Oglethorpe University Student Government Association Constitution

Preamble

The Oglethorpe University Student Government Association (SGA) exists as the democratically-elected, autonomous representative of the Student Body to empower students. It is entrusted to represent students in the affairs of faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees and seeks to be a partner to the faculty and administration in the leadership of the University. It aims to encourage and provide meaningful opportunities among faculty, staff, and students to improve student experiences and ensure full access to campus resources and opportunities.

Article I: Name and Membership

Section I: The Oglethorpe University Student Government Association is named the Student Government Association (SGA) and shall hereinafter be referred to as SGA. Students enrolled at Oglethorpe University and represented by SGA are referred to as the Student Body.

A) Students enrolled at Oglethorpe University are considered to be members of SGA's constituency from which its members are elected. The size and members of the aforementioned Student Body shall be determined by the records of the Office of the Registrar.
B) Students enrolled at Oglethorpe University and represented by SGA are referred to as the Student Body.
C) Students enrolled at Oglethorpe University are considered to be members of SGA's constituency. SGA consists of elected representatives from that constituency. The size and members of the aforementioned Student Body shall be determined by the Office of the Registrar.

Section II: Anti-Discrimination In keeping with the aims of the Oglethorpe University's anti-discrimination clause, SGA shall not discriminate against any individual based on age, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, age, disability, or political affiliation.

Article II: Oglethorpe Student Government Association Purpose

Section I: The Students of Oglethorpe University do hereby establish the Oglethorpe Student Government Association (SGA) as the representative voice of the Students of Oglethorpe University. As the representative voice, SGA shall strive for the highest quality of Student life, both inside and outside of the classroom, and promote the active exchange of ideas, perspectives, experiences, opinions, values, beliefs, needs, and goals between the Students and the Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Trustees, Alumni,, and Friends of Oglethorpe University.

I) The SGA will act as a forum for ideas and represent the Student Body in the campus decision-making processes. It will present student opinion to the administration and send representatives to all major committees of the University. It will pass resolutions and speak with the authority of the Student Body.
II) The SGA will pursue programming and policy initiatives for the Student Body. It will organize students when necessary and promote dialogue.
III) The SGA will have the authority to charter organizations and to fund them through the Student Activities Fee.
IV) The SGA will assume additional duties as needs arise in the student community

Article III: Structure

Section I: The Executive Council

The Executive Council of SGA shall consist of the President, the SGA Vice-President, Vice-President for Programming, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer, and Class Presidents. The President and Treasurer shall be considered ex officio members of the Student Senate and have no vote in the Senate.

a. Powers and Duties
    i. The Executive Council shall serve as the executive branch of the SGA.
    ii. The Executive Council shall have the power to give first consideration to proposals originating in or concerning its Executive committees.
    iii. The Executive Council shall have the power to initiate legislation, monetary expenditures, proposals and resolutions in the manner set forth in this constitution.
    iv. The Executive Council shall have the power to approve or reject all proposed expenditures put forth by the Senate.
    v. A majority vote of the full Executive Council shall veto a vote of the Senate. A 2/3 vote of the Senate shall override that veto.
b. Qualifications for Offices
    i. All Executive Council members shall be full-time students at Oglethorpe University. "Full-time" shall be defined as enrolled for 12 or more credit hours per semester.
    ii. Each member of the Executive Council shall have a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.50 and shall maintain this GPA throughout the member's term of office.
    iii. The President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Programming of SGA shall be at least juniors during their terms of office.
    iv. The Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be at least sophomores during their terms of office.
    v. The Class Presidents must be members of the classes they represent at the beginning of their terms of office.
    vi. Failure to maintain the above qualifications will result in disqualification from office, with notification given by the SGA President.
    vii. No student is eligible to hold overlapping SGA offices at a time. A student cannot serve on Senate and the Executive Council, but may serve on Programming Board and either of the other bodies.
c. Membership
    i. Powers and Duties of the SGA President
        1. The SGA President is the primary representative of student opinion to administrators and the leader of the SGA.
        2. S/he chairs the SGA Executive Council and sits as an ex officio member of all Student Government committees, attends Faculty Meetings as needed, serves as a Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, to faculty, and to staff.
        3. The SGA President identifies priorities for the Executive Council and directs the activities of the SGA. S/he oversees and supports all functions of the SGA.
        4. The SGA President shall conduct meetings with fairness and decorum, ensuring representation for all points of view. S/he may not opine but s/he may ask questions as needed.
        5. The SGA President shall vote only to break a tie vote of the Executive Council or a tie vote in the joint council.
        6. S/he shall have the power to appoint chairmen of all executive committees subject to approval by the Executive Council and confirmation by the Senate.

