

VOLUME I

# Student Government Association of East Carolina University Constitution<sup>i</sup>

We, the students of East Carolina University, desiring to preserve within this University an atmosphere of free discussion, inquiry, and self-expression, to ensure the personal freedom and general welfare of the Student Body, and to continue in this State's time-honored tradition of responsible self-government, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Student Government Association of East Carolina University.

## Article I. NAME, PURPOSE, AND STRUCTURE

**SECTION ONE – Name.** The name of this organization shall be the “Student Government Association of East Carolina University,” which herein after may be referred to as “Student Government Association.”

**SECTION TWO – Purpose.** The Student Government Association exists to serve the students of East Carolina University, and will be a source of governance for the students so that they may be heard collectively. This organization will encourage cooperation that inspires positive change within the university and its constituents, while upholding the

values and mission of East Carolina University. The focus of the Student Government Association is to advocate for the East Carolina University Student Body by creating Student-University engagement. Opportunities will be in an environment in which students have the right to self-expression.

**SECTION THREE – Structure.** The Student Government Association shall be comprised of the Student Assembly, the Executive Cabinet, the Executive Council, and the Elections Commission. While these are distinct bodies, they do not constitute separate branches of government.

## Article II. STUDENT ASSEMBLY

**SECTION ONE – Composition.** The Student Assembly shall be composed of sixty (60) Representatives. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall both serve as non-voting *ex-officio* members. Composition can only be altered by amendment to this Constitution.

**SECTION TWO – Representative Qualifications.** Representatives of the Student Assembly shall:

- A. Be enrolled as an East Carolina University in a degree or certificate program;
- B. Be enrolled in a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of on campus credit hours during the fall and spring semesters;
- C. Not be found responsible for any academic or disciplinary violations while filing for election or during the term in office;
- D. Be in good standing in relation to conduct and academic status, as determined by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities;

- E. File all grade release documentation with East Carolina University prior to taking office;
- F. Have and maintain a minimum 2.500 cumulative grade point average and a minimum 2.500 semester grade point average as reported through the official student information system;
- G. Take the oath of office upon election or appointment, as prescribed in the Bylaws.

**SECTION THREE – Representative Responsibilities.** Representatives of the Student Assembly shall:

- A. Serve on at least one Standing Committee, unless an exception is granted by the Speaker of the Student Assembly or otherwise provided for in this Constitution;
- B. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION FOUR – Officers of the Student**

**Assembly.** Officers of the Student Assembly must be Representatives of the Student Assembly. Officers of the Student Assembly may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly following a motion of no confidence. The Officers of the Student Assembly shall be the following:

- A. Speaker of the Student Assembly
- B. Student Body Attorney General
- C. Student Body Secretary

**SECTION FIVE – Speaker of the Student**

**Assembly Qualifications.** The Speaker of the Student Assembly shall be elected by a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly and shall have served as a member of the Student Assembly for a minimum of six months. The Speaker of the Student Assembly shall have completed twenty-four (24) credit hours while enrolled at East Carolina University.

**SECTION SIX – Speaker of the Student Assembly**

**Responsibilities.** The Speaker of the Student Assembly shall:

- A. Serve as Chair of the Student Assembly;
- B. Preside over meetings of the Student Assembly;
- C. Appoint Representatives of the Student Assembly to the Standing Committees of the Student Assembly, with the exception of Standing Directors, the Student Body Attorney General, and the Student Body Secretary. Directors that do not serve as committee Chairs and the Student Body Secretary shall not serve on a Standing Committee due to their other responsibilities. The Speaker of the Student Assembly may excuse a Representative from committee service in exceptional cases with the consent of the Executive Council given by a majority affirmative vote.
- D. Appoint the Student Body Secretary for confirmation by the Student Assembly;
- E. Serve as a non-voting *ex-officio* member of all Standing Committees of the Student Assembly;
- F. Serve as the deciding vote only in the event of a tie in the Student Assembly.
- G. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION SEVEN – Student Body Attorney**

**General Qualifications.** The Student Body Attorney General must be elected by a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly.

