabinet, Directors, Associate Directors, FUSA Court, and FUSA Senate must be full-time matriculated undergraduate students.
- 2. FUSA title-holding members of the Senior Class that were full-time in the Fall Semester may transfer to part-time status in the Spring semester while maintaining their FUSA title-holding position.
- 3. All FUSA title-holding members must be in good academic and social standing at the time of appointment or election.
 - a. The phrase "good academic standing" is defined as a student who has earned a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or higher.
 - b. The phrase "good social standing" is defined as a student who is not on disciplinary probation.

Section 4 - Funding

- 1. FUSA's funding shall derive from the University's General Fee.
- 2. Students who pay the General Fee have all privileges associated with being a FUSA member for the remainder of that fiscal year, even if they drop down to part-time status.
- 3. Students, who have not paid the General Fee, may be required to pay additional costs in order to enjoy the same privileges as those FUSA members who have paid the General Fee.
- 4. If the actual collection of fees exceeds the budget projection, FUSA shall receive its portion of the excess funds upon availability of funds.
- 5. If FUSA overspends its annual budget, the deficit shall affect the following fiscal year.

Article III: The Executive Branch

Section 1 - Executive Structure & Purpose

- 1. The Executive Branch is charged with overseeing FUSA operations.
- 2. The head of the Executive Branch is the FUSA President.
- 3. Directly under the FUSA President is the FUSA Vice President.
- 4. The Executive Branch consists of the Executive Cabinet, the Programming Board, the Council of Student Organizations Board, the Marketing & Public Relations Board, and the Treasury Board.

Section 2 - Executive Membership

- 1. The FUSA President and Vice President are elected by FUSA general members.
- 2. The Director of Programming, the Director of COSO, the Director of Marketing & Public Relations, and the Director of the Treasury are appointed by the FUSA President following an application and interview process that is facilitated by the FUSA President and FUSA Vice President.
- 3. Presidential appointments to the Executive Cabinet are subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Section 3 - FUSA President

- 1. The FUSA President shall act as the official spokesperson for FUSA.
- 2. The FUSA President shall have the right to review all decisions made within each board in the Executive Branch.
- 3. The FUSA President shall have the authority to either approve or veto any legislation passed by the Legislature.
- 4. The FUSA President shall serve as an ex-officio member of each board and committee in the Executive Branch.
- 5. The FUSA President shall have the authority to issue Executive Orders to clarify existing laws and issue directives to Cabinet members.
- 6. The FUSA President shall have the authority to create and appoint members to committees within the Executive Branch, following collaboration with the respective Director(s).
- 7. The FUSA President shall act as the liaison between the student body, the administration, and the community.
- 8. The FUSA President shall have the authority to enter into agreements with campus and community partners.
- 9. The FUSA President shall meet regularly with the Board of Trustees, the University President, and the FUSA Advisor(s).
- 10. The FUSA President shall execute and enforce the laws passed by the Legislative Branch.
- 11. The FUSA President shall issue a State of the University address at least once per academic year.
- 12. The FUSA President shall have the authority to appoint the Executive Branch members of the Executive Cabinet and the Justices of the FUSA Court.
- 13. The FUSA President shall convene the Executive Cabinet.
- 14. The FUSA President shall have the authority to create new boards within the Executive Branch, and to appoint members to sit on those boards.
- 15. The FUSA President shall have the authority to create committees, task forces, and other bodies to address issues on campus as he/she sees fit.
- 16. The FUSA President shall have, or may delegate, the authority to appoint FUSA members to sit on campus committees.
- 17. The FUSA President shall serve in a fiduciary capacity for the official FUSA budget.
- 18. The FUSA President-elect shall be responsible for proposing the FUSA budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget shall be subject to approval by the current Legislature.
- 19. The FUSA President shall, in the time of crisis or emergency, make executive decisions and take appropriate actions that he or she deems necessary on behalf of the undergraduate student body.
- 20. The FUSA President has the authority to appoint a Vice President in the event that the Vice Presidential position is vacant, which is subject to confirmation by the Senate.
- 21. The FUSA President shall not interfere with the fiduciary duties of a recognized club or organization at Fairfield University.

