

***Centre College of Kentucky Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution***  
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**Article I ~ Preamble**

The student body of Centre College of Kentucky (“College”) hereby recognizes the Centre College Student Government Association (“SGA”) as the student governance organization.

**Article II ~ Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Government Association**

The student body of Centre College describes through these constitutional guidelines the responsibilities and powers of the Centre College Student Government Association. Other structures and procedures are outlined in the Bylaws of SGA (“Bylaws”).

**Article III ~ Mission**

The purpose of SGA is to enhance the quality of life for all students by providing the services outlined in this Constitution (“Constitution”) and the Bylaws.

**Article IV ~ Elements of the Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association shall consist of the SGA Officers, the Student Senate, and the House of Representatives, as further set forth herein and in the bylaws..

**Article V ~ Duties and Powers of the Student Government Association**

**SECTION 1 - General**

- A. The Student Government Association has the authority, subject to the bylaws and policies of Centre College, to recognize, legislate, and set standards for all other student organizations. Student organizations retain the right to set standards for their own internal governance, so long as such standards are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws, legislation passed by SGA, or the rules of conduct of Centre College. Student Government Association legislation shall take precedence over any conflicting rules or practices of any other student organization.
- B. The Student Government Association shall:
  - a. Hold at least ten general sessions per academic year, which, subject to Section 2F of this Article, will be open to the entire student body;
  - b. Run all general sessions in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order;
  - c. Serve as a forum of student opinion on academic, social, and extracurricular issues;
  - d. Make recommendations to and advise the College faculty and administration on behalf of the student body;

- e. Enact legislation and take other action in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 2 of this Article;
- f. Institute projects for the improvement of the campus community;
- g. Appropriate funds for the operation of recognized student organizations, or revoke such funds as SGA deems appropriate, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Constitution and the Bylaws;
- h. Set standards for elections of its members and officers.

## SECTION 2 - Legislation and other Action

- A. The Student Government Association and each branch or committee of SGA shall require a quorum of at least sixty percent of its members and/or their designated proxies in order to conduct business.
- B. The Student Government Association has the authority to pass legislation or take other action on behalf of the student body.
  - a. Such legislation or action shall include, but not be limited to, bills, resolutions, the election of officers, funding requests, approvals, and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.
  - b. A majority affirmative vote of members present shall be necessary to enact such legislation or take such action, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Bylaws. Likewise, a majority affirmative vote of members at each branch or committee of SGA shall be necessary for such branch or committee to take action, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Bylaws.
- C. Every member and committee of SGA has the power to propose legislation.
  - a. Legislation shall be filed with the SGA President, who shall review it with the Executive Committee.
  - b. Legislation proposed by a member or committee of SGA must be placed on the agenda within two general sessions from when it is received by the President.
- D. The student body has the power, by petition, and subject to the bylaws and policies of Centre College, to propose legislation in one of two ways.
  - a. Student interest groups may apply to SGA for recognition as a new student organization. All application materials shall be filed with the Director of Campus Activities and the SGA President, who will review such materials with the Executive Committee in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Bylaws prior to presenting them to a general session of SGA for approval or rejection.
    - i. A majority affirmative vote of those SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for approval.

- b. Students may propose legislation other than student organization recognition legislation on their own initiative, and directly enact or reject such legislation at a campus-wide election.
      - i. An initiative petition to propose such legislation must contain the signatures of at least fifteen percent of the student body.
      - ii. The petition shall be filed with the SGA President, who shall submit the question to the student body within two weeks of such filing for its approval or disapproval.
      - iii. A majority affirmative vote of no less than twenty-five percent of the student body shall be necessary to enact such legislation.
- E. The student body has the power to repeal any legislation passed by SGA at a campus-wide election.
  - a. A referendum petition to repeal any legislation by SGA must contain the signatures of at least fifteen percent of the student body.
  - b. The petition shall be filed with the SGA President, who shall submit the question to the student body within two weeks of such filing for its approval or disapproval.
  - c. A majority affirmative vote of no less than twenty-five percent of the student body shall be necessary to repeal such legislation.
- F. Members of the student body generally shall have the right to petition SGA and to be present for discussions at all general sessions, subject to Robert's Rules of Order. However, the right to close meetings to the public and/or the student body is reserved to SGA. Such an action shall require a majority vote of the members of SGA present.
- G. Student organizations and members of the student body generally shall have the right to appeal legislation passed by SGA to the Student Judiciary, which, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, shall determine if such legislation violates the policies and bylaws of Centre College and/or the Constitution and Bylaws.
  - a. If it determines that such a violation exists, the Student Judiciary has the power to nullify the disputed legislation by an affirmative two-thirds vote of members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
  - b. If the disputed legislation is susceptible to various interpretations and one or more of the reasonable interpretations would not be in violation of the policies and bylaws of Centre College or the Constitution and Bylaws, such a reasonable interpretation shall be given to the disputed legislation by the Student Judiciary.

