

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Student Government Association Constitution

Preamble

We, the Students of the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay, recognize and respect the rights of all university students to be active participants in all aspects of University Governance. We also recognize the ability of university students to vest these rights in an organization of our creation. Through our empowered organization, we seek to secure and promote those conditions conducive to intellectual development and personal growth, and protect the right of students to participate in University Governance.

Therefore, in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute (W.S.S.) 36.09[5], the Merger Implementation Statement, we, the students of the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay, secure our right to participate in all aspects of the university governance in the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay Student Government Association, and enact this constitution in accordance with those wishes.

Article I. The Legislative Branch

Section I .01 The Student Senate

(a) The Student Senate shall be the chief legislative authority and possessor of legislative power. The Student Senate shall possess primary responsibility for the representation of the student views, opinions, and ideas throughout all levels of university governance. To this end, the Student Senate shall review and consider any university matters that it deems appropriate.

(b) All legislative bodies shall keep and make publicly available minutes, votes, attendance, and legislation with reasonable expediency following meetings. This applies to Senate, committees (standing and ad-hoc), and Residence Hall and Apartment Association.

Section 1.02 Structure of the Student Senate

(a) The membership of the Student Senate shall include a Chair, a Speaker, a number of at-large Senators elected by the student body each spring, and a number of Senators from designated areas on campus.

(b) In addition, the Senate is allowed to add to their membership, members as deemed fitting by majority vote of the body to a term ending May first. The Senate shall have the power to remove

Senators as it sees fit. The total number of at-large Senators, from both the Spring Election and throughout the year, shall not be fixed.

(c) In order to ensure strong representation from all the Student Body and to reach out to areas where Student Government has historically underrepresented, there shall be seven reserved Senate seats, each of which shall have the same privileges and duties as at-large Senators except they must sit on only one committee, and they must meet bi-weekly with their center's director or highest authority. The reserved Senate seats shall be one for each of the following areas on campus: the American Intercultural Center, the Athletics Department, the Childcare Alliance, Disability Center, the Office of International Education, the Pride Center, the Veterans Resource Center. Senators holding these reserved seats must be selected by the relevant centers director or highest authority, and thus are exempt from the signature requirement. These senators must still be approved by the student senate.

(d) In order to ensure communication and collaboration between Student Government and other student organizations, a confirmed senator may be eligible to become a Student Organization Liaison. Student Organization Liaisons are selected by the Chair of a committee that the liaison candidate is a member of, and must be confirmed with the Speaker of the Senate. The committee that makes the selection must be relevant to the particular student organization that the Senator is attempting to become a liaison of. If there is no clear connection between the student organization and any committee, the Student Senate will decide by a majority vote which committee the student organization falls under. Once a senator is approved to be a liaison, they are only required to be a part of one committee (The committee which selected them to be the Liaison), and must also attend every meeting held by the student organization that they have become a liaison of. Any absence must be reported to the chair. The Chair of the committee that selected the liaison may remove the title of liaison within reason with approval of the Vice President, Chair of the appropriate committee, and Speaker of the Senate. Upon removal of the title of Liaison, the Liaison immediately becomes a regular Senator once again.

(e) Senatorial candidates wishing to join the Student Senate without being from one of the designated areas must be considered as an at-large Senator.

(f) The Chair of the Senate described in Article II Section 2.01(e) shall preside over Senate meetings and shall not have a vote except in the case of a tie.

(g) The Student Senate is responsible for the creation of by-laws governing its behavior consistent with this Constitution. Each year, the Chair of the University Governance Committee

shall head a Constitutional Review Committee to review the Student Government Association Constitution.

(h) The Segregated University Fee and Allocation Committee shall have the sole power to approve Student Government Association budget. The Student Senate shall not pass any budget that has not been presented to the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee for recommendations.

(i) The Student Senate shall possess the sole power to confirm all Presidential appointments by a majority vote except those appointments exempt from such confirmation as noted in this Constitution described in Article II Section 2.03.