**SECTION EIGHT – Student Body Attorney**

**General Responsibilities.** The Student Body Attorney General shall:

- A. Appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Elections Commission;
- B. Serve as the Chair of the Rules and Judiciary Committee;
- C. Serve as Parliamentarian of the Student Assembly;
- D. Preside over meetings of the Student Assembly as Chair in the absence of the Speaker of the Student Assembly;
- E. Preside over meetings of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.
- F. Preside over meetings of the Student Review Committee as Chair
- G. Oversee the Impeachment Hearing Process
- H. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION NINE – Student Body Secretary**

**Qualifications.** The Student Body Secretary shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Student Assembly and be confirmed by a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly.

**SECTION TEN – Student Body Secretary**

**Responsibilities.** The Student Body Secretary shall:

- A. Maintain all Student Government Association permanent records;
- B. Maintain agendas and minutes of meetings of the Student Assembly and its committees;
- C. Record minutes from meetings of the Student Assembly, Executive Cabinet, and Executive Council.
- D. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.
- E. Perform all other duties necessary for the operations of the Student Assembly as determined by the Speaker of the Student Assembly.

**SECTION ELEVEN – Powers of the Student**

**Assembly.** The Student Assembly shall have the power to:

- A. Determine by majority its rules and procedures

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- B. Elect a Speaker of the Student Assembly and a Student Body Attorney General from within the Student Assembly
- C. Fill any vacant seat in the Student Assembly through a process outlined in the Bylaws
- D. Approve or reject the appointments and recommendations of the Student Body President, Speaker of the Student Assembly, Student Body Attorney General, and Chair of the Elections Commission
- E. Override any presidential veto of legislation by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote
- F. Present, consider, enact, and repeal legislation
- G. Exercise supreme authority over all Student Government Association elections rules and procedures
- H. Regulate, primarily through the Financial Affairs and Appropriations Committee, the disbursement of Student Government Association funds
- I. Remove or impeach any member of the Student Government Association by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote
- J. Determine, by a majority vote, to enter into closed session as allowed under North Carolina Law
- K. Determine stipend amounts for members of the Executive Cabinet and Officers of the Student Assembly
- L. Hold elections to fulfill the Line of Succession outlined in Article V of this Constitution
- M. Adopt all laws necessary and proper for the general well-being of the Student Body

**SECTION TWELVE – Standing Committees of the Student Assembly.** The Standing Committees of the Student Assembly shall be the following:

- A. Rules and Judiciary Committee
- B. Financial Affairs and Appropriations Committee
- C. Marketing and Communications Committee
- D. Academic Affairs Committee
- E. University Affairs Committee
- F. Local and State Affairs Committee
- G. Equity and Intercultural Engagement Committee
- H. Community Outreach Committee
- I. Sustainable Development Committee

**SECTION THIRTEEN – Rules and Judiciary Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for the review of all personnel and structural changes to the Student Government Association that require a

vote by the Student Assembly and shall be chaired by the Student Body Attorney General.

**SECTION FOURTEEN – Financial Affairs and Appropriations Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for the allocation and disbursement of funds controlled by the Student Government Association, and shall examine other financial affairs as they may arise. This committee shall be chaired by the Student Body Treasurer.

**SECTION FIFTEEN – Marketing and Communications Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for all branding of the Student Government Association and shall assist the Director of Marketing and Communications with the management of publications and media on behalf of the Student Government Association. This committee shall be chaired by the Director of Marketing and Communication.

**SECTION SIXTEEN – Academic Affairs Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for advocating for the student body on all issues of academic policy and issues affecting the academic success of students and shall be chaired by the Director of Academic Affairs.

**SECTION SEVENTEEN – University Affairs Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for examining and promoting the policies, procedures, and initiatives of East Carolina University as they pertain to the student experience and shall be chaired by the Director of University Affairs.

**SECTION EIGHTEEN – Local and State Affairs Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for advocating for the student body on all issues affecting the City of Greenville, Pitt County, and State of North Carolina. This is done by interfacing with officials of local and state government, as well as organizations concerned with the welfare of this region. This committee shall be chaired by the Director of Local and State Affairs.