Confirmation requires a majority of those present and voting. The power of removal rests with the President, subject to Executive Council approval by a simple majority vote.

7. The SGA President shall have the power to appoint an Executive Vice President should that office become vacant during the course of the year, subject to confirmation by a 2/3 majority of the full Senate and Executive Council.
8. S/he shall have the power to veto all actions of the senate. The Senate may override any veto by the President by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Any resolutions passed by the Senate shall become official acts unless vetoed by the President within three (3) days of passage by the Senate.
9. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the President to assume.

ii. Powers and Duties of the SGA Vice-President

1. The SGA Vice-President shall have the power to preside over meetings of the Executive Council in the absence of the President and shall replace him or her should that office become vacant during the course of the year.
2. The SGA Vice-President shall act as President of the Senate and have the power to preside over all meetings of the Senate. The SGA Vice-President shall conduct meetings with fairness and decorum, ensuring representation for all points of view. S/he may not opine but s/he may ask questions as needed.
3. The SGA Vice-President shall vote only to break a tie vote of the Senate.
4. The SGA Vice-President shall be the official representative of the Senate to the Executive Council and shall report to it the activities of the Senate and the outcomes of the matters placed for consideration on the Senate agenda.
5. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the SGA Vice-President to assume.

iii. Powers and Duties of the Vice-President for Programming

1. Vice-President for Programming shall have the power to preside over all meetings of the Programming Board.
2. S/he shall be the official representative of the Programming Board to the Executive Council and shall report to it the activities of the Programming Board and the outcomes of the matters placed for consideration on the Programming Board agenda.
3. Vice-President for Programming shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Vice President for Programming to assume.

iv. Powers and Duties of the Parliamentarian

1. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for advising the presiding officer at all meetings of the Executive Council and shall be the final authority on correct parliamentary procedure.
2. The Parliamentarian shall actively enforce and promote Robert's Rules of Order.
3. The Parliamentarian shall interpret the constitution and standing rules of the Executive Council and shall be the final authority with proper citation of the constitution.

4. S/he shall conduct all elections of the SGA unless the Parliamentarian is a candidate or has been disqualified from handling the ballots or the ballot box.
5. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for monitoring the qualifications for office of all the members of the Executive Council, the Senate and the Programming Board throughout the duration of their terms and shall report all findings to the Executive Council.
6. S/he shall serve as President of the freshman class until an election is held to fill that position.
7. S/he shall maintain an updated constitution and list of the bylaws generated by the SGA, maintaining a permanent record of such activity for future inspection.
8. The Parliamentarian shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Parliamentarian to assume.
9. The Parliamentarian shall work with the staff member responsible for clubs and organizations at Oglethorpe University to approve club paperwork and serve as a member of the Inter-Club Council.

v. Powers and Duties of the Secretary
    1. The Secretary shall handle the correspondence of SGA
    2. S/he shall record and make public the minutes of all Executive Council meetings.
    3. S/he shall keep an accurate record of attendance, handling all SGA correspondence, and ensuring the maintenance and consistent update of the SGA Archives.
    4. The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all voting accounts during meetings.
    5. S/he shall act as the chair of the inter-club council with the staff member responsible for clubs and organizations at Oglethorpe University, and be the official representative of the inter-club council to the Executive Council, and shall report to it the activities of the inter-club council and the outcomes of the matters placed for consideration on the inter-club council agenda.
    6. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Secretary to assume.