### SECTION 3 - Student Organization Designation

- A. Student organizations will be recognized as one of two groups, Affinity or Interest:
  - a. Affinity-based student organizations are those that primarily serve, according to their constitutions and event-planning, historically marginalized groups in the U.S. pertaining to the following identity markers (alphabetized): ability, gender/gender expression, race/ethnicity, sexuality, or socioeconomic class; and,
  - b. Interest-based student organizations are all other organizations that cater to the hobbies and choice-based alignments of students. This includes faith, honor, art, service, and sport organizations on campus.
- B. Distinctions between the two organization types will be made where appropriate, acknowledging the historic-structural burdens on affinity-based groups by granting the following accommodations:
  - a. Financing will take into account the value Affinity-based organizations add to campus through education/cultural events, and give funding consideration to events that diversify and amplify perspectives of those historically marginalized by the College. Affinity designation will serve as a factor among many to consider with ultimate recommendation up to Finance committee and ultimate decisions up to SGA general body; and,
  - b. Culture committee will provide individualized support for Affinity-based organizations by serving on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion's Intercultural committee, serving as liaison between SGA and Affinity-based organizations.
- C. To designate the process for Affinity Student Organization distinction as follows:
  - a. Application filed to Culture Committee Chair to be brought to Executive committee for discussion and recommendation to be submitted to the general body
  - b. Final approval or appeal by simple majority of SGA general body, with the Executive committee decision recommendation to be submitted to general session no later than two weeks of its filing to Culture Chair

## **Article VI ~ Structure**

### **SECTION 1 - Student Government Association Membership**

- A. The Student Government Association shall consist of the SGA Officers and members of the Student Senate and the House of Representatives, all of whom must be duly elected in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article VII of this Constitution or assume office in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article VIII of this Constitution.

- B. Only members of SGA or their designated proxies shall have the right to vote at SGA general sessions.
- C. Each member of SGA must:
  - a. Be in good academic and social standing with the College, defined as not being on academic or disciplinary probation or suspension;
  - b. Abide by the procedures and attendance policy of SGA, as outlined by the Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. If a member of SGA does not meet the requirement set forth in ~~Article VI~~, Section 1C of this Article VI ~~above~~, they may be removed from office through a procedure in accordance with Article VIII of this Constitution.

## SECTION 2 ~ The Student Government Association Officers

Officers of SGA include the President, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Administration, the Communications Director, the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, the Chair of the Campus Improvements Committee, the Chair of the Culture Committee, the Chair of the Dining Services Committee, and the Chair of Programming, all of whom shall be elected to one-year terms and shall be eligible for reelection to a subsequent term or terms.

- A. All SGA Officers shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and SGA general sessions with voting privileges, subject to Section 2 C.f of this Article VI.
- B. The President shall:
  - a. Preside over the Student Government Association;
  - b. Not be permanently off campus during the Fall or Spring Term while serving in office;
  - c. Have served on SGA for at least three semesters prior to commencement of their term of office;
  - d. Not be on the executive team of any club or organization funded through SGA;
  - e. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee;
  - f. Serve as an ex-officio member of all SGA committees;
  - g. Have the authority to appoint ad-hoc committees of SGA with the Affirmative majority vote of the Executive Committee officers present at a meeting at which a quorum of sixty percent of members are present;
  - h. Serve as a voting member of the College Council Steering Committee;
  - i. Represent SGA as a voting member at meetings of the College Council;
  - j. Nominate students to serve on College Council committees;

- k. Represent the student body at Board of Trustees meetings to which they are invited;
- l. Advise the College administration on the business and legislation of SGA.