(j) One Speaker shall be elected by the current members of the Senate from among the present Senators at the first meeting of the new administration, to serve as second in authority and as chair of the Senate-in-full when the Vice-President is unavailable.

(k) The Senate shall be in session during the academic years excepting spring, summer, and winter breaks and finals weeks as specified by the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay's Academic Calendar. The Student Senate shall convene at least once in every fourteen (14) day period while in session.

(l) The Speaker of Senate shall have power to convene the Senate while the Senate is not in session.

(m) If the need shall arise, with the approval of the Speaker of the Senate, there shall be an emergency meeting convened no later than one week after the approval of the Speaker.

Section I .03 Senate Committees

(a) The Student Senate shall have the following ten (10) standing committees: Academic Affairs Committee, Community Engagement Committee, Environmental Affairs Committee, Equity and Diversity Committee, Health and Safety Committee, Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee, Student Recreation and Athletics Committee, Student Resources Committee, Union and Dining Committee, and University Governance Committee

(b) Each committee shall be chaired by a corresponding Chair from the Executive branch. Chairs shall have no vote in the full Senate. Chairs may only vote within their Committee should a tie occur.

(c) Each committee Chair is responsible to convene with the senators appointed to their committee at least once in every twenty-eight (28) day period while in session.

(d) The Academic Affairs committee is responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of instruction within the University. It shall have primary legislative responsibility for review and recommendation of academic policies, or any matters concerning academics of the University of Wisconsin — Green Bay. The Academic Affairs Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Academic Affairs.

(e) The Community Engagement Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for all matters relating to furthering the reputation of the Student Government Association, managing social media in regards to current affairs within the Student Government Association, and informing the Student Body of events held by or sponsored by the Student Government Association. The Community Engagement Committee shall be chaired by the Community Engagement Chair.

(f) The Environmental Affairs Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for all matters related to the natural environment on campus, campus ecology, and campus sustainability. The Environmental Affairs Committee shall possess authority to create bylaws governing the Environmental Sustainability Fund to be approved by simple majority of the Senate. The Environmental Affairs Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Environmental Affairs.

(g) The Equity and Diversity Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for all matters relating to encouraging respect and understanding of all cultural traditions, promoting greater diversity and equity among faculty, staff, and students, supporting campus diversity and equality-related initiatives. The Equity and Diversity Chair shall be the student representative in regards to the issue of child care on campus. The Equity and Diversity Chair is to meet and coordinate with the staff of the American Intercultural Center and the Pride Center to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for diverse students. The Equity and Diversity Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Equity and Diversity.

(h) The Health and Safety Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for review and recommendation of all matters of health, safety, and living climate at the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay. The Health and Safety Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Health and Safety.

(i) The Student Recreation and Athletics Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for all matters relating to student recreation, athletics, school pride

programs, and the Kress Center. The Student Recreation and Athletics Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Student Recreation and Athletics.

(j) The Student Resources Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for all matters relating to campus technology and to University resources such as the library.

The Student Resources Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Student Resources.

(k) The Union and Dining Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for matters related to the University Union and matters regarding dining and food service on campus. Union and Dining Chair must meet once a month with the head chef and attend sustainability committee meetings. The Union and Dining Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Union and Dining.

(l) The University Governance Committee shall have primary legislative responsibility for tracking campus, local, state, and federal decisions and legislation that affect higher education and taking any action deemed necessary on these decisions. The University Governance Committee is to connect elected officials and political leaders to campus via lobbying, town hall meetings, campaign stops, and any other way the Committee sees fit. The University Governance Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of University Governance.

(m) The Senate shall have the ability to create ad hoc committees, chaired by a member of the Senate's choosing. Said committees may make recommendations to the Senate on issues consistent with their charge.

Section 1.04 The Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee

(a) The Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) shall have primary responsibility for the Segregated University Fee Budget, which shall include the non-allocable budget, the allocable budget, and the Segregated University Fee level which is established by the committee and recommended to the Chancellor for approval.