vi. Powers and Duties of the Treasurer
    1. The Treasure shall be vested with the responsibility to supervise all financial matters of the SGA, including, but not limited to, the preparation and presentation to the President and Senate of a budget for SGA as an organization for the coming fiscal year.
    2. S/he shall present the general activities budget for the coming semester to the President and the Senate for approval by the second meeting of the regular senate meeting in the fall and no later than two (2) weeks before the final regular Senate meeting of the first semester.
    3. The Treasurer shall also present a weekly financial report to the Senate reflecting the activity of the Student Activity Fund. The Treasurer, as chair of the Allocations Board, shall oversee the allocation of student activity funds.
    4. The Treasure shall record and handle the monetary transactions for the SGA, maintaining a permanent record of all activity for future inspection

5. S/he shall prepare the budget request for the SGA subject to Executive Council and Senate approval and submit it to the University for the succeeding academic year.
6. S/he, in conjunction with the President, shall also have the responsibility of examining the sufficiency of the Student Activity Fee at least every other year.
7. The Treasurer shall work closely with the clerk of the treasury so each knows the current budgetary standing of the SGA at any point in time.
8. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Treasurer to assume.

vii. Powers and Duties of the Class Presidents

1. Class Presidents shall serve as the formal representatives of their respective classes to the Executive Council.
2. They shall be empowered to organize their classes in any way that does not conflict with this constitution.
3. Class Presidents shall have the power to appoint qualified members of their classes to serve as Senate representatives should vacancies occur during the course of the year, subject to confirmation by a simple majority of the Senate.
4. They shall be responsible for providing consistent reports, updates, and proposals to the Executive Council concerning their constituents.
5. The Senior Class President shall coordinate and conduct all elections of the SGA in which the Parliamentarian is a candidate or has been disqualified from conducting aforementioned elections.
6. They shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the class presidents to assume and as directed by the SGA Bylaws.

viii. Replacement of officers

1. Should any executive office, other than that of President or Executive Vice President become vacant over the course of the year, the Executive Council, by simple majority, shall have the power to appoint a qualified member of the student body to fill the position.
2. If the office of the President or SGA Vice-President becomes vacant, the position will fall to the next position of power. The order of power is President, Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Security, and then Class Presidents from Senior to Freshman.
3. Officers who serve as replacements have all the same powers and duties as those elected into the position.

Section II: The Senate

The legislative branch of the Oglethorpe Student Government shall be called the Senate Council and shall be composed of the Vice President, the Class Senators, the President Pro Tempore, The Clerk of Senate, and the Clerk of the Treasury.

d. Powers and Duties of The Senate

i. The Senate shall meet weekly when school is in session, except when the Chair cancels the meeting, and shall meet on special occasions when called together by the Vice President.
ii. The Senate shall have the power to initiate legislation, monetary expenditures, proposals and resolutions in the manner set forth in this constitution.
iii. The Senate shall have the power to approve or reject all proposed expenditures put forth by the Executive Council.
iv. Any proposals or legislation vetoed by the President may be revisited and voted upon again by modifying aforementioned proposals or legislation.
v. Any formal session of the Senate shall be conducted in accordance with Parliamentary Procedure of SGA and the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order in all cases in which such is not expressly enumerated in the Standing Rules.
vi. The Senate shall have the power to create ad hoc committees.
vii. The Senate shall be the body to give first consideration to all proposals originating outside the SGA
viii. The Senate shall elect a President Pro Tempore, a clerk of the Senate, and a clerk of the treasury from within its membership to carry out the administrative duties of the Senate.
ix. Elections to fill the aforementioned offices should be held at the second meeting of the Senate during the fall semester and completed by the end of this meeting.
x. All informal meetings shall be facilitated by the Vice President or a designated member of SGA.
xi. The Senate shall have the power to confirm the appointment of any individual who will represent the interests of the SGA within a body outside the SGA
xii. All Senators are eligible to hold Senatorial office. No Senator may hold more than one administrative office at a time.

e. Qualifications for Office
i. All Senators shall be full-time students at Oglethorpe University. "Full-time" shall be defined as enrolled for 12 or more credit hours per semester.
ii. Each member of the Senate shall have a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.50 and shall maintain this GPA throughout the member's term of office.
iii. Each Senator must be a member of the class the senator represents at the beginning of the senator's term of office.
iv. Failure to maintain the above qualifications will result in disqualification from office, with notification given by the SGA President.