C. The Speaker of the House shall:

- a. Serve as Parliamentarian, advising SGA on rules and procedure;
- b. Not be permanently off campus during the Fall or Spring Term while serving in office;
- c. Have served on SGA at least two semesters prior to commencement of their term of office;
- d. Not be on the executive team of any club or organization funded through SGA;
- e. Preside over general sessions of SGA;
- f. Serve as a voting member in general sessions only in the event of a tie;
- g. Assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to execute the duties outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

D. The President of the Senate shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Student Senate;
- b. Not be permanently off campus during the Fall or Spring Term while serving in office;
- c. Have served on SGA for at least two semesters prior to commencement of their term of office;
- d. Be a junior or senior based on their intended year of graduation;
- e. Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- f. Serve as a voting member of the Student Senate only in the event of a tie;
- g. Advise the Executive Committee and the House of Representatives on the business of the Student Senate;
- h. Assume the duties of the Speaker of the House if the Speaker of the House is absent or unable to execute the duties outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

E. The Secretary of Finance shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Finance Committee;
- b. Not be permanently off campus during the Fall or Spring Term while serving in office;
- c. Have served on SGA for at least two semesters prior to commencement of their term of office;
- d. Not be on the executive team of any club or organization funded through SGA;
- e. Serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee only in the event of a tie;
- f. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Finance Committee;

- g. Keep records of all financial transactions of SGA;
- h. Disburse funds when authorized to do so by SGA or the Executive Committee;
- i. Report on the financial activities of SGA at each general session.

F. The Secretary of Administration shall:

- a. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- b. Facilitate the internal communication of SGA;
- c. Maintain the minutes, files, and attendance records of SGA;
- d. Ensure that the agendas and minutes of all general sessions, as well as copies of all proposed and enacted legislation, are made available to the entire campus community in a timely manner.

G. The Communications Director shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Communications Committee;
- b. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- c. Serve as a voting member of the Communications Committee;
- d. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Communications Committee.

H. The Chair of the Student Affairs Committee shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Student Affairs Committee;
- b. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- c. Not be on the executive team of any club or organization funded through SGA;
- d. Serve as a voting member of the Student Affairs Committee;
- e. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Student Affairs Committee.

I. The Chair of the Culture Committee shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Culture Committee;
- b. Is not required to have served on SGA prior to commencement of their term;
- c. Serve as a voting member of the Culture Committee;
- d. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Culture Committee.

J. The Chair of the Campus Improvements Committee shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Campus Improvements Committee;

- b. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- c. Serve as a voting member of the Campus Improvements Committee;
- d. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Campus Improvements Committee.

K. The Chair of the Dining Services Committee shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Dining Services Committee;
- b. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- c. Serve as a voting member of the Dining Services Committee;
- d. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Dining Services Committee.

L. The Chair of Programming shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Programming Committee;
- b. Have served on SGA for at least one semester prior to commencement of their term of office;
- c. Serve as a liaison between SGA and the Student Activities Council;
- d. Be a part of the SAC General Body;
- e. Serve as a voting member of the Programming Committee;
- f. Advise the Executive Committee and SGA on the business of the Programming Committee and the Student Activities Council.

### SECTION 3 - The Student Senate

The Student Senate shall be comprised of the President of the Senate and six student senators, including one junior and one senior from each of the three academic divisions, all of whom shall be elected to one-year terms, and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

A. All Senators shall attend meetings of the Student Senate and general sessions of SGA with voting privileges.

B. The Student Senate shall:

- a. Consider issues, institute projects, and initiate legislation pertaining to academics;
- b. Advise the College faculty and administration on academic issues;
- c. Collaborate with student representatives from academic departments to enhance students' academic experiences;
- d. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.



#### SECTION 4 - The House of Representatives

The House of Representatives shall be comprised of five representatives from the senior class, five representatives from the junior class, eight representatives from the sophomore class, ~~and~~ eight representatives from the first-year class, and such ~~member~~ number of correspondent representatives as are to be elected in accordance with Section 4C of Article VII of this Constitution, all of whom shall be elected to one-year terms.

- A. Each representative shall serve on at least one standing committee.
- B. All representatives shall attend committee meetings and general sessions of SGA with voting privileges.