(b) SUFAC may add to its membership at large members from the student body dictated by the SUFAC by-laws.

(c) SUFAC is responsible for the creation of by-laws governing its behavior consistent with this Constitution. These by-laws shall come under review each year.

(d) SUFAC shall hold annual public hearings regarding the non-allocable university budgets and make recommendations to the Chancellor regarding those budgets.

(e) SUFAC shall hold public hearings regarding the allocable university budgets, and shall approve or disapprove requested items in such budgets.

(f) If a student organization brings forth a complaint detailing a specific alleged procedural or viewpoint neutrality violation in a decision made by SUFAC within seven (7) days of the decision, SUFAC shall review said decision within fourteen (14) days of the original decision.

(g) Committee SUFAC shall hear and provide recommendations to the Student Senate on the Student Government Association budget that the Student Government Association President presents.

(h) SUFAC shall have responsibility for allocating and reallocating any remaining fee monies whose distribution is requested during each fiscal year.

(i) SUFAC shall follow all state laws and court decisions applicable to its work. The SUFAC shall be chaired by the Chair of SUFAC

(j) Items passed in SUFAC shall be considered to have passed the Student Senate via automatic consent. The Segregated Fee cannot pass Student Senate via automatic consent.

(k) Any changes to this part of the Constitution shall require a majority vote by SUFAC.

(l) Allocations of \$5000 or more of the Sustainability Fund must be presented for advisory discussion to the Senate prior to submission of approval to SUFAC.

Section 1.05 Residence Hall and Apartment Association

(a) The membership of the Residence Hall and Apartment Association (RHAA) shall include a President, a Vice-President, their designees, and Representatives. The Residence Hall and Apartment Association is allowed to add to their membership members and associated organizations as deemed fitting by majority vote of the body.

(b) A President and Vice-President of RHAA, responsible for the daily operation of the board, shall be elected for a one year term as a ticket in the spring prior to the upcoming academic year. Only campus residents may vote for the President and Vice President of the RHAA.

(c) RHAA is responsible for the creation of standing rules governing its behavior consistent with this Constitution.

(d) RHAA shall have primary responsibility for review and formulation of policies pertinent to issues affecting students residing in University housing. Jurisdictional disputes with the Senate shall be decided by the Student Court.

(e) Due to RHAA's unique function, RHAA shall be allowed to coordinate programming for the education and enjoyment of students residing in University housing.

(f) The RHAA leadership shall determine a budget each year based upon a resident per-student charge established by the Director of Residence Life. The budget shall be reviewed by the Director of Residence Life for final approval.

(g) RHAA shall monitor its own financial affairs independent of the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee due to its exclusionary membership and unique funding structure. Residence hall and Apartment Association also has the right to maintain its own agency funds.

(h) Any changes to this section of the Constitution shall require a 2/3 majority vote of approval by the RHAA.

Article II. The Executive Branch

Section 2.01 Student Government President and Vice-President

(a) The executive power shall be vested in a President of the Student Government Association. The President shall officially represent the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay student body, in conjunction with the Vice-President, at the campus, local, state, and national levels.

(b) The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the student body for a one year term as a ticket in the spring prior to the upcoming academic year.

(c) The President shall, at least once per semester, address the student body of the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay, on matters related to student governance and the general welfare of students.

(d) The President shall take care to faithfully execute the orders of the Senate and to recommend to the Senate's consideration such measures as they shall judge necessary and expedient. The President may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the Senate.

(e) The Vice-President shall serve as Chair of the Student Senate.

(f) The President and Vice-President are responsible for the review, compilation, and submission of an operating budget for the Student Government Association each year, composed of the Senate, Student Court, and Executive budget requests, for presentation for recommendations to the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee annually.

(g) The Student Government Association budget shall include scholarships for President, Vice-President, standing committee chairs, Speaker of the Student Senate, Administrative Assistants and the Student Court Justices.