f. Membership
i. The Senate shall be composed of 17 members: four Senators from each of the four classes and the SGA Vice-President of the Executive Council, who shall serve as the President of the Senate. The officers of the Senate shall be the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, the Clerk of the Senate, and the Clerk of the Treasury.

g. Powers and Duties of the President of the Senate
i. President of the Senate shall be the executive officer of the Senate and its formal representative to the Executive Council.
ii. S/he shall prepare the agenda for the Senate.

iii. S/he shall have the power to preside over all meetings of the Senate, remaining impartial when presiding. The President of the Senate shall conduct meetings with fairness and decorum, ensuring representation for all points of view.
iv. S/he shall have the power to appoint an interim President Pro Tempore or clerk of the Senate from within the Senate in the temporary absence of either.
v. Shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the President of the Senate to assume.

h. Powers and Duties of the President Pro Tempore
    i. President Pro Tempore shall have the power to preside over the Senate in the absence of the President of the Senate.
    ii. S/he shall be responsible for advising the presiding officer at all meetings of the Senate of correct parliamentary procedure and for assisting that officer in maintaining decorum within the Senate.
    iii. President Pro Tempore shall be responsible for monitoring the qualifications for office of all Senators throughout the duration of their terms and shall report all findings to the Parliamentarian.
    iv. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the President Pro Tempore to assume.

i. Powers and Duties of the Clerk of the Senate
    i. The Clerk of the Senate shall handle the correspondence of the Senate.
    ii. S/he shall record and make public the minutes of all Senate meetings, maintaining a permanent record for future inspection.
    iii. S/he shall maintain and publicize the voting record of each Senator as registered in the roll call voting process of the Senate.
    iv. S/he shall record attendance and ensure the maintenance and consistent update of SGA Senate Archives.
    v. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Clerk of the Senate to assume.

j. Powers and Duties of the Clerk of the Treasury
    i. The Clerk of the Treasury shall work closely with the Treasurer of the SGA and be able to report to the Senate the current budgetary standing of the SGA at any point in time.
    ii. S/he shall record those monetary expenditures passed by the Senate and shall forward those to the SGA Treasurer for payment.
    iii. S/he shall assume whatever other duties the events of a particular year prevail upon the Clerk of the Treasury to assume.

k. Replacement of Officers
    i. In the case that a Senator resigns or cannot fulfill the duties of the office, the president of that class will appoint a Senator to the vacant position. The appointed Senator shall have all the powers and duties of an elected Senator. Consideration should be given to the person who had the most number of votes in the previous election after the original four Senators.

Section III: Programming Board

The Student Government Association Programming Board shall be responsible for providing quality events for the entire student body and the campus at large. The Programming Board shall consist of 17 members in total. 1 Vice-President and 4 representatives.

l. Powers and Duties
    i. The Programming Board shall plan and implement special events, entertainment, and educational activities to the benefit of the student body.
    ii. The Programming Board shall have the power to initiate monetary expenditures of the amount designated by the budget of the SGA.
    iii. The Programming Board is responsible for developing a budget that will support all of the major and minor events of the university during each semester.
    iv. The budget of Programming Board must be approved by both the Senate and Executive Councils of SGA.
    v. All financial obligations must be handled by the Vice-President of the Programming Board and the Advisor.
    vi. No contract can be entered into on behalf of SGA or Oglethorpe without the Approval of the Advisor for the SGA and the authorization of the Vice-President of Programming, Director of Student Activities, and the Dean of Students.
    vii. Each Programming Board member shall have a vote on all SGA Constitutional changes being considered by SGA. In order for an amendment to pass the Programming Board it must receive a 2/3 majority vote.
    viii. The Programming board shall operate as the SGA senate and Executive Councils would, therefore all members of the Programming Board shall have voting rights within Programming Board.
    ix. Programming board must pass all decisions with a simple 2/3 majority vote.
    x. Programming board is required to have quorum before any decisions can be voted on by its members.
    xi. Weekly reports are expected from the programming board and should be delivered by the Vice-President of Programming during the weekly SGA meetings.
    xii. Programming Board will meet at a designated time separate from the SGA meetings.
    xiii. The time will be established and implemented by the Programming Board and will then be recorded in the SGA Bylaws.