Section 4 - FUSA Vice President

1. The FUSA Vice President shall assume the role of the FUSA President, in the event that the FUSA President cannot fulfill his or her duties.

- 2. The FUSA Vice President shall assume delegated roles given to him or her by the FUSA President.
- 3. The FUSA Vice President shall facilitate the day-to-day operations of the Executive Branch, under the direction of the FUSA President.
- 4. The FUSA Vice President shall serve as the Chief Operations Officer of the Executive Branch, under the direction of the FUSA President.
- 5. The FUSA Vice President shall serve as the official liaison to the Legislative Branch and the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Executive Branch.
- 6. The FUSA Vice President shall record minutes at Presidential executive Cabinet meetings.

Section 5 - Executive Cabinet

- 1. The Executive Cabinet serves as the official advisory body for the FUSA President.
- 2. The role of the Executive Cabinet shall be to work with the FUSA President to oversee and execute the daily operations and functions of FUSA.
- 3. All final decisions within the Executive Cabinet rest with the FUSA President.
- 4. The members of the Executive Cabinet shall consist of the FUSA President, the FUSA Vice President, the Director of Programming, the Director of the Council of Student Organizations, the Director of Marketing & Public Relations, the Director of the Treasury, the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Director of Diversity and Inclusion.
- 5. The FUSA President shall facilitate the meetings of the Executive Cabinet.
- 6. The members of the Executive Cabinet shall be representative of their respective boards and branches.
- 7. The members of the Executive Cabinet shall report back to their respective boards and branches.
- 8. The Executive Cabinet shall meet and communicate regularly.
- 9. The meetings of the Executive Cabinet shall be closed.
- 10. The Executive Cabinet may invite guests to attend a meeting of the Executive Cabinet.
- 11. All minutes of the Executive Cabinet shall be provided to the Senate at the next available GSM.

Section 6 - Programming Board

- 1. The Programming Board is responsible for planning and executing a diverse array of social, educational, and cultural events and programs that cater to and represent the entire student body.
- 2. The Programming Board may co-sponsor events with any other clubs, groups, offices or departments, and organizations on campus.
- 3. All programming decisions shall rest with the Director of Programming.
- 4. The Director of Programming shall oversee the Programming Board and any event or programs taken on by the Programming Board.
- 5. The Director of Programming shall appoint the Associate Director of Programming and the Programming Coordinators.
- 6. The Associate Director of Programming is responsible for working with the Director of Programming on the oversight of the members of the board and all events coordinated by the board.

- 7. The Programming Board shall consist of sub boards with assigned program responsibilities.
- 8. Each Programming sub board shall be comprised of at least two Programming Coordinators.
- 9. The Programming Coordinators shall be charged with the planning and execution of events and programs that fall within their sub board classification.
- 10. The Programming Board shall meet at least once a week, in addition to meeting with their sub boards on a weekly basis as needed.

Section 7 - Council of Student Organizations Board

- 1. The name of this board shall be the Council of Student Organizations, herein referred to as COSO.
- 2. All COSO decisions shall rest with the Director of COSO. As such, the Director of COSO may not hold any position within a student club or organization in which they handle any finances.
- 3. COSO shall act as a resource and the administrative body for the collective representation of registered student clubs and organizations.
- 4. COSO shall be responsible for the allocation of funds to registered clubs and organizations and for providing associated financial services.
- 5. COSO shall be responsible for holding regular meetings with Club Officers as deemed necessary.
- 6. COSO shall be responsible for assisting clubs with program planning.
- 7. The Director of COSO shall be responsible for maintaining consistent communication and oversight of the board, club leaders, and club advisors.
- 8. The Director of COSO shall be responsible for coordinating the services offered to clubs and organizations, advising clubs and organizations and their leaders, and coordinating the funding allocation processes prior to the start of each semester.
- 9. The Director of COSO shall appoint the Associate Director of COSO and the COSO Coordinators.
- 10. The Associate Director of COSO shall be responsible for coordinating the development and registration of new clubs.
- 11. The Director and Associate Director of COSO work in conjunction to oversee all financial affairs and the coordination of all Activities Fairs.
- 12. The COSO Coordinators shall be responsible for assisting with the marketing of club events, handling of all clubs and organization finances, and advising in the planning of club events.
- 13. The COSO Board shall meet at least once per week.
- 14. COSO's funding shall derive from the University's General Fee, separate from the FUSA budget. If the actual collection of fees exceeds the budget projection, COSO shall receive its portion of the excess funds upon availability of those funds.
- 15. COSO shall hold the fiduciary duty of responsibly managing the COSO budget.
- 16. COSO shall collaborate with the COSO advisor and is responsible for filing the financial paperwork with the Office of Student Engagement.
- 17. The views expressed by student clubs and organizations do not always reflect the opinions or views of FUSA and COSO.

