

# The Constitution of the Student Government of Texas State University

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the officially recognized student government of Texas State University will be the “Student Government of Texas State University” (hereinafter referred to as “Student Government”).

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Subject solely to the authority of the Texas State University Board of Regents, Student Government officially represents the Texas State University Student Body in voicing concerns, promoting student interests, and advocating for student and academic life to the faculty, staff, and administration of Texas State University.

*All activities and functions of the organization must be legal under university, local, state, and federal laws.*

*Student Government is a chartered organization based in the department of Student Involvement & Engagement in the division of VPSS at Texas State University. Per SAPPS 07.04 The university accepts the responsibility for assisting students in organizing and maintaining chartered student organizations; agrees to support, supervise, and advise their activities, will provide resources for those activities; and acknowledges that these organizations contribute to the educational mission of the institution. This is achieved by the appointment of Staff Advisor(s) within the sponsoring department.*

## ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### Section One. Executive Powers.

Executive powers shall be vested in the Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as “the Council.”

### Section Two. Composition.

The Council shall consist of the elected offices of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President and the appointed offices of the Chief of Staff and the Executive Cabinet that will include the Director of Programming, Finance, Marketing and Community Outreach, Freshman Council, and Governmental Affairs.

### Section Three. Purpose.

The purpose of the council shall be to:

1. Execute the decisions of the student body and all branches of the Student Government
2. Serve as an advisory group to the Student Body President.
3. Promote and support communication between the student body and branches of the Student Government.

4. Recommend to the Legislative Branch policies and actions which will benefit the Texas State University Student Body.

#### **Section Four. Duties of Council Members.**

##### **A. Student Body President.** The student body president shall:

1. Chair meetings of the Executive Council.
2. Serve as, or appoint a designee to serve as, a representative to Texas State University boards and committees whenever student representation is requested by the administration or required by Student Government.
3. Nominate students to serve, with the confirmation of the Senate, as Directors and members of Student Government Departments.
4. Attend TSUS Student Advisory Board meetings.
5. Perform other duties as prescribed in this constitution or Code of Laws.

##### **B. Student Body Vice President.** The vice-president shall:

1. Chair meetings of the Senate.
2. Chair meetings of the Executive Council in the absence of the President.
3. Nominate Senate members to serve, with the confirmation of the Senate, as chairs of Senate standing committees, unless already provided for in this constitution or associated bylaws.
4. Appoint Senate members to standing committees unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.
5. Appoint a member of the Senate to serve as Parliamentarian for meetings of the Senate.
6. Appoint a member of the Senate to serve as Senate Leader for meetings of the Senate.
7. Attend TSUS Student Advisory Board meetings.
8. Appoint a Senate Clerk.
9. Perform other duties as prescribed in this constitution, or the Code of Laws by the Student Government.

##### **C. Chief of Staff.** The chief of staff shall:

1. Provide administrative support for the meetings of the Council in the absence of the Senate Clerk; including the taking of minutes, recording attendance and votes, and distributing agendas and draft minutes.
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Assist President with indirect and direct supervision.
4. Assist President with oversight of SG operations.
5. Assist President with representing SG and the Executive branch.
6. Assistance with responding to emails in the Student Government email.
7. Perform other duties as prescribed in this constitution, or the Code of Laws of Student Government.

**D. Director of Programming.** The director shall:

1. Manage the Department of Programs.
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Advise the President on ways to engage the student body and encourage civility and camaraderie among Student Government members.
4. Coordinate Student Government ceremonial or programmatic events such as banquets.
5. Report on the activities of the department as required or requested by the Senate to do so.

**E. Director of Finance.** The director shall:

1. Manage the Department of Finance.
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Maintain a record of Student Government funding and Student Government-funded accounts with the assistance of an Administrative Assistance.
4. Oversee the distribution of funds and make financial reports at the third and last Senate meeting in every fall and spring semester.
5. Advise the President, Council, Graduate House, and Senate on issues related to the budget and finances of the Student Government.
6. Perform other duties as prescribed in this constitution, or in the Code of Laws by the Student Government.

**F. Director of Marketing and Community Outreach.** The director shall:

1. Manage the Department of Marketing and Outreach.
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Advise the President on issues of student outreach and public relations.
4. Advise the President on issues affecting student communities at Texas State University.
5. Meet with Texas State University media organizations to ensure the accurate dissemination of information pertaining to the affairs of the Student Government.
6. Advise the council regarding legislation related to promotional purposes and marketing and outreach
7. Maintain the Student Government social media applications and website in accordance with university policies.