#### SECTION 5 - Student Government Association Committees

The Student Government Association shall maintain an Executive Committee and the following six standing committees: Finance Committee, Communications Committee, Programming Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Campus Improvements Committee, and Dining Services Committee.

- A. Membership for the six standing committee shall be determined through the members' self-nomination with final approval and appointment by the SGA President.
- B. The Executive Committee shall:
  - a. Be comprised of the President, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Administration, the Communications Director, the Chair of the Culture Committee, the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, the Chair of the Campus Improvements Committee, the Chair of the Dining Services Committee, and the Chair of the Programming Committee;
  - b. Meet within one week before each general session to approve a final agenda;
  - c. Coordinate projects and responsibilities between the six standing committees and the Student Senate;
  - d. Serve as a forum for discussion on the internal and external matters of SGA;
  - e. Appoint an ad hoc committee of SGA at three-year intervals to review whether having correspondent members from the student organizations then referenced to in Section C of Article VII of the Constitution continues to reasonably accomplish the goal of attempting to achieve representation in SGA of the diverse interests and points of view of a significant proportion of students;

- f. Serve as an oversight committee for SGA with the power to enforce the policies outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

C. The Finance Committee shall:

- a. Be comprised of an odd number of members, including the Secretary of Finance;
- b. Formulate and manage the SGA budget in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Bylaws;
- c. Advise SGA and student organizations on the funding guidelines outlined in the Bylaws;
- d. Meet when necessary to review funding requests and fiscal policy of SGA;
- e. With the approval of the Executive Committee, present all funding requests for approval at a general session of SGA;
- f. Allocate funds during the Spring Term for the upcoming academic year to recognized student organizations that request funding and meet the requirements outlined in the Bylaws;
  - i. The final allocation must be approved by a majority vote of those SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.
- g. Audit student organizations that receive funds by following procedures outlined in the Bylaws;
- h. Communicate financial decisions of SGA to officers of respective student organizations;
- i. Enforce financial decisions of SGA through procedures outlined in the Bylaws.

D. The Communications Committee shall:

- a. Work to enhance communication between SGA and the student body;
- b. Inform the campus community of SGA legislation, actions, approvals, initiatives, and events;
- c. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

E. The Student Affairs Committee shall:

- a. Work to enhance the social and extracurricular experiences of Centre College;
- b. Consider issues, institute projects, and initiate legislation pertaining to all areas of student life;
- c. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

F. The Culture Committee shall:

- a. Work to promote an inclusive campus culture;

- b. Work with appropriate administrators to investigate student voiced concerns regarding matters of inclusion or bias;
- c. Organize and execute a minimum of one mental health week per academic semester (alongside the Mental Health Advisory Board) that consists of a multitude of events;
- d. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

G. The Campus Improvements Committee shall:

- a. Monitor the services and facilities available to Centre College students and make relevant recommendations to the College administration on behalf of the student body;
- b. Consider issues, institute projects, and initiate legislation to improve the quality of campus services and facilities;
- c. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

H. The Dining Services Committee shall:

- a. Bring forth and consider issues relating to various dining services on campus;
- b. Serve as a liaison between the student body and the College's dining service provider;
- c. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

I. The Programming Committee shall:

- a. Plan and coordinate SGA events;
  - i. This includes but is not limited to: Homecoming, SGA Retreat, Forums, Town Halls, any workshops, and assisting with the First Year Project
- b. Fulfill other responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws or given to it by the Executive Committee.

## **Article VII ~ Elections**

### **SECTION 1 - General**

- A. At the start of the Fall Term, the Executive Committee shall elect two SGA Officers from the senior class who will serve on the Election Commission for the remainder of the academic year along with the Chair of the Student Judiciary. These three individuals must

remain impartial in all SGA elections and shall regulate and monitor SGA elections in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

- B. The President of SGA shall collaborate with the Director of Campus Activities to set the election calendar before the academic year begins and advertise election dates and procedures.
- C. For the purposes of SGA voting and representation, students will be assigned class membership based on their year of intended graduation according to College records.