- 18. COSO shall require all registered clubs and organizations that receive COSO funding to draft an effective, detailed, and accessible club constitution that will need to be reviewed for re-approval every two years after the date of its approval by COSO.
- 19. The COSO Board shall have the responsibility of withdrawing and reallocating COSO dispersed funding from any club or organization that fails to fulfill its own constitutional goals, as it deems necessary.

Section 8 - Marketing & Public Relations Board

- 1. The Marketing & Public Relations Board shall communicate to the student body the goals, actions, and mission of FUSA, the Executive Cabinet, and each respective board and branch.
- 2. All marketing and public relations decisions shall rest with the Director of Marketing & Public Relations.
- 3. The Director of Marketing & Public Relations is responsible for creating, maintaining, and implementing the overall image of FUSA and all branding efforts for each respective board and branch.
- 4. The Director of Marketing & Public Relations shall appoint the Associate Director of Marketing & Public Relations and the Marketing Coordinators.
- 5. The Associate Director of Marketing & Public Relations is responsible for working with the Director of Marketing & Public Relations on overseeing marketing tactics and of the members of the board.
- 6. The Marketing Coordinators are charged with the marketing and public relations for Programming, and Senate, and report to the Director and Associate Director of Marketing & Public Relations with their integrated marketing plans.
- 7. The Marketing & Public Relations Board shall have the ability to work with COSO, upon request.
- 8. The Marketing & Public Relations board shall meet at least once a week, in addition to meeting with their assigned boards and branches.
- 9. The Marketing & Public Relations board shall impartially promote and represent all boards and branches of FUSA.

Section 9 - Treasury Board

- 1. The Treasury Board shall be in charge of managing, balancing, and allocating the FUSA budget.
- 2. FUSA's budget shall derive from the University's General Fee, separate from the COSO budget. If the actual collection of fees exceeds the budget projection, FUSA shall receive its portion of the excess funds upon availability of those funds.
- 3. The Treasury Board shall hold the fiduciary duty and responsibility of managing the FUSA budget.
- 4. The Treasury Board is led by the Director of the Treasury.
- 5. The Director of the Treasury shall be responsible for forming and defining the FUSA budget and handling all financial paperwork, deposits, charge-back, and vendor payments.
- 6. The Director of the Treasury shall report to the FUSA President, collaborate with the FUSA advisor(s), and be responsible for filing the financial paperwork with the Office of Student Engagement.

- 7. The Director of the Treasury shall appoint the Associate Director of the Treasury and the Treasury Coordinators.
- 8. The Associate Director of the Treasury shall be responsible for working with the Director of the Treasury on overseeing budgetary concerns and managing the members of the board.
- 9. The Treasury Coordinators shall be responsible for the budgetary activities of the Programming Board, the Marketing & Public Relations Board, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch, and shall report to the Director and Associate Director of the Treasury for review of the financial materials.
- 10. The Treasury Board shall have the ability to work in a fiduciary capacity with COSO, upon request.
- 11. The Treasury Board shall meet once a week, in addition to meeting with their assigned boards and branches.