**G. Director of Governmental Affairs.** The director shall:

1. Manage the Department of Governmental Affairs.
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Advise the President on matters relating to local, state, and federal government.
4. Serve as the Student Government representative to government entities external to Texas State University.
5. Attend, or assign a member of the Department to attend, regular meetings of the City of San Marcos Council.
6. Report on the activities of the department as requested by the Senate to do so.

**H. Director of Freshman Council.** The director shall:

1. Manage the Department of Freshman Council
2. Carry out the lawful orders, goals, and other objectives as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Schedule Freshmen Council meetings.
4. Supervise the Freshmen Council
5. Provide Student Government members with council-focused leadership and technical training.
6. Work to provide a mentorship program between the Freshmen Council and Senators.

**Section Five. Directors.**

**A. Composition.**

There shall be the following Student Government Directors: Director of Programming; Director of Finance; Director of Marketing and Community Outreach, Director of Governmental Affairs, and Director of Freshman Council;

**B. Purpose.**

1. The Director of Programming shall develop student programs, services, and engagement activities which collect input, and feedback on the concerns of students. Director of Programming must hold 6 office hours a week.
2. The Director of Finance shall oversee and coordinate the Student Government's financial management, procurement, information, and regulatory policies. This includes budget review and recommendations, tracking spending, coordinating fundraising, and allocation of Student Government scholarships and grants. Director of Finance must hold 6 office hours a week.
3. The Director of Marketing shall develop and maintain effective communication with and between the Student Government, Texas State University, the Student Body, and the public, making the best use of media in all forms. Director of Marketing must hold 6 office hours a week.
4. The Director of Community Outreach shall work to ensure adequate and equal representation within the Student Government for the concerns and ideas of students in college populations. Director of Community Outreach must hold 6 office hours a week.
5. The Director of Governmental Affairs shall represent the interests of Texas State University students to the local, state, and federal government. Director of Government Affairs must hold 6 office hours a week.
6. The Director of Freshman Council shall represent the interests of Texas State University freshmen. Director of Freshman Council must hold 6 office hours a week.

**C. Membership.**

Departments shall have at least two (2) and no more than six (6) members, nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

## **Section Six. Qualifications to Hold Office.**

### **A. Eligibility.**

To serve on the Council, a student shall:

1. Be enrolled at Texas State University.
2. Be in good academic and disciplinary standing, as verified by the advisors.
3. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at the time of appointment and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 while in office.
4. Have not been previously removed from elected office in Student Government.

## **Section Seven. Selection of Council Members.**

### **1. Appointments.**

Prior to the start of a term of office, the Student Body President shall send the names, in writing, or by electronic means of the individuals appointed to the offices of Chief of Staff, and Directors of the Departments of Programs, Finance, Marketing and Community Outreach, and Governmental Affairs to the Student Government advisors by the first of June.

## **Section Eight. Term of Office.**

### **A. Length of Term.**

1. Elected Council Members. The Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President shall serve a term of one year or until a successor is elected and installed following such year. A term of office shall begin on the first of May.
2. Appointed Council Members shall serve a term of office equivalent to, and at the discretion of, the Student Body President.

### **B. Limitations.**

No student may concurrently occupy more than one office in Student Government. A student elected to more than one office must choose which office they will fill, thereby leaving a vacancy in the other office(s). There is no limit to the number of terms a student may serve in the same office.

### **C. Resignation and Removal.**

1. Resignation.
  - a. The Student Body President and Vice President may resign by notifying the Student Government advisors.
  - b. An appointed Council member may resign by notifying the Student Body President in writing or by electronic means.
2. Removal.

A member shall be removed from the Council for any of the following reasons.

  - a. Failure to maintain the required cumulative grade point average.
  - b. No longer enrolled at Texas State University.
  - c. Unexcused absence from more than three (3) Council regular meetings and/or mandatory events.

- d. As a result of successful disciplinary proceedings against a Council member, conducted as per the Student Government's disciplinary process, for which removal from office is the recommended sanction.
- e. The Student Body President's dismissal, if an appointed council member.

**D. Vacancies.**

1. Elected Offices.

- a. A vacancy in the office of Student Body President shall be filled by the Student Body Vice President.
- b. A vacancy in the office of Student Body Vice President shall be filled by Senate Leader.