## SECTION 2 - Spring Term General Election

- A. Every spring, a campus-wide election will be held to elect the President of SGA, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the President of the Student Activities Council, members of the Student Senate, representatives from the rising sophomore, junior, and senior classes, and members of the Student Judiciary.
- B. Five seniors, five juniors, and eight sophomores shall be elected by and from their respective classes as class representative members.
  - a. Class candidates for the House of Representatives shall:
    - i. Be nominated by no fewer than 100 members of their graduating class who affix their names to one or more petitions in approval of their candidacy;
      - 1. If a previously elected individual runs for an additional term, they will only be required to self-nominate by submitting a Statement of Intent to the SGA Advisor and may bypass the petition.
    - ii. Comply with other policies outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- C. All students who are currently enrolled in Centre College, whether on campus or away, are eligible to vote in campus-wide elections.
- D. Candidates must follow all policies and guidelines that are outlined in the Student Handbook and the Bylaws.
  - a. Candidates who violate these policies may be deemed ineligible to run for office by a unanimous vote of the Election Commission.
- E. Candidates for President of SGA, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and President of the Student Activities Council shall:
  - a. Be nominated by no less than fifteen percent of the student body who affix their names to one or more petitions in approval of their candidacy;

- b. Submit a platform that will be shared with the campus community prior to the election;
  - c. Have the opportunity to participate in a debate prior to the election;
  - d. Be elected if they receive a majority of the votes cast for candidates for such office.
    - i. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote for a particular position, a run-off will be held between the top two candidates for such position.
- F. Candidates for Student Senate shall:
  - a. Be nominated directly by members of their respective academic division;
    - i. If a candidate is cross-registered in multiple academic divisions, they may only run for Student Senate in one academic division of the candidate's choice.
    - ii. Only students who are registered with a declared major may nominate a candidate for Student Senate, but all students may vote for one junior and one senior for each academic division, regardless of the voter's own academic standing.
  - b. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0;
  - c. Be listed on the ballot by year of intended graduation and academic division; the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for a position will be declared the winner.
    - i. If there is a tie, a run-off will be held between the tied candidates.
- G. Elections for the Student Senate shall proceed in the following manner:
  - a. Nominations from the respective academic divisions will be collected by the Director of Campus Activities, acting in coordination with the serving SGA President and President of the Senate.
    - i. The five junior and senior candidates with the most nominations will be placed on the ballot for election to be conducted in accordance with the process outlined in this Section.
- H. If any open positions remain after the Spring Term General Election, those positions shall be filled in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VII of this Constitution.
- I. Candidates for the Student Judiciary shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article IX of this Constitution and in the Bylaws.

### SECTION 3 - Electing SGA Officers

- A. After the Spring Term General Election, the President-Elect of SGA shall nominate a slate of candidates for Communications Director, Chair of the Culture Committee, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, Chair of the Campus Improvements Committee, Chair of the Dining Services Committee, and Chair of the Programming Committee
  - a. The President-Elect shall present these candidates to SGA at a general session before the end of the academic year.
  - b. If the President-Elect wishes to nominate a candidate who will be permanently off campus for the upcoming Fall or Spring Term, they must also nominate both a Fall and Spring Term candidate for the respective position.
    - i. At least two of these six positions must be filled by officers who intend to stay on campus for both the Fall and Spring Terms.
      - 1. Staying on campus may be defined as being enrolled in classes at Centre's main campus as a full-time student.
  - c. The Student Government Association will vote to approve or reject the entire slate of candidates by a majority vote of those SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.
    - i. If the slate is approved, the candidates will be sworn in as SGA officers before the end of the academic year.
    - ii. If the slate is rejected, each candidate must be presented to SGA one-by-one for a majority vote of approval of those SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.
      - 1. If a candidate fails to be individually approved by such a majority vote, the President-Elect may appoint another nominee. If that nominee fails to be approved by such a majority vote, SGA may nominate and elect a replacement candidate.
- B. Before the end of the academic year, SGA shall nominate and elect candidates for Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Administration, separately and sequentially.
  - a. Any member of SGA may nominate a candidate who meets the requirements for a particular position. A nomination requires a second and must be accepted by the candidate.
    - i. If a candidate is not present to accept a nomination, they must give written or electronic notice of their acceptance before the nomination is presented.
  - b. Candidates for each position shall be given the opportunity to present a platform before SGA.
    - i. If any candidate for Secretary of Administration will be permanently off campus during the upcoming Fall or Spring Term, SGA will elect both a Fall and Spring Term candidate for the respective position.

