

3359-43-01 Constitution.

(A) Preamble.

As members of the undergraduate student government (USG), we shall serve as an advocate for undergraduate students to the faculty and administration. We are dedicated to understanding and addressing the needs and interests of the undergraduate community by actively

- (ii) General members of USG must carry at least six credit hours, maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and be in good standing as defined by the university of Akron

membership requirements and to maintain the requirements set forth in the following documents:

- (i) USG leadership contract; and the
 - (ii) USG constitution and bylaws.
- (b) Accountability hearings, coordinated by student affairs and ad team, shall be held twice a semester to determine if compensation is in order, based on the individual's performance and fulfillment of these requirements.
- (c) No individual may hold more than one compensated position within USG simultaneously. All other accountability hearing stipulations shall be outlined in the USG general bylaws.
- (6) Faculty senate.
- (a) Faculty senate seat elections and stipulations of the faculty senate student representatives shall be outlined in the USG general bylaws congruent with faculty senate bylaws.e bylaws bylbcn -0.004 Tc C

- (iv) Managing the general operations of the senate.
 - (v) Maintaining all records of weekly senate office hours and accountability forms.
- (5) Budget and goals.

The senate shall review and vote on the annual operating budget for USG and annual goals that shall be presented by the president at the second regular senate

forwarded include, but are not limited to legislation having campus wide implications and all encompassing facility usage. If any legislation is not approved by the board of trustees, USG ad team members shall meet with the vice president ~~of student engagement and success~~ for student affairs or his or her designee to discuss the proposed legislation.

(D) Executive branch.

(1) Powers.

The executive powers herein granted shall be vested in the executive branch of USG.

(2) Executive branch membership.

The executive branch shall be composed of the president, vice president, and the executive cabinet. Additional executive branch positions shall be outlined in the executive bylaws.

(3) Executive officer duties.

(a) The president shall be the chief executive officer and the official spokesperson for the USG. These powers and duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- (i) Presiding over ad team meetings.
- (ii) Attending all senate meetings and submitting an activity report at all senate meetings.
- (iii) Approving or vetoing bills or resolutions passed by the senate as previously outlined in paragraph (C)(7) of this rule.
- (iv) Serving in person or by his or her designee, as the representative of the undergraduate student body to all university boards, committees, or commissions to which he or she may be appointed.

- (b) Further descriptions of executive officer duties shall be outlined in the executive bylaws.
- (4) Undergraduate student organization funding.
 - (a) USG shall determine the undergraduate student organization funding policy as outlined in the USG general bylaws.
- (5) Executive orders.
 - (a) The president shall have the authority to write executive orders, which are directives issued by the president in order to respond to issues requiring a prompt or immediate response and which are effective immediately upon their issuance. At the time of issuance, the president shall provide a rationale and justification for the executive order. All presidential appointments shall be written as executive orders.
 - (b) For an executive order to continue in effect, it must be approved by the senate at the next senate meeting following its issuance. All executive orders approved by the senate to continue in effect shall be approved by a majority of the senate present and voting as a whole. Such orders only need to be read at one senate meeting before being voted upon.
- (E) Judicial branch.
 - (1) Powers.

The judicial powers of USG shall be vested in the judicial branch and shall extend to all cases arising under this constitution and the acts of the senate and executive branch.
 - (2) Judicial membership.

The judicial branch shall be composed of the chief justice, executive justice and justices. The number of justice seats shall be defined in the judicial bylaws.

(3) Judicial duties.

- (a) The chief justice shall be the chief administrator of the judicial branch. The powers and duties of the chief justice include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Submitting weekly activity reports to the president and senate concerning the conduct of the court at all senate meetings.
 - (ii) Attending all senate meetings to address any constitution, bylaw, or parliamentary questions, that

- (iii) Constitutional or bylaw questions, including, but not limited to, all legislation and executive orders.
- (iv) Grievances involving non-academic university complaints, unless the case has jurisdiction within another university process. Grievance cases shall be outlined in the judicial bylaws.
- (v) Undergraduate students' university parking citations, as requested by and at the discretion of the university of Akron.

(F) Term limits.

- (1) General members shall serve a term of one fiscal year until resignation or failure to meet USG membership requirements. Those who express interest in participating the following fiscal year shall follow the procedures outlined in the USG general bylaws.
- (2) Justices shall serve a term until resignation, graduation, failure to meet USG membership requirements, or are impeached from office.
- (3) The term of the office of the president shall be from the time of oath of office at the last senate meeting of the spring semester until the last senate meeting of the following spring semester.
- (4) All appointments made to the executive branch and the office of vice president, chief justice, and executive justice shall serve a term concurrent with that of the office of the president.
- (5) Senators shall serve a term concurrent with that of the office of the president, with the exception of senators serving two congruent terms.

(G) Appointments.

- (1) All appointments must follow the hiring procedures as outlined in the USG bylaws.

(2) Appointments to the legislative branch.

- (a) The senate shall vote on appointment legislation written by the senate chair to the legislative branch. All such legislation shall require a two-thirds majority vote of senate, present and voting as a whole, for approval.
- (b) In the absence of the senate chair, the temporary line of succession for presiding over the senate meetings shall be the senate vice chair, followed by the senior-most member on the senate, based on the start of service in office.
- (c) Any person temporarily filling the duties of senate chair shall have suspended appointment powers. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the position of senate chair, a new senate chair shall be elected at the next senate meeting to finish the term.