Section 2.02 Executive Board

(a) Executive Board membership shall include the President, Vice-President, and the standing committee chairs.

(b) There shall be ten (10) standing committee Chairs: Academic Affairs Committee, Community Engagement Committee, Environmental Affairs Committee, Equity and Diversity Committee, Health and Safety Committee, Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee, Student Recreation and Athletics Committee, Student Resources Committee, Union and Dining Committee, and University Governance Committee.

(c) The Executive Board shall be responsible for the creation of standing by-laws consistent with this constitution.

(d) The Executive Board shall convene at least once every twenty-eight (28) days while the Senate is in session.

(e) The Executive Board may add to its membership as it sees fit with a 2/3 majority vote of Senate approval.

(f) In the event that a Chair is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Vice-President, or designee appointed by the Vice-President, shall assume the responsibilities of that Chair until the Senate has approved a new chair nominee.

Section 2.03 Presidential Appointments

(a) The President shares responsibility with the Vice-President for nomination, supervision, and/or removal of the Chairs of the Standing Committees. Chair nominations must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

(b) The President shall appoint one student to serve as Executive Administrative Assistant. This appointment is exempt from approval by the Senate. The Executive Administrative Assistant's responsibilities shall include but not be limited to taking minutes of formal meetings and any tasks pertaining to Student Government Activity that the Executive Board may ask of them.

(c) The President shall appoint all justices to the Student Court, to be confirmed by the Student Senate.

(d) The President shall appoint someone with at least one (1) semester experience serving on the Segregated University Fees Allocation Committee if such a person seeks the appointment.

(e) The President shall appoint students to standing University of Wisconsin—Green Bay governance committees outside the Student Government Association, as designated by the Dean of Students or the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic staff each academic year. The President shall appoint a member of the Student Court to the Residency Appeals Committee, Athletics Appeal Committee, and Student Misconduct Hearing Committee if a Student Court member seeks appointment. These appointments are exempt from approval by the Senate.

Section 2.04 Executive Approval of Legislation

(a) All legislative business having passed the Student Senate, shall, before it becomes record, be presented to the President of the Student Government Association. For a measure to become record, it must be signed by the Student Government Association President within seven (7) working days. The seven (7) working day period begins on midnight of the day the President receives the measure.

(b) If the Student Government Association President objects to a measure, the President may veto the measure by returning it to its origin of vote together with a statement of the objections, within the aforementioned seven (7) working day period. Unless the originating body subsequently votes by a 2/3 majority to override the veto, the measure does not become record.

(c) If the Student Government Association President does not act on a measure within the aforementioned seven (7) working days and the Student Senate is in session, the measure becomes record without the Student Government Association President's approval. If the Student Senate is not in session, the measure does not become record until the next session of student senate.

Section 2.05 Succession of Power

(a) In the event that the office of President is unable to fulfill his or her obligations and duties, the Vice-President shall immediately assume the office of President.

(b) Should the office of the Vice-President become vacant or should the Vice-President be unable to fulfill his or her obligations and duties, the President shall appoint a new Vice-President to be approved by the Senate. If the President does not appoint a Vice-President within fourteen (14) days while in session the Senate shall elect a Vice-President from the student body.

(c) In the event both the President and the Vice-President are unable to fulfill their obligations and duties, the Senate shall convene in an emergency meeting within seven (7) days in session and with a minimum of at least 5 senators to elect a new temporary President and Vice President. An emergency election will be held as soon as reasonably possible by Student Court. If there are not five senators present at the emergency meeting, the Speaker of the Senate shall assume the position of the President until an emergency election is held by Student Court.

Article III. The Judicial Branch

Section 3.01 The Student Court

(a) The Judicial power shall be vested in a Student Court, which shall have five (5) justices.

(b) The Student Court shall select one of its members to serve as Chief Justice.