m. Qualifications for Office
    i. All Programming Board members shall be full-time students at Oglethorpe University. "Full-time" shall be defined as enrolled for 12 or more credit hours per semester.
    ii. Each member of the Programming Board shall have a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.50 and shall maintain this GPA throughout the member's term of office.
    iii. Each Programming Board member must be a member of the class s/he represents at the beginning of the senator's term of office.
    iv. Failure to maintain the above qualifications will result in disqualification from office, with notification given by the SGA President.

n. Membership
    i. The Programming Board shall consist of 13 voting members in addition to the Vice President for Programming who shall act as chair.
        1. The Vice-President of Programming shall chair the Programming Board and 12 Representatives shall be elected from The Student Body at Large.
        2. Three representatives will be elected from each class.

3. The elections for the sophomore, junior, and senior representatives will take place in the spring during the week of the Executive Council Elections.
4. Board members shall serve one academic year from the date of the election until the next election is held the following year.
5. The Freshman Class President shall serve as the representative of the Executive Council to the Programming Board.
6. The board will elect from within its membership a liaison to the University Program Committee and a clerk to take minutes and distribute them to all members of SGA and any other interested parties.
7. The Programming Board may designate an individual to the position of Secretary within the Programming Board to keep the records.

o. Replacement of Members
   i. In the case that a Programming Board position is vacated, the president of that class shall appoint a new board member from the eligible members of the class. This person shall be approved by a majority vote of the Programming Board. Consideration should be given to the person that had the most number of votes in the election after the two original board members

Section IV: SGA Advisors

p. Powers and Duties
   i. SGA Advisors shall advise SGA members as necessary.
   ii. SGA Advisors will inform SGA of all school policies as necessary.
   iii. SGA Advisors will update SGA members of any policy changes that will affect the Student Body.

q. Qualifications for Office
   i. Advisors shall be full time members of Oglethorpe University's Campus Life staff or Oglethorpe University Faculty.

r. Membership
   i. SGA Advisors shall consist of at least one Campus Life staff member and/or at least one faculty member.
   ii. SGA Members can nominate an Advisor to be voted on by a simple majority vote by members of The Executive Council and The Senate during the second SGA meeting of the year.
   iii. SGA Advisors will serve one academic year and are eligible for reelection by SGA.

Article IV: Elections

Section I: Elections Committee: The Elections Committee shall consist of the Secretary and the Parliamentarian and at least four senators. SGA shall solicit applications for the office of elections. The SGA shall also table and advertise for the elections prior and during the elections. The SGA Vice-President shall appoint at least four senators to serve on the Committee if no one volunteers. The Elections Committee shall hear all complaints and grievances filed with the Elections Committee and shall be responsible for duties outlined in the SGA Election By-laws.

A. Elections shall be held the third week of April to provide ample time for advertising and registration
B. The Executive Council shall be elected on Monday of election week starting at 9:00AM and ending at 11:59PM. Runoff elections will be held on Friday.

C. The Senate and Programming Board for a given year shall be elected on Wednesday of election week starting at 9:00AM and ending at 11:59PM. Runoff elections will be held on Friday.
D. Only Oglethorpe University full-time students may vote in SGA elections. Eligible voters may vote for all Executive Council positions except those of class presidents. Class presidents and Senators shall be elected by the eligible members of their respective classes.
E. A majority vote is required for election to Executive Council office. A plurality vote of the top four candidates from each class is required for election to the Senate. A plurality vote of the top three candidates from each class is required for election to the Programming Board.
F. No person shall declare candidacy for, nor be elected to, more than one office in a single election A single election is defined per part of SGA. These parts are Executive Council and Senate.
    a. A candidate may run for Senate if they lose the race for Executive Council.
    b. A candidate may run for Programming Board in conjunction with running for Senate.
G. All candidates must submit their declaration forms by the Friday before election week at 5:00PM
    a. Executive Council candidates will be given the option to be placed on the Senate ballot if they inform the SGA advisor by 4:30PM the day before the Senate elections.
H. There shall be no restrictions on write-in candidates that do not apply to regular candidates, except write-in candidates shall not have their names placed on the ballot.
I. The elections of all Executive Council officers must be held at the same time.All Senatorial elections, with the exception of the election of the freshman class Senators, shall be held at the same time.
J. The Freshman Class President shall be elected during the fifth week of the fall semester. The election will fall on Monday of that week starting at 9:00AM and ending at 11:59PM.
K. The Freshman Class Senators and Freshman Class Programming Board members shall be elected on Wednesday of that week starting at 9:00AM and ending at 11:59PM.
L. Any runoffs will be held Friday of that week of elections.
M. No person shall declare candidacy for, nor be elected to, more than one office in a single election. A single election is defined per part of SGA. These parts are Executive Council and Senate.
    a. A candidate may run for Senate if they lose the race for Executive Council.
    b. A candidate may run for Programming Board in conjunction with running for Senate.
N. No student shall be considered a candidate for any office of the SGA unless that student has met all of the qualifications for that office as listed in this constitution.
O. Guarantees of a Fair Election.
    a. All election procedures must be made public.
    b. All SGA elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
    c. All elections of the SGA shall be well publicized.
    d. The balloting online must be open for at least one full day and well publicized.