- ii. In such case, a candidate who will be on campus for the entire year may win for both terms, but they must receive a majority of the vote in each separate Term elections.
  - c. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote for a particular position, a run-off will be held between the top two candidates for such positions.
- C. The term of office of each newly elected officer shall begin before the end of the academic year and shall end upon commencement of the term of office of their successor.
  - a. The members of the Executive Committee shall take the following oath of office: "I do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) upon my honor that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully execute and discharge the duties of the office into which I am about to enter."

#### SECTION 4 - Fall Term Representative Elections

- A. Within the first four weeks of the fall semester, a campus-wide election will be held to elect members of the House of Representatives from the incoming first-year class.
  - a. Students who are currently enrolled in the College but permanently off campus for the Fall Term are eligible to vote but not to run for office.
- B. Eight first-years shall be elected by and from their respective classes as class representative members.
  - a. Class candidates for the House of Representatives shall:
    - i. Be nominated by no fewer than 100 members of their graduating class who affix their names to one or more petitions in approval of their candidacy;
    - ii. Comply with any other policies outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.
  - b. The eight first-years who receive the most votes will be elected as class representatives. In the event of a tie, a run-off may be held to determine the winners.
- C. Unless and until changed in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 5B.e of Article VII and Section 1.A of Article X of this Constitution, one correspondent member shall be election from each of the following campus organizations:
  - a. Centre Firsts
  - b. Centre Pride Alliance (CPA)
  - c. International Student Association (ISA)
  - d. Intercultural Committee
  - e. Disabled Students Alliance (DSA)

- f. Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
  - i. We would like to expand this list to add two more slots because we feel there are more minority representation that should be added to our body. This will be determined based on the procedure outlined in Section 5B.e of Article VII and Section 1.A of Article X of this Constitution.
  - ii. Any correspondent member candidate for the House of Representatives may initially be self-nominated to be the correspondent member for any of the above organizations of which they are a member. Should there be more than three self-nominations for correspondent member of any organization or organizations, each such organization shall decide which three such candidates shall be on the ballot as the correspondent member candidates for that organization.
  - iii. Each student may vote for one correspondent member candidate for each of the above organizations. A correspondent member candidate from an organization shall be elected if they receive a majority (or plurality) of the votes cast for that position.
    - 1. In the event of a tie, the relevant organizations shall decide which of the tied individuals shall serve as correspondent member of that organization.

- D. If any open positions remain after the Fall Term Representative Elections, those positions shall be filled in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VIII of this Constitution.

## **Article VIII ~ Vacancies and Removal**

### **SECTION 1 - Vacancies**

- A. If there is a vacancy in the office of President of SGA, the Speaker of the House shall succeed as President.
- B. If there is a vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate shall succeed as Speaker of the House.
- C. If there is a vacancy in the office of President of the Senate, a campus-wide election shall be held in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VII of this Constitution.
- D. If there is a vacancy in any other SGA officer position, a replacement shall be selected in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VII of this Constitution.



- E. If there is a vacancy in the Student Senate, the President of the Senate shall appoint a student from the proper graduation year and academic division to fill the seat. The nominees must be approved by a majority vote of those SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.
- F. If there is vacancy in any class representative member position in the House of Representatives, a replacement election shall be held to fill the positions in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VII of this Constitution.
  - a. If a replacement election fails to fill the vacancy, unfilled positions will become available to the entire student body. Any student may run for one of these positions, regardless of expected graduation year, so long as they submit one or more petitions containing the signatures of at least 100 students in support of their candidacy.
- G. If there is a vacancy in any correspondent member position in the House of Representatives, the organization which was to be represented by that correspondent position may designate a successor to fill the unexpired term of that position.

## SECTION 2 - Removal

- A. If any member of SGA falls out of good academic and social standing with Centre College defined as not being on academic or disciplinary probation or suspension, they must resign from office.
  - a. If the member disputes the academic or disciplinary probation or suspension or feels that the violation does not affect their standing in SGA, they may appeal to the Executive Committee for permission to stay in office. The Executive Committee may allow the member to stay in office by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
- B. If any member of SGA fails to abide by the procedures or attendance policy of SGA, as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws, they may be reprimanded and/or removed from office.
  - a. Two thirds of the Executive Committee, or at least one hundred members of the student body generally who affix their names to one or more petitions, may report a violation of the procedures or attendance policy of SGA to the Secretary of Administration and the Director of Campus Activities.
  - b. Upon receipt of this report, the Secretary of Administration shall launch an investigation to determine if a violation exists.