(c) Student Court Justices shall have terms extending for the entire time in which they are students at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, or otherwise choose to relinquish their respective seat on the Court, unless removed by the Senate through a Motion of No Confidence

or if their GPA falls below a 2.25 on a scale of 4.0. If a justice does not meet the required GPA at any point in time, it results in immediate dismissal from Student Court and the vacated seat will be filled according to Article 2, Section 2.03, C.

(d) The Student Court is responsible for the creation of by-laws governing its behavior consistent with this Constitution.

(e) The Court has jurisdiction over any issues or disputes arising under this constitution.

(f) The Student Court is responsible for the Student Government Association elections each year. The Court is to take care that all elections are conducted truthfully and fairly, and according to such rules as the Court shall make as outlined in article III section 3.01

(g) The Court shall adopt standing election rules, to be confirmed by a simple majority of the Justices and 2/3 of Senate.

(h) The Court has the ability to request information and/or data, or solicit testimony, on any issue before the Court.

i) At least one representative of the Student Court must come to one Student Government Executive Board meeting per month unless there is a reasonable expectation of bias.

(j) The Chief Justice of the Student Court is required to create an operating budget each fiscal year. The Chief Justice will present it to the Student Government Association President, but the final budget proposal shall be presented to the Chief Justice before being submitted to the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee. If the President is to make a change to the proposed operating budget created by the Chief Justice, the President is required to notify the Chief Justice.

(k) Any plaintiff or any defendant involved in a decision made by Student Court has the right to appeal said decision. The Student Court must hear this appeal if the appellants follow the acceptable demeanor policy elaborated in article III section 3.03 (a). The Student Court must reasonably hear evidence or arguments made by anyone involved in the case. If the Student Court finds it prudent, they may alter or reverse their initial decision at any point during the appeal process. However, the Student Court is under no obligation to alter or reverse their original decision. Once a single appeal process has been concluded, the case may not be appealed again. Any plaintiff or any defendant may represent themselves or may designate another student to represent them on their behalf. Individuals who wish to have another student represent them must give student court twelve (12) hours' notice to the student court email.

(l) All Student Government Association members must be currently enrolled students at the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay and carrying a minimum of three (3) credits per regular semester. Members and candidates for membership in Senate or Executive Board must also have at least a 2.25 cumulative and semester grade point averages calculated on a 4.0 scale. While the Student Government President and Vice President are required to have, a 2.5 cumulative and semester grade point averages calculated on a 4.0 scale. New students to the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay without cumulative grade averages are assumed to be eligible for membership.

(m) Any member of SGA, in any branch, has the right to ask the Student Court for an exception to the GPA requirements in Article IV Section 4.1 (c) due to extenuating circumstances. To ask for an exception, Justices, Senators and the Speaker of the Senate must have a GPA that is above a 2.0 but below a 2.25. SGA President and Vice President can ask for an exception if their GPA falls between a 2.25 and 2.5. Student Court Justices have their case heard by the Senate and an exception is made through 2/3rds vote.

Section 3.02 Appeal Process from the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee

(a) The Court shall hear any appeals by individuals or groups regarding decisions made by the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee or the Senate.

(b) Organizations or any persons aggrieved by a student fee funding decision by the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee may, within seven (7) days of the committee's review as described in Section I .04(f), request a review of said decision where it is alleged that viewpoint neutrality was violated. Procedural disputes may also be considered by the student court.

(c) The Court shall, in a timely manner, gather all necessary information and either overturn or affirm the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee decision. A timely manner shall be considered no longer than fourteen (14) business days, unless the size of the case cannot be reasonably resolved within that amount of time. The Court shall provide a written decision to all parties involved.