**SECTION NINETEEN – Equity and Intercultural Engagement Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for supporting all students' ability to live and learn in the East Carolina University environment regardless of age, gender, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, political ideology, political affiliation, political party, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information. This committee shall be chaired by the Director of Equity and Intercultural Engagement.

**SECTION TWENTY – Community Outreach Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for developing and maintaining relations with the City of Greenville community, Robert Wright Society, and other philanthropic commitments and initiatives. This committee shall be chaired by the Director of Community Outreach.

**SECTION TWENTY-ONE – Sustainable Development Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for advocating for students on issues of environmental health and sustainability policy and any environmental concerns of the students and shall be chaired by the Director of Sustainable Development.

### Article III. EXECUTIVE CABINET AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

**SECTION ONE – Composition of the Executive Cabinet.** The composition of the Executive Cabinet may only be altered by amendment to this Constitution. The Executive Cabinet shall be composed of the following:

- A. Student Body President
- B. Student Body Vice President
- C. Standing Directors
- D. *Ex-officio* Members

**SECTION TWO – Qualifications of the Student Body President.** The Student Body President must:

- A. Currently be enrolled as a full time student at East Carolina University;
- B. Be enrolled in a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of on campus classes during the fall and spring semesters;
- C. Must have completed twenty-four (24) credit hours while enrolled at East Carolina University;
- D. Not be found responsible for any academic or disciplinary violations while filing for election or while in office;
- E. Be in good standing in relation to conduct and academic status, as determined by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities;
- F. File all required grade release documentation with East Carolina University, prior to taking office;
- G. Have and maintain a minimum 2.500 cumulative grade point average and a minimum 2.500 semester grade point average as reported through the official student information system;
- H. Must be elected by the student body, unless following the line of succession;
- I. Take the oath of office upon election or appointment, as prescribed by the Bylaws.

**SECTION THREE – Responsibilities of the Student Body President.** The Student Body President shall:

- A. Serve as a non-voting *ex-officio* member of the Student Assembly.
- B. Serve as an *ex-officio* member of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees.
- C. Chair meetings of the Executive Cabinet and Executive Council.
- D. Address the state of the Student Government Association to the Student Assembly annually.
- E. Serve as the chief representative of the student body in all matters both internal and external.
- F. Attend meetings of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.
- G. Appoint Standing Directors with the Consultation of the Student Body Vice President.
- H. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association

**SECTION FOUR – Powers of the Student Body President.** The Student Body President shall have the power to:

- A. Appoint Non-Standing Directors with the consultation of the Student Body Vice President.
- B. Form Non-Standing Executive Committees. Members must be appointed by the Student Body President. A maximum of ten (10) members may be appointed to a committee.
- C. Appoint students to external bodies, such as University Committees, that maintain positions for the Student Government Association.
- D. Make other such appointments as may become necessary.

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- E. Approve any legislation adopted by the Student Assembly that requires approval.
- F. Veto any legislation adopted by the Student Assembly that requires approval. Any legislation not acted upon by the Student Body President in seven (7) University calendar days shall become enacted.

### **SECTION FIVE – Student Body Vice President.**

The Student Body Vice President must meet the qualifications of the office of Student Body President as prescribed in Article III Section Two of this document. The Student Body Vice President shall:

- A. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Student Assembly.
- B. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.
- C. Chair meetings of the Executive Cabinet and Executive Council in the absence of the Student Body President.
- D. Supervise and coordinate the internal operations of the Executive Cabinet.
- E. Coordinate outreach with campus and community organizations.
- F. Coordinate events and programs for the Executive Cabinet.
- G. Uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION SIX – Standing Directors.** The Standing Directors shall be referred to as Directors. The Directors of the Student Government Association shall include the following:

- A. Student Body Treasurer
- B. Director of Marketing and Communications
- C. Director of Academic Affairs
- D. Director of University Affairs
- E. Director of Local and State Affairs
- F. Director of Equity and Intercultural Engagement
- G. Director of Community Outreach
- H. Director of First Year Programs
- I. UNC Association of Student Governments Liaison
- J. Director of Sustainable Development

### **SECTION SEVEN– Qualifications of Directors.**

Each Director must be a Representative of the Student Assembly and must be appointed by the Student Body President. The appointment of Directors must be confirmed by a majority

affirmative vote of the Student Assembly before a Director assumes office. Additional Directors may not be appointed beyond those enumerated in Article III Section Five of this Constitution.