**Section Nine. Compensation.**

Members of Council may receive compensation for their service as identified in the Student Government Code of Laws

**Section Ten. Meetings.**

- A. Regular Meetings.** The Executive Council shall meet weekly or every other week as a group or individually with the Student Government President during each semester at a time and place designated by the Student Government President. Members must be provided with at least 24 hours' notice by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.
- B. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by the Student Government President or upon the request of the Student Government Advisor. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency authorized by the SG Advisor, at least 48 hours' notice shall be given to members by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.
- C. Quorum.** The quorum for meetings of the Executive Council shall be a 2/3 majority of its members.

## ARTICLE IV. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

### Section One. Legislative Powers.

All Legislative Powers shall be vested in the Student Senate and Graduate House.

### Section Two. Composition.

The Senate shall consist of 30 Senators representing the student body. 9 Senators should be at-large spots who shall be elected by the entire student body and 18 Senator spots with each college have two undergraduate representatives that will be elected by the students in the college. At least one voting Senate seat for a Graduate student appointed by the Graduate House or elected. One Senator appointed or elected to represent the Freshman class. One Senator appointed or elected on to represent transfer students. At least one Senator from the Round Rock campus appointed or elected.

## THE SENATE

Officers.

### A. Composition.

The officers of the Senate shall be the elected Student Body Vice President, a Senate Leader, Senate Clerk, and a Parliamentarian. The Senate Leader and the Parliamentarian shall be elected members of the Senate appointed by the Student Body Vice President.

### B. Duties.

1. Senate Leader. The Senate Leader shall:
  - a. Maintain a record of the proceedings of the Senate.
  - b. Assist the Student Body Vice President when needed.
  - c. Prepare a suggested agenda for meetings of the Senate as established by its chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.
  - d. Facilitate communication between the legislative branch and Student Government leadership as requested.
  - e. Maintain the Senate's official membership roll
  - f. Post the Senate agenda on the website the Friday before the Senate meeting.
  - g. Post the Senate minutes on the website three days after the Senate meeting.
  - h. Have the official minutes and records available to members, administration, and the Student Body upon request.
  - i. Transmit the passed legislation to the Student Body President for signature
2. Parliamentarian. The parliamentarian shall:
  - a. Advise the chairperson at meetings on proper conduct and procedure as identified in the Student Government's chosen parliamentary authority.
  - b. Prepare the rooms for meetings of the Senate as specified by the Senate.
  - c. Educate members on the practices of parliamentary procedure.



- d. Preserve order during meetings.
- 3. Senate Clerk: The Senate Clerk
  - a. Take attendance at the Senate meeting.
  - b. Take votes for pieces of legislation.
  - c. Take minutes for every Senate meeting.
  - d. Distribute agendas.

#### **Section Four. Selection of Members.**

##### **A. Qualifications to Hold Office.**

- 1. Eligibility. To hold the office of Senator, a student shall:
  - a. Be enrolled part-time and have matriculated at Texas State University for at least one semester at the time of their selection.
  - b. Be in good academic and disciplinary standing, as verified by the advisors.
  - c. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25 while in office.
  - d. Have not been previously removed from office in Student Government.

##### **B. Appointments.**

- A. The Graduate House of Representatives shall appoint the required number of members to serve *ex-officio* as members of the Senate and communicate the names of these members to the Student Government President and Vice President by the second Senate meeting in the Fall semester.
- B. Students whom meet the proper qualifications for eligibility and go through the application process will have their application notes presented by the Student Body President to be voted on for confirmation by The Senate.

#### **Section Five. Term of Office.**

##### **A. Term.**

Senators shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is elected and installed. A term of office shall begin on the first Senate meeting in the Fall.

##### **B. Term Limits.**

Individuals may only serve in one office at a time. A student is limited to four years of service as a Senator.

##### **C. Removal and Resignation.**

- 1. Removal. A Senator shall be removed from office for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Failing to maintain good standing with the University.
  - b. Unexcused absence from more than three (3) Senate regular meetings and/or mandatory events.
  - c. As a result of successful disciplinary proceedings against the senator, conducted as per the Student Government's disciplinary process, in which removal from office is the recommended sanction.

2. Resignation. A senator may resign by submitting a request in writing or by electronic means to the Student Body Vice President or Student Government Advisor.

#### **D. Vacancies**

1. Undergraduate senator vacancies shall be filled by the candidate receiving a majority vote of The Senate at a regular or special meeting.