(d) Any organization or any persons not satisfied with the decision of the Student Court may request that the Chancellor or designee review the decisions. A written request must be provided to the Chancellor within seven (7) days after the response of Student Court was issued that articulates with specificity the disagreement with the decision. This request can only be made after procedures outlined in Section 3.02 (b) have been exhausted. The Chancellor shall review

the appeal and provide a decision no later than twenty-one (21) days after the Chancellor's review was requested. The Chancellor's decision shall be final unless the matter is brought before the Board of Regents in accordance with Regent Policy Documents 86-4 and 86-6.

Section 3.03 – The Student Court

(a). All individuals bringing matters before the Court shall do so in a fashion which is appropriate and within the bounds of proper business conduct. Failure to provide written documentation or oral presentation in a fashion consistent with acceptable demeanor shall be grounds for dismissal of the claim. Examples of unacceptable behavior include screaming, swearing, yelling, and physical conduct. Individuals that continue to engage after a verbal warning from the chief justice shall be dismissed from the hearing.

(b). Abuse of procedural process, including but not limited to; refiling of claims already decided by the Court; filing *writs of certiorari* against members of the Court for their voting record; or other abuse of process shall create grounds for dismissal of the claim.

Article IV. Membership

Section 4.01 Membership

(a) Any University of Wisconsin—Green Bay student is eligible to participate in the activities of the Student Government Association. All members of the student body are entitled to the rights, privileges, and protection secured through the efforts of the Student Government Association.

(b) The Student Government Association shall not discriminate against any student interested in participation in Student Government Association activities on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, national origin or ancestry, political ideology, command of the English language, or age, unless pursuant to an exception recognized by Wisconsin state or federal law.

(c) All Student Government Association members must be currently enrolled students at the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay and carrying a minimum of three (3) credits per regular semester. Members and candidates for membership in Senate or Executive Board must also have at least a 2.25 cumulative and semester grade point averages calculated on a 4.0 scale. While the Student Government President and Vice President are required to have, a 2.5 cumulative and semester grade point averages calculated on a 4.0 scale. New students to the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay without cumulative grade averages are assumed to be eligible for membership.

(d) The Dean of Students Office shall conduct a grade point averages check at the beginning of each semester upon receiving a Student Government Association membership list from the Student Government Association President.⁴

(e) Any Student Government Association member whose grade point averages falls below a 2.0 and above a 1.0 cumulative or semester grade point averages during his or her term shall be given a one-semester grace period in which to raise the cumulative and semester grade point averages to the required level. If, after one semester, the student's cumulative and semester grade point averages do not reach 2.0, the student shall lose membership status. If the student has a semester grade point average or cumulative grade point average that falls below a 1.0 then the student loses membership immediately.

(f) Members must conduct themselves professionally, ethically, and with respect to students and to their role within Student Government. Members must adhere to state and local law, and University policy.

(g) No student may serve in more than one branch of Student Government Association as a voting member. Committee Chairs may serve on the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee as at-large members.

(h) The terms of all members, excluding those of Student Court Justices, expire on May 1st of each academic year.

(i) Any member of SGA, in any branch, has the right to ask the Student Court for an exception to the GPA requirements in Article IV Section 4.1 (c) due to extenuating circumstances. To ask for an exception, Justices, Senators and the Speaker of the Senate must have a GPA that is above a 2.0 but below a 2.25. SGA President and Vice President can ask for an exception if their GPA falls between a 2.25 and 2.5. Student Court Justices have their case heard by the Senate and an exception is made through 2/3rds vote.

Article V. Student Government Association Resource Liaisons

Section 5.01 Student Government Association Resource Liaisons

(a) Resource liaisons are those of the administration, faculty, and/or staff who are appointed to provide historical and statistical information to the Student Government Association bodies and to aid in the facilitation of group communication and effective group dynamics.

(b) Each body of the Student Government Association shall have only one resource liaison. Each committee of the Senate, due to their varied functions and roles, is allowed resource liaison(s) to work with the group.

(c) The Dean of Students is responsible for selecting the resource liaison person for all Student Government Association groups. The Dean of Students is to give first priority of committee resource liaisons to the positions listed in Article VI of the Senate By-Laws.