- c. If a clear violation exists, the Executive Committee may vote to reprimand any member of SGA by the affirmative majority vote of officers present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
  - d. If a member of SGA is reprimanded, SGA retains the option to vote on whether to remove that member from office. A member of SGA who has been reprimanded by the Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds affirmative vote of SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.
- C. The SGA President, Speaker of the House, President of the Student Activities Council, and President of the Senate may be recalled by the student body through the following procedure.
- a. One or more petitions containing the signatures of not less than fifteen percent of the student body shall be filed with the Director of Campus Activities before the question of whether to recall an officer shall be presented to the student body.
  - b. Within one week of the filing of such a petition, the Director of Campus Activities shall submit the question to the student body.
  - c. The affirmative vote of a majority of the student body shall be necessary to recall the officer in question.

## **Article IX ~ The Student Judiciary**

The student body of Centre College of Kentucky hereby recognizes the Centre College Student Judiciary as the appellate authority for students.

### **SECTION 1 - General**

- A. The Student Judiciary has the authority, subject to the bylaws and policies of Centre College, to review and investigate accusations of student violations of policy, and to recommend appropriate sanctions in such cases where responsibility for violations has been established. It shall also determine the constitutionality of contested Student Government legislation in accordance with the procedures set forth in ~~Article V~~ Section 2G of Article V of this Constitution.
- B. The Student Judiciary shall:
  - a. Hear all cases brought before it by any student, faculty, or staff member, or organization, concerning student offences;
  - b. Have the authority to recommend appropriate punishments for students found responsible for violations;

- c. Require a two-thirds majority vote of members present for any determination of responsibility;
- d. Conduct its meetings in private if so requested by the accused;
- e. Conduct its deliberations in private;
- f. Require a quorum of five members to conduct business.

## SECTION 2 - Membership

- A. The Student Judiciary shall consist of eight juniors and eight seniors by year of graduation, each chosen before their junior year for two-year terms.
- B. One member shall be elected by a majority vote of those Student Judiciary members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present to serve as Chair.
  - a. The Chair of the Student Judiciary shall call and preside over meetings of the Student Judiciary.
- C. One member shall be elected by a majority vote of those Student Judiciary members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present to keep records and to preside in the absence of the chair.

## SECTION 3 - Elections

- A. Elections for the Student Judiciary shall be held concurrently with the campus-wide elections for the SGA officers in the Spring Term.
  - a. Serving members of the Student Judiciary and the President of the Student Government Association will nominate a slate of candidates for new Student Judiciary members.
    - i. There shall be at least twelve nominations for the available positions.
  - b. Nominees for the Student Judiciary must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present before being placed on the ballot for election.
    - i. Two-thirds vote of SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present is required to prevent a nominee from participating in an election.
  - c. The eight confirmed nominees with the greatest number of votes will be elected.

## SECTION 4 - Vacancies

- A. In case of a vacancy, the nominee who received the next-highest number of votes who is from the same class by year of intended graduation as the member who vacated their seat shall assume the vacant seat.

## **Article X ~ Amendments**

### **SECTION 1 - Amending the Constitution**

- A. The list of student organizations entitled to be represented by a correspondent member of the House of Representatives set forth in Section 4C of Article VII of this Constitution may be changed by the vote of the Student Government Association upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee following any review by the Executive Committee of the report of the ad hoc committee referred to in Section 5 of Article VI of this Constitution and this Constitution may be amended to reflect any which change without the necessity of a vote of the student body.
- B. Proposals may be made for any other amendments to, or revisions of, this Constitution by a majority vote of the Student Government Association membership at a general session at which a quorum is present or by one or more petitions from not less than fifteen percent of the student body.
- C. In order to become effective, all such amendments or revisions referred to in section 1B of this Article shall be ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the student body. If so ratified, changes shall take effect upon the approval of the student body, pending Centre College approval.

### **SECTION 2 - Amending the Bylaws**

- A. The Bylaws of SGA may be amended by an affirmative two-thirds vote of SGA members present at a general session at which a quorum is present.