### **SECTION EIGHT – Responsibilities of Directors.**

The responsibilities and duties of each Director shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of the Student Government Association. Directors shall uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION NINE – Non-Standing Directors.** The Student Body President shall have the power to appoint Non-Standing Directors. The appointment of these Non-Standing Directors must be confirmed by a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly before a Non-Standing Directors assumes office. No more than three (3) Non-Standing Directors may hold office simultaneously. Non-Standing Directors must meet the qualifications of a Student Assembly Representative to hold office, but they do not have to be a member of the Student Assembly. Non-Standing Directors shall uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION TEN – Ex-officio Members.** The Officers of the Student Assembly shall serve as voting *ex-officio* members of the Executive Cabinet. Any Non-Standing Director appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Assembly shall also be a voting *ex-officio* member of the Executive Cabinet.

**SECTION ELEVEN – Executive Council.** The Executive Council, made up of members of the Executive Cabinet, is a deliberative body distinct from the Executive Cabinet, and it shall be comprised of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Student Body Secretary, Student Body Attorney General, and the Speaker of the Student Assembly. The Student Body President shall chair meetings of the Executive Council. In the absence of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall be chair. The Executive Council shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Student Government Association while the Student Assembly is not in regular session. This provision shall include but not be limited to times in between academic semesters and the summer semester.

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### **SECTION ONE – General Election Guidelines.**

Elections for Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, who shall run jointly on a ticket, shall be determined by a majority vote of students voting as administered by an instant-runoff voting system. Elections with only two Executive tickets shall be determined by a majority vote. If the instant-runoff system results in a tie between the top vote-garnering executive tickets, a runoff shall then be held and begin the Monday following the conclusion of the General Election, with voting beginning on Wednesday and ending on Friday at 5:00pm of the same week.

### **SECTION TWO – Requirements to File for**

**Election.** In order to file for election, candidates must meet the requirements and qualifications of the office for which they are filing. Tickets qualifying for the runoff election(s) are not required to file again for election.

### **SECTION THREE – Elections Commission**

**Composition.** The Elections Commission shall be comprised of a minimum of eight (8) members and a maximum of twenty (20) members. Of the members

of the Election Commission, there shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair who shall be appointed by the Student Body Attorney General and confirmed by a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly.

### **SECTION FOUR – Elections Commission**

**Responsibilities.** The Elections Commission shall be responsible for the oversight of all elections, the enforcement of election rules, and the taking of disciplinary action against candidates or tickets that violate election rules. Members of the Election Commission must meet the qualifications of a Student Assembly Representative. Members of the Elections Commission shall uphold all provisions outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and all other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

**SECTION FIVE – Term Limits.** A term is defined as one academic year, beginning upon the installation of officers in the spring semester and terminating upon the installation of officers the following year. Half a term is defined as six (6) months from the date of the office installation.

## Article V. LINE OF SUCCESSION.

**SECTION ONE – Student Body President.** In the event of a vacancy of the office of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall become the Student Body President. If the Student Body Vice President is unable to assume the office of the Student Body President, then the Speaker of the Student Assembly shall become the Student Body President. In the event that this line of succession is exhausted, the Student Assembly shall convene to elect a new Student Body President from among the membership of the Student Assembly. The election shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly.

### **SECTION TWO – Student Body Vice President.**

In the event of a vacancy of the office of the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body President shall appoint a successor, whose appointment shall be subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly.

### **SECTION THREE – Student Assembly**

**Representatives.** In the event that a Representative

of the Student Assembly position becomes vacant, the replacement shall be selected through a process outlined in the Bylaws.