(3) Appointment to the executive branch.

- (a) In the case of a permanent vacancy in the office of the president, the vice president shall be the successor to the president. In the case of a permanent vacancy in both the positions of president and vice president, the temporary line of succession shall be the senate chair followed by the vice senate chair followed by the most senior senate member until a special election can occur.
- (b) The president has the power to appoint individuals to vacancies in the executive branch.
- (c) The senate shall vote on appointments to the executive branch through executive orders by a two-thirds majority vote of the senate present and voting as a whole with the exception of an appointment written through executive order without the need for a senate vote.
- (d) The president shall have the power to establish, suspend se of16 >>BDC -19.11

a two-thirds majority vote of senate present and voting as a whole.

- (4) Appointments to judicial branch.
 - (a) The chief justice shall be appointed from among the current serving justices by the president and a two-thirds majority vote of senate present and voting as a whole.
 - (b) In the case of a permanent vacancy in the office of the chief justice, the executive justice shall serve the remainder of the chief justice's term.
 - (c) The chief justice shall recommend individuals to the president for all unfilled justice seats.

- (ii) At least two-thirds of the number of students voting in the most recent general election must participate to validate the election. The USG secretary shall keep all voting records from the previous elections.
 - (iii) Passage of the referendum shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those students voting in that special election. This election shall take place as expeditiously as possible.
- (4) Recall.
 - (a) Any elected member of USG may be subject to a recall vote with a petition containing signatures of at least twenty-five percent of the number of students voting in the most recent general election. The USG secretary shall keep all voting records from the previous elections.
 - (b) All information regarding this recall must be distributed to the voting population at least one week prior to this election.
 - (c) The member shall be considered removed from office if the

The members of USG have the duty to recommend to the senate the removal of any of the above listed positions of USG who is consistently negligent in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities.

(3) Procedures.

- (a) A bill calling for the impeachment and citing specific reasons for such must be presented at a regular meeting of the senate. A two-thirds majority vote of senate present and voting as a whole shall instruct the chief justice whether or not to proceed with an impeachment hearing.
- (b) The impeachment hearing of a USG member shall occur at the next regular senate meeting after the passage of the bill. The chief justice shall preside over all impeachment hearings. In the event of the impeachment of the chief justice, the executive justice shall preside over the impeachment hearing.
- (c) Impeachment of a USG member requires a three-quarters majority vote of senate present and voting as a whole.
- (d) Double jeopardy.

Except in the case of newly discovered evidence, no official shall be tried more than once for the same offense, nor shall more than one vote for removal be taken in the course of the hearing.

(J) Governing document review, ratification, and amendment procedures.

(1) Review and ratification of the constitution.

- (a) At least every five years, starting at the year 2010, upon a majority vote of senate present and voting as a whole, the senate shall direct the USG president to appoint a review commission, which shall have the authority to recommend amendments to this constitution to the senate. The

commission shall consist of members from each branch of USG.

- (b) Any senator on the commission may introduce, in amendment form, all constitutional changes proposed by the review commission. If any amendments are proposed, the senate shall vote on the changes within fourteen days after their introduction.
- (c) If the proposed amendments are approved by a majority of senate present and voting as a whole, then the amendments shall be presented to the students at a re-ratification election. This election shall be held within thirty days after the senate votes on the proposed amendments. The proposed amendment must be available to the undergraduate student body, in print, at least one week prior to the election.
- (d) If the constitution is ratified by a majority of the undergraduate student body members voting in the election, it shall be forwarded, presented, and reviewed in a reasonable time mutually agreed upon by the USG ad team and the following individuals or bodies in the order listed:
 - (i) Vice president of ~~student engagement and success for student affairs~~, or his or her designee;
 - (ii) President of the university, or the president's designee; and the
 - (iii) Board of trustee(or<r>-1(d >>8he)]TJ 6.94 0 Td ()Tj EMC /3 <</MCI

student body after a two-thirds majority vote of the senate present and voting as a whole.

- (ii) If proposed in the form of a petition, the amendment(s) shall be placed for vote before the undergraduate student body after the USG secretary has validated the signatures.
- (b) The senate shall submit amendments proposed by passage of a bill or petition in a timely manner prior to the election in which it shall be voted upon. The proposed amendment(s) must be available to the undergraduate student body, in print, at least one week prior to the election.
- (c) If the amendments are approved by a majority of the undergraduate student body members voting in the election, they shall be forwarded, presented, and reviewed in a reasonable time to be mutually agreed upon by the USG ad team and the following individuals in the order listed:
 - (i) ~~Vice president of student engagement and success~~ for student affairs, or his or her designee;
 - (ii) President of the university, or the president's designee; and the
 - (iii) Board of trustees.
- (3) Amendments to the bylaws.
 - (a) Each branch's section of the bylaws shall be reviewed and approved at or before the second regular branch meeting of the academic year by a majority vote of the branch present and voting as a whole. All branch bylaw amendments must pass

members of USG present and voting as a whole. All USG