Section 10 – Diversity and Inclusion Board

- 1. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall empower FUSA to address the needs of underrepresented/marginalized students or historically oppressed groups, including women, students with disabilities, students of color, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning students, students from different faith backgrounds, students from different socioeconomic status, etc.
- 2. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall draw on the student's voice, research, scholarship, and information on trends to develop and support innovative programs and policies relevant to the student community as it relates campus diversity and inclusion.
- 3. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall partner with the President's Institutional Diversity Council (PIDC) to ensure the University is meeting the needs of students.
- 4. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall liaise with affinity clubs to provide support and guidance, as well as partner with other related organizations and departments.
- 5. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall develop data and coordinate procedures to track FUSA's trends and help FUSA increase accountability of becoming a more inclusive student organization through assessments of programs and practices.
- 6. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall provide leadership and vision for diversity and inclusion initiatives for the greater good of students and FUSA, while aligning with Fairfield University mission.
- 7. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall develop and implement at least two diversity & inclusion initiatives per semester, which could be in form of an event, workshop, policy change, etc.
- 8. The Diversity and Inclusion Board shall ensure that related initiatives develop new capabilities, programs and activities that anticipate and meet student needs related to diversity & inclusion and multicultural competency.
- 9. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall prepare reports for presentations to FUSA and the student community.
- 10. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall serve as a member of the FUSA Executive Cabinet.
- 11. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall represent FUSA at various community, civic, and professional meetings and conferences as requested.

- 12. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall evaluate and recommend education, training, and development related to diversity and inclusion/ multicultural/ intercultural competency for FUSA and the student community.
- 13. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall establish a collaborative, supportive, and high-performance culture that supports the success of those who work as part of FUSA.
- 14. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion has the authority to create positions, and appoint students, to serve as members of the Diversity and Inclusion Board.
- 15. The Associate Director of Diversity and Inclusion shall support the efforts of the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, and the overall mission of the Diversity and Inclusion Board.

Article IV: The Legislature

Section 1 - Duties and Powers of the Senate

- 1. The Senate is responsible for soliciting and deliberating upon student issues, using the legislative process as a means to advance or resolve such issues, and to serve and protect the interests of the student body.
- 2. The Senate shall review and vote on the President's appointments to the Executive Cabinet and the FUSA Court.
- 3. The Senate shall review and vote on the annual FUSA budget submitted by the President.
- 4. Resolutions passed by the Senate will become the official position of the undergraduate student body.
- 5. Upon the passing of legislation, the Speaker of the Senate, in conjunction with the FUSA Executive Branch, shall be responsible for working with the University to ensure the recognition of said piece of legislation.
- 6. Any bill passed by the Senate may be vetoed by the President. The President has ten (10) class days upon receiving the bill to veto. If no action is taken within ten (10) class days, the bill becomes enacted.
- 7. Legislation that is vetoed by the President may be overridden with two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- 8. The Senate has the authority to impeach any elected member of FUSA.
- 9. The Senate has the authority to investigate matters associated with decisions concerning the student body.
- 10. The Senate has the authority to amend this Constitution.

Section 2 - Structure

- 1. The Senate shall be composed of twenty (20) Senators with five (5) Senators per class holding one vote each.
- 2. Each Senator will be elected by their respective class year in which the University Registrar declares them a member at the time of their declaration.
- 3. After the Spring Senatorial elections, the Senators-Elect will nominate, and by secret ballot, vote for the Speaker of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Senate Parliamentarian. This election must take place before the conclusion of the Spring semester.
- 4. The Speaker of the Senate shall preside over all General Senate Meetings and shall hold all these meetings according to Parliamentary Procedure set forth by the Robert's Rules of Order.

