



CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

**PREAMBLE:**

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to serve all students as the supreme student body for the governing student life at Iowa Wesleyan University. This governing body will coordinate the interests of the student body with the interests of the faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Student Government Association of Iowa Wesleyan University.

**ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

The Executive power shall be vested on the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary; who shall hold a term of office for one year, chosen by members of the student body at large. All shall be subject to impeachment as outlined in the By-Laws of the Constitution.

**President:**

- a. The President shall be a liaison from the Student Senate to the Administration and Student Body.
- b. Shall be the official spokesperson for the Student Senate.
- c. Shall have the authority to vote in all legislative proposals and initiatives, excluding student appointments.
- d. The President will appoint the Treasurer and Secretary to then be confirmed with a vote by the Senate
- e. The Student Body President has the authority to author and sponsor Student Senate legislation.
- f. Implement subcommittees in coordination with the Student Senate.

- g. Nominate committee with a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting.
- h. Shall be subject to impeachment as outlined in the By-Laws.
- i. The Student Government Association President shall also be known as Student Body President.

**Vice President:**

- a. The Vice President shall preside over the Student Senate and run all meetings following Robert's Rules of Order.
- b. Shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Student Body President in case of vacancy for the remainder of the original term.
- c. Shall have the authority to vote in all legislative proposals and initiatives and student appointments.
- d. The Student Body Vice President has the authority to author and sponsor Student Senate legislation.
- e. The Vice President will nominate the Supreme Court Justices to be confirmed by the Executive Board and then the Senate
- f. The Student Government Association Vice President shall also be known as Student Body Vice President.

**Treasurer:** Will be appointed by the President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

**Secretary:** Will be appointed by the President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

**Executive Council**

The Executive Council shall consist of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. The Executive Council shall have the power to set the agenda for meetings of the Student Senate.
- b. The Executive Council shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the Student Senate.
- c. The Executive Council shall serve as forum for members to discuss current university issues, develop a student led strategic plan, and develop programs and initiatives to strengthen student leadership campus-wide.
- d. All other interested students have access to and privilege of input to the Executive Council.

## **ARTICLE III - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

### **Section 1 – Purpose and Powers**

The Student Senate shall be the representative government of the Student Body. The Student Senate shall:

- a. Uphold the ideals as stated in the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Iowa Wesleyan University.
- b. Handle all student legislation and appropriation of Senate funds.
- c. In addition to the President, the Senate shall have the ability to implement subcommittees and review committee reports.
- d. Shall have the right to voice any concerns regarding the student body as a whole during Senate meetings or to the President.
- g. Shall recognize all campus organizations and the use of campus facilities.
- h. Approve a budget for the Senate fiscal year.
- i. Approve all student appointments by the President with a 2/3 vote.

### **Section 2 – Membership**

The members of the Senate will be representatives from all full time students that wish to be recognized at Iowa Wesleyan University Senate. Each Iowa Wesleyan University organization must have a different representative at the Senate meetings to represent their organization. Each Residential Hallway will also send one representative to be present at Senate meetings.

- a. Each organization must have one person who will serve with the members of the other organizations as Senators in the Student Government Association.
- b. It is up to each organization to provide a Senator for that organization to be fully recognized by the Student Government Association.
- c. Each representative from all the Student Body, organizations, and resident halls will comprise the Student Senate.
- d. Students will hold the title of Senator and will be formerly recognized as a Student Body Senator.

### **Section 3 – Supreme Court**

1. Shall be Senate members who volunteer
2. In an event of more than 5 applicants the Executive board will vote in Justices
3. Will be made up of 3-5 Supreme Court Justices
4. Shall adhere to all the duties outlines in the Constitution

## **Section 4 – Meetings**

The Student Senate shall meet at least once a month during the regular academic year, at a place designated by the Executive Council.

- a. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Council.
- b. All meetings will be open to the Student Body.
- c. A quorum shall be defined in the By-Laws.
- d. Meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- e. Highlights of service projects should be announced at this time

## **ARTICLE IV- JUDICIAL BRANCH**

The Judiciary Branch shall resolve all writs of charge in which a student's or organizations conduct is in conflict with the rules and regulations as defined in the Student Handbook and the Student Government Association's Constitution and By-Laws. These charges will be issued directly to the Student Government Executive Board by the Supreme Court Justices. The Executive Board will discuss and vote on the issue, if the vote passes the charge will then be stated to the Senate at the next Senate meeting. The Senate will then issue a vote on the charges.

### **Origin of Cases**

- a. All writs of charge involving students or organizations in violation of rules, as defined in the Student Handbook and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Government Association, shall be brought before the Executive Branch by any member of the college community.
- b. All student writs of charge involving academic or organization integrity shall be brought before the Executive Board.
- c. Executive Branch votes on case to take to the Senate meeting with a 2/3 majority.
- d. The Senate reviews the issue at hand and vote on with 2/3 majority rule
- e. Once voted as a violation of rules an organization may be dismissed from the Student Body Organization system
- f. Once voted as a violation of a rule of an individual person, that person or persons may be dismissed from their respected club or organization and further hearings may occur depending on violation. Meetings with the Coordinator of Student Development or the Dean of Students
- g. Appeal may be allied during an Executive Board meeting, with a 2/3 majority rule

## **ARTICLE V- BILL OF RIGHTS**

### **Section 1**

All Iowa Wesleyan University students shall possess the applicable rights listed in the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution.

### **Section 2**

All Iowa Wesleyan University regulations and policies must be clearly stated. All such regulations and policies must be made accessible to all students.

## **ARTICLE VI- RATIFICATION**

This constitution shall replace any previous constitution once it has been proposed and approved by at least  $2/3$  of the members of the present Student Senate and when it shall have been ratified by a simple majority of the students voting in an all-campus vote, and approval of the President of Iowa Wesleyan University. This constitution shall become operative during the fall semester, 2017.

## **ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS**

An amendment to the Constitution must be brought before the Student Senate, table, and brought up for a vote at the next scheduled meeting of the assembly. An amendment must be approved by at least  $2/3$  vote of the Student Senate and ratified by a simple majority of the students voting in an all-campus vote, and by approved by the President of Iowa Wesleyan University.

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