These guarantees shall apply to all elections.

Article V. Censure & Impeachment

A. Censure shall consist of loss of speaking privilege on the Senate floor for a period not to exceed two consecutive Senate meetings but shall not affect a Senator's voting rights. Within the Senate, a motion to censure may be called for by a member of that body. A 2/3 majority of those present and voting is required to pass this motion.
B. The President of the SGA or a two-thirds vote of the full Executive Council, may call for the resignation of a member of the Executive Council.
C. If the officer refuses to resign, a 2/3 vote of the full Executive Council or a petition of 50 percent plus one vote of the Oglethorpe full time student body may terminate the member’s term of office.
D. The President of the Senate, a 2/3 majority of the full Senate, or a 2/3 majority of the full Executive Council may call for the resignation of a Senator. If the Senator refuses to resign, a 2/3 vote of the Senate or a petition of 50 percent plus one vote of that Senator's class may terminate the member’s term of office.

E. The Vice President for Programming, a 2/3 vote of the full Programming Board, or a 2/3 vote of the full Executive Council may call for the resignation of a member of the Programming Board. If the Programming Board member refuses to resign, a 2/3 vote of the Programming Board or a petition of 50 percent plus one vote of that member's class may terminate the member's term of office.

Article VI: Parliamentary Procedure

A. Parliamentary Authority
   a. When it does not conflict with this constitution, or rules later adopted, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the final parliamentary authority of the SGA
   b. Business
      i. A main motion must follow one of two routes to be debated and voted on by the SGA. A main motion must be in writing in order to be considered by either body. Concurrence of both bodies is required for a main motion to become effective.
      ii. A main motion passed at a meeting of the Executive Council automatically becomes a general motion for the next meeting of the Senate.
      iii. A main motion passed at a meeting of the Senate automatically becomes a general motion for the next meeting of the Executive Council.
      iv. Individuals and groups outside the SGA may make proposals only before the Senate. A Senator must represent these proposals and present them for consideration before the Senate.
      v. No motion may be tabled by either house for more than two consecutive meetings following the introduction of said motion.
      vi. The agenda of the Senate shall consist of:
         1. Minutes of the last Senate meeting
         2. Minutes of the last Executive Council meeting
         3. Correspondence (if any)
         4. Clerk of the Treasury's report
         5. Committee reports
         6. Old business
         7. New business
         8. Open Forum for Discussion
         9. No business shall take place without a quorum present. A quorum in the Senate shall consist of nine members, excluding the chair, and five council members, excluding the chair, in the Executive Council.
   c. Motions.
      i. Any member of the Senate or Executive Council can move that a vote be reconsidered within that body and entered in the minutes. This motion may be made once on behalf of each side of a question.
      ii. All main motions shall be voted on and recorded by roll call vote in both bodies of the SGA
   d. Other Business Related to Parliamentary Procedure
      i. No person or group may be employed by the SGA without this fact being made public and without the amount of payment being made public.
      ii. When Oglethorpe University is not in regular session, those members of the Executive Council who are living in the vicinity of Oglethorpe University shall be empowered,

subject to retroactive approval by the Senate, to act for the SGA, provided that this group includes the President of the SGA or the President's appointed representatives.

iii. During the Open Forum portion of business, any student may express concerns, issues, or comments to the Senate. All students in attendance, including Senate members and the chair of the meeting, may discuss any such concerns, issues, or comments

Article VII. Student Activity Fee

The Student Activities Fee is a student-managed fund collected as part of the University bill. It is a distinct fee, explicitly for the purpose of supporting student life and under the exclusive control of students. It is administered by SGA through the Student Activities Funding Committee under administrative guidance but with no higher authority than the student leadership that allocates it.