### **Section Six. Meetings.**

#### **A. Regular Meetings.**

Regular meetings of the Senate shall be held biweekly on Monday at 7:00 pm at the location specified by the Chairperson (Student Body Vice President) unless otherwise decided by the Senate. The first meeting of each semester shall occur in the first full week of classes. The Senate shall not meet when classes are in recess or during the summer session.

#### **B. Special Meetings.**

Special meetings of the Senate may be called by the Vice President or upon the written request of seven (7) Senators. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency authorized by the SG Advisor(s), at least two (2) days' notice shall be given to members by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.

#### **C. Quorum.**

The quorum for regular and special meetings of the Senate shall be a simple majority of its members.

#### **D. Rules of Order.**

1. Open meetings. Unless ordered into executive session, meetings of the Senate shall be open to the public.
2. Remote participation. At the discretion of the Chair of the Senate, when necessary, could allow for meetings to be accomplished through electronic or telephonic means provided that a majority of the Senators can access the meeting. All persons participating in the meeting must be able to simultaneously hear and respond to each other. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at such meetings. Those Senators without access must waive their right to participate as a condition for electronic or telephonic meetings to occur.
3. Roll call vote. All final votes on legislation shall be taken by a calling of the roll to promote transparency to the public about the positions supported by Senators.
4. Public forum. Regular meetings of the Student Government shall provide an opportunity for comments from constituents. Students may address the Senate during the Public Forum for a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. The Senate, by a vote of two-thirds, may establish a time limit for the Forum itself.
5. Guest speakers shall be limited to 20 minutes for presentation and questions unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. The order in which guest speakers present shall be set in the agenda for the meeting.

## **Section Seven. Committees. Standing Committees.**

1. Composition. There shall be the following standing committees of the Senate: Academic Affairs Committee, Auxiliary Services, Transportation, and Sustainability Committee, and Health and Safety Committee.
2. Purpose.
  - a. The Academic Affairs Committee shall review legislation concerning academic issues including course descriptions, course availability, new courses, curriculum, course syllabi, the Honor Code, and advising.
  - b. The Auxiliary Services, Transportation, and Sustainability Committee shall review and recommend legislation related to the University Bookstore, Dining Services, Student ID Services, Copy-Cats, and Print & Mail Services. Shall review and recommend legislation related to mobility on campus, including parking services, the university bus system, inter-agency or inter-organization transportation agreements, and ADA accessibility. shall review and recommend legislation related to sustainability efforts on campus, including the environmental service fee and related projects, composting, recycling, waste, and renewable energy programs.
  - c. The Health and Safety Committee shall review and recommend legislation concerning the health and safety of the campus and community including issues related to the University Police Department, Student Health Center, Student Recreation Center, campus lighting, emergency call boxes, cameras, and emergency response.
3. Membership.
  - a. Senate Standing Committees shall be comprised solely of members of the Student Government.
  - b. Unless otherwise stated, each Senate standing committee shall have a chairperson and at least two (2) and no more than six (6) members, nominated by the Student Body Vice President.

### **A. Special Committees.**

Special Committees shall be created as ordered by the Chair of the Senate. Special Committees shall consist of a chair and at least two (2) other members, nominated by the Student Body Vice President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate. Special Committees shall be chaired by a member of the Senate and may be composed of any member of the Texas State University Student Body.

### **B. Powers of Committees.**

Committees are not authorized to act on their own volition. Committees shall make recommendations to the Senate for any action that is to be taken on behalf of the Student Government. Committees shall report as required or requested by the Senate to do so.

## ARTICLE V. GRADUATE HOUSE

### Section One. Legislative Powers.

All Legislative Powers shall be vested in the Student Senate and Graduate House

### Section Two. Composition.

The House shall be composed of the House Leader, Representatives, and other House officers. The House shall be the representatives of the graduate students at Texas State University.

(a) The House shall be apportioned with two seats for each of the following colleges:

1. College of Liberal Arts, the College of Fine Arts and Communications, the College of Science and Engineering, the College of Applied Arts, the Emmett & Miriam McCoy College of Business Administration, the College of Health Professions, and the College of Education.

### Section Three. Legislative

The House shall possess legislative powers concerning graduate students, legislate on behalf of graduate students, and shall exercise the powers stated herein. The House shall only legislate:

1. (a) Through the resolution, expressing the opinion and will of the graduate students at Texas State University,
2. (b) To regulate the House through bills which, when properly passed and approved, will become a statute and Student Government law.