- 5. The Speaker of the Senate shall have, or may delegate, the authority to appoint Senators to sit on campus committees.
- 6. The Secretary of the Senate shall assume the role of the Speaker of the Senate, in the event that the Speaker of the Senate cannot fulfill his or her duties.
- 7. The Secretary of the Senate shall assume delegated roles given to him or her by the Speaker of the Senate.
- 8. The Speaker of the Senate shall sit on the Executive Cabinet as an ex-officio member to report ongoing affairs within the Senate.
- 9. The Speaker of the Senate and the Secretary of Senate shall retain all duties and responsibilities of a Senator.
- 10. All members of Senate have the ability to draft and present legislation.
- 11. The Senate Cabinet shall be composed of the Speaker of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and all committee chairs.
- 12. The senate will be comprised of four (4) standing committees;
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - b. Facilities, Technology, and Auxiliary Services
 - c. Student Life and Services
 - d. Community Relations and Safety
- 13. Ad-Hoc Committees will form and dissolve as needed through passage of a Resolution.
- 14. The Speaker of the Senate shall fill any vacant Standing Committee Chair position through an application process.
- 15. The Speaker of the Senate has the authority to appoint Chairs and committee members to serve on Ad-Hoc committees.
- 16. The Committee Chairs shall retain all duties and responsibilities of an elected Class Senator.
- 17. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for organizing and facilitating at least one open forum per academic year to update and solicit feedback on current initiatives and other issues that pertain to the respective committees.

Section 3 - Senate Succession

- 1. In the case of a vacancy in the Senate, the candidate with the next highest vote total, who officially declared and was on the official ballot in the most recent election, will assume the position as a Senator for their class.
- 2. In the case that there are no eligible candidates, a special election will be held within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
 - a. In the case that a position becomes vacant outside of the Fall and Spring semesters, the special election must be held within the first thirty (30) days of the next Fall or Spring semester.

Article V: The Judicial Branch

Section 1 - The FUSA Court

1. The Judicial Branch shall consist of a single entity, known as the FUSA Court.

Section 2 - The Powers and Duties of the FUSA Court

- 1. The FUSA Court shall determine the constitutionality of laws and Executive actions.
- 2. The FUSA Court has the authority to hear cases regarding disputed disciplinary actions, probations, and terminations, and has the authority to review cases regarding impeachment.
- 3. The FUSA Court shall serve as the Election Committee for all FUSA Elections, and shall be responsible for maintaining the Election Code.

Section 3 - Membership

- 1. The FUSA Court shall consist of one (1) Chief Justice and four (4) Associate Justices.
- 2. The FUSA Court, following an application and interview process, shall be appointed to their respective positions by the FUSA President and shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote in the Senate.
- 3. Justices shall serve in their positions for the duration of one academic year.
- 4. The Chief Justice shall oversee all meetings, proceedings and cases of the FUSA Court.
- 5. The Chief Justice shall hold tie-breaking power over all judicial decisions.
- 6. The Chief Justice shall sit on the Executive Cabinet as an ex-officio member to report ongoing affairs within the FUSA Court.
- 7. The FUSA Court shall not have the ability to interfere in aspects of student conduct outside of FUSA, and serves to function as an internal body.

Section 4 - FUSA Court Succession

- 1. If the Chief Justice or any Associate Justice were to step down, the FUSA Court shall continue to function with its remaining members and the FUSA President shall go through the application and interview process to select a replacement.
- 2. In the case of the Chief Justice stepping down, an acting Chief Justice shall be chosen from the remaining Justices of the FUSA Court.
- 3. The acting Chief Justice shall hold all the powers and responsibilities of the Chief Justice until a new Chief Justice is appointed by the FUSA President and confirmed by Senate.

Article VI: Declaration of Rights, Responsibilities, & Expectations

Section 1 - Public Records

- 1. Members of FUSA have the right to request and obtain official FUSA records.
- 2. Official FUSA records include all documents that are considered public record according to the House Rules of each board and branch.

Section 2 - Meetings

1. FUSA meetings shall be open to the public except in instances when rules of procedure require that they be closed, or an executive session is called by the meeting chairperson. The closed session policies and procedures are further described in the House Rules of each board and branch of FUSA.

Section 3 - Conduct & Ethics

1. Members of FUSA agree to conduct themselves in a fashion that reflects the highest level of honesty and integrity and to execute their offices fully, faithfully and in a manner consistent with the representation of the student body.

Section 4 - Accountability

- 1. Expectations for performance and attendance are to be clearly outlined in the House Rules of each board and branch.
- 2. FUSA title-holding members shall not be obliged to form external, contractual, formal agreements with University administration, campus partners, and community partners.