(d) Resource liaisons are to serve as references for the Student Government Association to utilize, and as such, the resource liaisons are not permitted to introduce motions or legislation, or vote on any issue before the Student Government Association bodies.

Article VI. Student Government Association Meeting Procedures

Section 6.01 Meeting Procedures

(a) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

(b) The Chair of the Senate is to make a reasonable attempt to inform the Student Body of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as to meeting times and places of the Student Senate.

Section 6.02 Parliamentary Procedure

(a) The rules of order for the Student Government Association shall be contained within the official Student Government Association copy of the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

(b) The rules of order are to be used in all applicable situations consistent with this Student Government Association Constitution.

(c) Instances of parliamentary authority and meeting procedure not provided for in the respective board by-laws or within Robert's Rules of Order are to be conducted at the parliamentary discretion of the meeting's presiding officer, and subject to the approval of the body in attendance at that meeting.

Section 6.03 Closed Sessions

(a) Any Student Government Association body has the right to move into a closed session consistent with Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 19.85. A Student Government Association body may move into a closed session to: deliberate any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing, consider disciplinary information, dismissal, or demotion of any Student Government Association member or employee and investigate any such charges against such a person, consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any Student Government Association active member or employee, consider specific personnel and/or organizational problems resulting from personal conflicts between group members, confer with legal counsel in the rendering of oral or written information concerning litigation involving the Student Government Association.

(b) Twenty-four (24) hours public notice must be given prior to entertaining a motion to move into closed session. The presiding officer must announce at the meeting at which such a motion is made, the nature of the business to be considered while in closed session meeting and the subsection of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 19.85 by which closed session is claimed to be authorized.

(c) A motion to enter into closed session shall be executed by a roll-call majority vote in favor of the closed session meeting

Section 6.04 Rights of Non-Members

(a) All students of the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay shall have the right of free access to all Student Government Association information pursuant to the State of Wisconsin open records law. This access shall include, but is not limited to, attendance at meetings where policy is discussed and access to all Student Government Association documents.

(b) Unless a closed session as explained in Section 6.04(a) is initiated, meetings must be open to all students and the general public, and individual items intended for consideration at all meetings of the Student Government Association bodies must be articulated and posted in a public area prior to any Student Government Association meeting as provided for by the Wisconsin open meeting laws, Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 19.

(c) Upon recognition by the presiding officer of a meeting, any guest may voice an opinion, but not vote, on any issue before the meeting body.

Article V II. Motion of No-Confidence

Section 7.01 Motion of No-Confidence

(a) The President, Vice President, Student Court Justices and all chairs serving under this constitution shall be removed from office through a motion of no confidence if involved in conduct which is in violation of the articles of this Constitution, displays unethical conduct, participates in illegal activities, or is negligent in the professional and timely performance of his or her duties and responsibilities established under this Constitution.

(b) A motion of no confidence shall require a Petition which articulates with specificity a list of grievances and the signatures from 2/5 of the Senate. The Petition shall then be submitted to the Student Court to be presented by the Chief Justice to the Senate at its next meeting. The Chief Justice shall then designate a closed meeting time in accordance with Section 6.04(a) for the motion of no confidence proceedings within fourteen (14) days while the Senate is in session.

(c) Motion of no confidence proceedings shall consist of arguments from both petitioners and the defendant presided over by the Student Court. After hearing arguments, the Senate shall hold questioning of all parties involved. With the Students Court's approval the Senate shall then vote on the motion of no confidence which shall require a 2/3 majority to pass. The defendant shall be removed from office then if the motion of no confidence passes the Senate.

(d) In the event, that a motion of no confidence is brought forth against a member of the Court the Vice-President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the court during the proceedings and only during the proceedings.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 8.01 Amendment Process

- (a) Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a $3/4$ majority vote of the Senate.
- (b) Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a $2/3$ majority vote of the Senate, and majority vote in a corresponding referendum.