The House shall require a quorum of two-thirds of the total voting membership as apportioned by this constitution to conduct any business.

Any action by the House shall not pass unless it has attained at least a majority vote of the House; the House may prescribe a higher threshold as it deems necessary. Each Representative shall have one vote.

Representatives may only vote if they are present when the vote is called.

The House shall have limited regulatory power over the rest of Student Government but shall exercise exclusive rights over the regulation of the House through bills which shall:

1. (a) Establish rules, eligibility standards, operations and business of the House,
2. (b) Regulate selection of its members and fill vacancies as needed, and
3. (c) Establish House committees, which shall follow the same criteria for classification as a committee as is done in the Senate, as it sees fit.

Through resolution, the House shall have other powers, including:

1. Make recommendations or express the opinion of the graduate student body to the university administration,

The House shall have the power to

1. Override a Presidential veto of its bills or resolutions by two-thirds vote.
2. The House must override a Presidential veto of its bills or resolutions at its next regularly scheduled meeting for the override to be valid.
3. Confirm graduate students nominated to university committees and other Student Government positions, and
4. Confirm House committee chair nominations.

#### **Section Four: Duties**

1. The Vice President shall be Chair of the House and the highest- ranking member of the House.

2. The House Leader shall be an officer and second highest ranking member of the House, and shall fulfill the Vice President's House duties in the event of the Vice President's yield of floor or absence. The House Leader shall be elected by a majority of the House at the second meeting of each new session of the House. A candidate for the office of House Leader must be a Representative sitting in the current session and the selected person must maintain current status as a Representative to retain the position. In the event of a vacancy in the position of House Leader, a special election in the House will take place no later than the second meeting of the session following the vacancy.

3. The House shall meet on the first Friday of the first full week of classes in the fall semester and thereafter every other Friday at that same time and location, until the last week of classes in the spring. The House shall not meet on holidays, during the final week of classes in the spring, during finals, or emergency university closures. Any change to meeting time or place after having been set on the first meeting can be changed by the House Leader 72 hours in advance. The time and place of these meetings shall be made public 72 hours before hand and the proceedings shall be recorded, including final votes of legislation which shall be made public within 72 hours after the meeting. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules established by the House and the tenets in Roberts Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE VI. JUDICIAL BRANCH

### Section One. Judicial Powers.

The Judicial Power shall be vested in the Supreme Court, hereafter referred to as “the Court.”

### Section Two. Duties of the Court.

#### A. Interpretation of Rules.

The Court shall hear cases arising from the interpretation of the governing documents of the Student Government.

#### B. Constitutionality of Actions.

The Court shall hear cases on the constitutionality of actions taken by another branch of the Student Government or on the procedures used by another branch in arriving at a decision.

### Section Three. Composition.

#### A. Justices.

The Court shall consist of five (5) Justices. Prior to the start of a term of office, the Student Body President shall submit the names and qualifications of individuals nominated to the office of Justice to the Senate for confirmation at its first Senate meeting of the fall semester. Appointments shall be confirmed by a majority vote of those Senators present and voting.

#### B. Chief Justice.

From the five Justices, one will be elected by a majority vote of the Court to serve as the Chief Justice. No Chief Justice shall be elected should the Court have fewer than three (3) Justices at the time of election.

### Section Four. Qualifications to Hold Office.

#### A. Eligibility.

To serve on the Court, a student shall:

1. Be enrolled at least part-time and have matriculated at Texas State University for at least one semester at the time of their selection.
2. Be in good academic and disciplinary standing, as verified by the advisors.
3. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
4. Not be a candidate or support candidates for Student Government office in the year they seek application to the Judiciary.
5. Have not been previously removed from office in Student Government.

### Section Five. Term of Office.

Members of the Court shall serve a term of two years except in the case of retirement or removal.

### Section Six. Retirement and Removal.

#### A. Retirement.

A member of the Court may retire by notifying the Student Body President and Student Government Advisor in writing.

## **B. Removal.**

A member of the Court shall be removed from the Court for any of the following reasons.

1. Failure to maintain the required cumulative grade point average.
2. No longer attending Texas State University.
3. Failure to attend three meetings of the Court during the year without notification.
4. As a result of successful disciplinary proceedings against a member of the Court, conducted as per the Student Government's disciplinary process, for which removal from office is the recommended sanction.