Section 5 - Advisors

- 1. The FUSA advisors will provide guidance to ensure decisions made by FUSA title-holding members are not only best practice, but in line with the Fairfield University Jesuit, Catholic mission, and University policies and procedures.
- 2. The FUSA advisors shall inform FUSA title-holding members of any changes to the University that will affect the undergraduate student body.

Article VII: Elections

Section 1 - Procedure

- 1. The Spring Presidential Election shall be held on the last Tuesday of February.
- 2. The Spring Senatorial Election shall be held on the last Tuesday of March.
- 3. In the event that either date conflicts with the University calendar, the Election Committee shall set the appropriate dates.
- 4. The Fall General Election shall be held on the last Tuesday of September.
- 5. In the event that the Election dates conflict with the University Calendar, the Election Committee shall set the appropriate dates.
- 6. Senators shall be elected to their rising Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class positions in the Spring FUSA Senatorial Election for the upcoming academic year. Senators shall be elected to positions for the Freshman Class in the Fall FUSA Senatorial Election.
- 7. A member of FUSA may run for more than one position in FUSA at a time.
- 8. All FUSA members may participate in the election of the FUSA President and Vice President, whom shall be elected during the Spring Presidential Elections.
- 9. If a candidate is elected as FUSA President or Vice President, he or she cannot run in the Senatorial Elections.

Section 2 - Election Committee

- 1. The Election Committee shall be chaired by the Chief Justice of the FUSA Court.
- 2. The four (4) Associate Justices of the FUSA Court shall serve as regular members of the Election Committee.
- 3. Members of the election committee who declare candidacy in an upcoming election must recuse themselves from the election committee for the remainder of that election.
- 4. In the case that the Chief Justice is running for a position, the FUSA President shall appoint a member of the FUSA Court to serve as Chair of the Election Committee for the remainder of that election.
- 5. All FUSA elections shall be conducted in accordance with the FUSA Election Code, created by the Election Committee.

Article VIII: Impeachment & Removal

Section 1 - Impeachment

- 1. Charges for impeachment may be submitted in writing to the Speaker of the Senate against any elected FUSA title-holding member based on non-performance, absences, misconduct and a violation of this Constitution, and Bylaws. In the event that the charges are against the Speaker of the Senate, the charges are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Senate.
- 2. Both parties shall be given the opportunity to present their case to the Senate at an emergency meeting which shall be held within five (5) class days from when the charges are raised
- 3. The final decision shall be rendered by a Senate vote.
- 4. Once a final decision is reached by the Senate, the specific charges may not be raised again.
- 5. Should no decision be reached within five (5) class days, the charges shall be dismissed.
- 6. Any appeals on how the impeachment process was handled, or the decision rendered, shall be brought to the FUSA Court.

Section 2 - Removal

- 1. Charges for removal may be submitted in writing to the FUSA President against any appointed FUSA title-holding member based on non-performance, absences, misconduct and a violation of this Constitution, and Bylaws.
- 2. Both parties shall be given the opportunity to present their case to the FUSA President at an emergency meeting which shall be held within five (5) class days from when the charges are raised.
- 3. The final decision shall be rendered by the FUSA President.
- 4. Once a final decision is reached by the FUSA President, the specific charges may not be raised again.
- 5. Should no decision be reached within five (5) class days, the charges shall be dismissed.
- 6. Any appeals on how the removal process was handled, or the decision rendered, shall be brought to the FUSA Court.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1 - Procedure

- 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed through the Senate at a General Senate meeting in the form of a resolution.
- 2. Following the proposal of an amendment, the Senate shall host an Open Forum within two General Senate Meetings to seek feedback from the general FUSA membership.
- 3. At the next General Senate Meeting following the Open Forum, the Senate shall vote on the amendment.
- 4. Upon passage by the Senate and within five (5) class days, FUSA title-holding members shall vote on the amendment by secret ballot.
- 5. The amendment shall be ratified upon approval by a three-fourths (¾) majority of FUSA title-holding members.

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