A. Guidelines
   a. Funds from the Student Activities Fee may not be used as a donation to any off-campus organization or charity and must be for the benefit of the University community.
   b. Funds from the Student Activities Fee will only be allocated to student-led groups or projects.
   c. Funds from the Student Activities Fee may not be used to purchase or finance any illegal substance or activities.
   d. Other regulations for the funds will be outlined in the Student Activities Funding Committee Rules and Regulations.
   e. A reserve fund shall be maintained equaling not less than 10 percent of the total activity fees collected during the previous fiscal year.

B. Student Activities Funding Committee
   a. The committee shall allocate the Student Activities Fee monies to student organizations.
   b. Only organizations that have been chartered by the Student Government Association and approved by the Inter Club Council, may receive funding.
   c. The Student Activities Funding Committee shall oversee the approval of operating budgets, advise the Treasurer and allocate funding on a weekly basis.
   d. The Committee will be composed of the Treasurer, who will serve as chair, a member of the Senate from each class, who will be chosen based on a weekly lottery or by volunteer, and two Executive members appointed by the Treasurer. The President will sit as an ex officio member of the Student Activities Funding Committee.
   e. Any allocations proposal may be set aside by any member of either Senate or the Executive Council. With a simple majority in both houses, this proposal will be presented to the Senate and Executive Council for approval following a vote."
   f. The Committee will operate according to the Student Activities Funding Committee Rules and Regulations and may change these rules with the approval of the Oglethorpe Student Government.
   g. Any allocations proposal with a total cost at or exceeding five-thousand dollars (5,000) shall be brought to the vote of the Senate and Executive Council for approval."

Article VIII. Clubs and Organizations

The SGA is the organization on campus with the authority to charter student organizations. It achieves this through the Inter Club Council (ICC), which works in collaboration with the Office of Student Activities. The final decision making power regarding all student organizations and clubs rests with SGA

A. A committee consisting of the staff member responsible for clubs and organizations at Oglethorpe University, the Parliamentarian, and the Secretary, has the power to recognize any student organization on behalf of the Executive Council and Senate. Additionally, a majority vote of the Executive Council and a majority vote of the Senate shall be empowered to recognize or withdraw recognition from any organization of students that wishes to operate on campus. However, if it refuses or withdraws recognition, it must adopt a resolution explaining this action.
B. A constitution must be submitted to the Executive Council for approval for a club or organization to receive recognition.
C. The constitution must contain the following:
    a. Name of organization
    b. Purpose
    c. Officers - their duties and powers
    d. Membership
D. All proposals from recognized clubs and organizations for monetary support must first be presented to the Senate and Executive Council as part of the treasurer's report, and then subsequently voted upon by the Student Activities Funding Committee via the guidelines and regulations of Article VII. Proposals should demonstrate a potential benefit to the Oglethorpe community. To be eligible to apply for monetary support from the SGA, the club or organization must demonstrate consistent participation in monthly inter-club council meetings."

Article IX. Provision for Bylaws
The rules, regulations and procedures, called "Bylaws" necessary to implement this constitution shall be in the letter and spirit of this instrument. Such rules, regulations and procedures shall carry over from year to year unless altered by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Council and subsequently ratified by a 2/3 majority of the Senate.

Article X. Amendments
This constitution may be amended by the amendments receiving a 2/3 majority vote of the full Executive Council, a 2/3 majority vote of the full Senate, a 2/3 vote of the full Programming Board and a 2/3 majority vote of those voting in a referendum of student body vote. This referendum is to be held at least two academic weeks after the amendment receives approval by the Senate.