## **Section Seven. Vacancies.**

The Student Body President shall provide to the Senate the names and qualifications of nominees to fill vacated positions within 14 days of the vacancy being announced to the Senate. Appointments shall be confirmed by a majority vote of those Senators present and voting at a regular or special meeting at which the nomination is considered.

## **Section Eight. Hearings.**

### **A. Convening the Court.**

The Court shall convene at the request of the Chief Justice when a case is pending. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given to the Justices by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.

### **B. Quorum.**

Quorum for meetings of the Court shall be 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of its members.

### **C. Rules of Order.**

1. Requests for a ruling by the Court shall be submitted to the Chief Justice by either the Student Body President on behalf of the Executive Council, or by the Student Body Vice President on behalf of the Senate. The Court shall decide, by a majority vote, whether to hear any request.
2. Rulings of the Court shall be binding upon the Student Government.
3. The Court shall adopt its own rules and procedures for hearing cases and place them in the Bylaws of the Student Government.

## ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

General elections shall be held once a year in the spring semester on a date established by the Senate statute.

1. (a) The newly elected Student Body President (hereafter referred to as “the President”), Student Body Vice President (hereafter referred to as “the Vice President”), Student Senators (hereafter referred to as “Senators”), and Graduate Representative (hereafter referred to as “Representatives”), will assume the powers of their office on the first of June.
2. (b) The President and Vice President shall be sworn in by the university President, or a designee, preferably at the aforementioned joint session or at a public ceremony before this date. Regardless of when the oath is administered, these officers and all other Student Government members shall assume the powers of their office on the first of June.
3. (c) All procedures in this section and related subsections will be done only once in order to establish a two-year term of office for Senators and Representatives with one-half being elected or selected each year and shall expire thereafter. The Senators and Representatives, the first time they are assembled under this constitution, shall be numbered and divided as equally as possible into two classes by random selection. The seats of the Senators and Representatives of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first session of the new Senate and House. The second class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second session of the Senate and House.
4. (d) The President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority of students voting in an election. Senators shall be elected by a plurality of students voting in an election. Representatives shall be selected by each College Dean by the conclusion of Student Government elections each year.
5. (e) All members of the Student Government shall take an oath and affirmation upon taking office which they are sworn to abide.

Timing. The Texas State University Student Body shall elect, by either written or electronic ballot, the Student Body President, and the Student Body Vice President. Elections shall be held annually during the spring semester for four consecutive academic class days starting on the third Monday in February. A plurality shall elect.

Additional Ballots. In the event of a tie, only the names of the candidates tied shall be placed on a new ballot and a new election conducted within ten (10) days of the original election date.

**The Election Board:** There will be five Election Board members selected and confirmed by The Senate. From the five members, one will be selected as chair by The Senate and the process will be further explained in the Code of Laws.

The Election Board has original jurisdiction involving issues related to the Student Government elections, special or general, and will enforce and interpret rules



### **A. Eligibility.**

To serve on the Election Board, a student shall:

4. Be enrolled at least part-time and have matriculated at Texas State University for at least one semester at the time of their selection.
5. Be in good academic and disciplinary standing, as verified by the advisors.
6. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. A first-year student without a college GPA shall have graduated in the top quarter of their high school class.
7. Not be a candidate or support candidates for Student Government office in the year they seek application to the Judiciary.
8. Have not been previously removed from office in Student Government.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ADVISORS.**

Two (2) advisors to Student Government shall be appointed by the Vice President of Student Success and one (1) advisor to the Graduate House shall be appointed by the Dean of The Graduate College to serve a term of service at the discretion of that office. The advisors may attend Student Government and Executive Council meetings and participate in discussion and debate, but may not vote, make motions or second motions, and do not count toward a meeting's quorum requirement.

## **ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Student Government in cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any Bylaws that the Student Government may adopt.

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

### **Section One. Amendments.**

Amendments to this constitution shall be approved by a vote of two-thirds at a regular meeting of the Senate provided the amendment has been announced to the Texas State University student body at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting in which it is considered. The notice shall include the complete text of the proposed amendment.

### **Section Two. Effective date: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Amendments to this constitution shall take effect upon their approval by the Texas State University President as outlined in the Texas State University System Board of Regents Rules and Regulations.

*University Prohibition of Discrimination Policy (UPPS 04.04.46): "Texas State University is committed to an inclusive educational and work environment that provides equal opportunity and access to all qualified persons. Texas State, to the extent not in conflict with federal or state law, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, veterans' status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression."*