

Constitution

of the

Central Michigan University Student Government Association

CMU, an AA/EO institution, is strongly and actively committed to increasing diversity within its community.

Preamble

The Central Michigan University Student Government Association is dedicated to inspiring improvement throughout its community by providing and promoting advocacy amongst and for its constituency, in hopes of developing a healthy and diverse learning environment while fostering a positive image of our university.

Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be the Central Michigan University Student Government Association, herein referred to as SGA.

Article II — Standing

SGA is herein recognized as a chartered organization of Central Michigan University. As part of Central Michigan University, SGA retains all the rights, privileges and responsibilities herein; and is therefore subject to financial oversight by Central Michigan University.

Article III — Purpose

The membership of SGA is charged with the following:

Section 1 To represent the students of Central Michigan University by securing an active role within the university community through the creation and passage of legislation intended to support students' rights and interests.

Section 2 To create and provide means for discussing issues relating to students and ensuring that students' concerns are fairly and accurately represented.

Section 3 To promote a spirit of unity between all students, the administration, faculty, staff and community.

Section 4 To provide recommendations to CMU administrators for the enrichment of student life on our campus.

Section 5 To establish and maintain open communication with the administration, faculty, staff and community of Central Michigan University.

Section 6 To ensure that the policy-making processes of the university are accompanied by a commitment to shared governance.

Article IV — Composition of the SGA

Section 1 The SGA shall consist of an Executive Branch and a Legislative Branch.

Section 2 The SGA Executive Branch shall consist of the Executive Board and the Executive Council.

A. The Executive Board, herein referred to as E-Board, shall consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Ratified by the student body on March 30, 2007

B. The Executive Council shall consist of the Executive Secretary, Press Secretary, Historian, Elections Director, SBAC Chairperson, Membership Officer, Office Manager, and the City Commission Liaison.

Section 3 The SGA Legislative Branch shall consist of two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

A. The House of Representatives shall consist of Representatives from Registered Student Organizations, herein referred to as RSOs.

B. The Senate shall consist of Senators who will be elected by the student body at-large.

C. The House of Representatives and the Senate shall meet concurrently as SGA General Board as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.

Section 4 Membership in SGA shall not be based on age, color, disability, gender, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or weight.

Article V — Presidential Veto Power

Section 1 The Student Body President will have the power to veto legislation passed by the Legislative Branch within one (1) week of passage.

Section 2 The Legislative Branch may override a presidential veto by two-thirds vote of each house independently.

Article VI — Meetings

Section 1 All meetings will be run in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2 The SGA General Board shall meet at the call of the Student Body President with its quorum set as a majority of its membership. The Student Body President shall call a meeting of the General Board at least once during the fall and spring academic semesters.

Article VII — Elections

Section 1 All currently enrolled students at CMU are eligible to vote in all general and special elections.

Section 2 The Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, Treasurer and Senators shall be elected in the general spring election. Once elected, these positions will take office four weeks prior to the end of spring semester and serve a one (1) year term.

Section 3 The President and Vice President positions shall run and be elected on a ticket.

Section 4 The general spring election shall be no earlier than March 7 and no later than April 7.

Section 5 The SGA shall have the power to propose a referendum to assess a student fee to all students for the purpose of funding RSOs and campus programs for students at Central Michigan University.

Section 6 Any currently enrolled student may petition to put a referendum on the ballot with signatures equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of students who voted in the previous spring election.

Article VIII — Recall, Impeachment, Resignation

Section 1 The following officers shall be subject to removal from office through recall: Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Treasurer, and Senators.

A. The recall procedure shall be initiated upon receipt by SGA of a petition with student signatures equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of students who voted in the previous general election.

B. Upon receipt of the petition, the Elections Committee shall schedule a special election to be held within 30 days.

C. The officer will be removed from their office if a majority of voting students vote to remove.

Section 2 The following officers shall be subject to removal from office through impeachment: Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Treasurer, Senate Leader, House Leader, Senators, and Representatives.

A. Impeachment proceedings shall be initiated upon receipt of a list of charges by the Executive Council signed by a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of General Board members. The Executive Council must then call a General Board to be held within 14 days of receiving the signed list of charges, at which time a simple majority of the General Board must then vote to accept the charges.

B. If the charges are accepted, the General Board will immediately elect a presiding officer for impeachment proceedings to be held the following week. The presiding officer may not be one of the members bringing charges nor the accused officer.

C. The impeachment trial proceedings will follow Robert's Rules of Order, which will be interpreted by the elected presiding officer.

D. General Board members, acting as a jury, may ask questions of either speaker through the presiding officer.

Section 3 Upon resignation or removal of the President, the Vice President shall assume the Office of the President. If both the President and Vice President are removed or resign, the Treasurer shall assume the Office of the President. If the Office of the Vice President is vacated the President shall have the power to appoint a Vice President. If the position of the Treasurer is vacated, General Board shall elect a new Treasurer. Upon resignation or removal of the President, Vice President and Treasurer, the Senate Leader will serve under the Office of the President until special internal elections can be held within a two week period. This special internal election will be held to elect a President and a Treasurer.

Article IX — Amendments, Revisions

Section 1 Any proposed amendment or revision to this Constitution shall be placed for a majority vote of the student body at-large upon adoption by a two-thirds vote of both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2 All changes shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

Article X — SGA Bylaws

The SGA Bylaws shall serve as a detailed supplement to the SGA Constitution. The Bylaws do not have to be put to a vote before the student body.

Article XI — Dissolution Clause

Should SGA dissolve, all funds in the SGA account shall revert to the Office of Student Life to be utilized for student programming and all funds in the SGA agency account shall be donated to the United Way of Isabella County.