### **SECTION FOUR – Executive Cabinet.**

In the event that a Director position becomes vacant, the replacement shall be selected by the Student Body President according to the process outlined in Article III of this Constitution. The Student Body President may choose not to fill vacant Non-Standing Director positions, or they may be filled according to the process outlined in Article III of this Constitution.

### **SECTION FIVE – Officers of the Student**

**Assembly.** In the event that an Officer of the Student Assembly position becomes vacant, the replacement shall be selected through a process outlined in the Article II of this Constitution.

### **SECTION SIX – Elections Commission.**

In the event that an Elections Commission position becomes vacant, the replacement shall be selected through a process outlined in the Bylaws.

## Article VI. ADVISOR(S).

**SECTION ONE – Advisor(s).** The Student Government Association Advisor(s) shall be appointed by East Carolina University and shall serve as mentor(s) to provide support and guidance to the members of the Student Government Association.

## **Article VII. RESIGNATION, REMOVAL, AND IMPEACHMENT**

**SECTION ONE – Resignation.** Any elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association may resign from their position at any time with written notice of resignation presented to the Student Body Attorney General. Any vacancy created by the resignation shall be filled according to the line of succession outlined in Article V of this Constitution.

**SECTION TWO – Grounds for Impeachment.** Any elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association may be removed from office following an Impeachment Hearing. A member of the Student Government Association may be removed from office for any of the following reasons: a finding of responsibility for violating the Student Code of Conduct while holding office, the inability to perform official duties or responsibilities as outlined by the Constitution and Bylaws, any violations of the Constitution or Bylaws, acts of discrimination, abuse of power, fraudulent misrepresentation on official documents, or any other grievance brought before the Student Government Association.

**SECTION THREE – University Disciplinary Processes.** In the event that any elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association satisfies any of these qualifications for removal and those qualifications for removal are also in conflict with the disciplinary rules of East Carolina University, no action shall be taken by the Student Government Association until the disciplinary processes outlined by East Carolina University have been exhausted. Any East Carolina University student may file a completed grievance of service with the Student Body Attorney General, as prescribed in the Bylaws. If an elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association meets any qualification for removal from office, has had a grievance filed against them, and East Carolina University has exhausted its disciplinary processes, that member will be officially be presented with an opportunity to resign from office by the Student Body Attorney General or the Student Government Association Advisor(s) prior to the initiation of the Impeachment Hearing Process.

**SECTION FOUR – Impeachment Hearing Process.** The Student Body Attorney General shall ensure that the qualifications for removal from office have been met as specified in Article III Section Two of this Constitution. The Student Body Attorney General shall schedule a meeting with the member to inform them of the grievance filed, their rights as a student, and an explanation of the hearing process. After receiving the grievance, the Student Body Attorney General shall form a Student Review Committee from the current Student Assembly within ten (10) University calendar days of the grievance being filed. The Student Review Committee shall present their findings on the accusations against the elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association to the Student Assembly during the Impeachment Hearing. Prior to the next meeting of the Student Assembly, the Student Body Attorney General shall present the accused member with the opportunity to view the information that will be shared to the Student Assembly in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The Student Body Attorney General must schedule an Impeachment Hearing upon the establishment of the Student Review Committee. This Impeachment Hearing may be a meeting of the Student Assembly in closed session, in accordance with North Carolina Law.

**SECTION FIVE – Student Review Committee Composition.** This Student Review Committee shall be composed of the Student Body Attorney General, the Speaker of the Student Assembly, the Student Government Association Advisor(s) in a non-voting advisory role, and three (3) Representatives of the Student Assembly, each Representative being a member of a different Standing Committee. The Student Body Attorney General shall serve as chair and only vote in the event of a tie. If any member of the committee has a conflict of interest, the Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, and Student Body Secretary shall serve as alternate members.

**SECTION SIX – Student Review Committee Report.** The Student Review Committee shall present their findings on the accusations against the elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association in the following manner:

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Favorable, Unfavorable, or Non-Prejudicial. A Favorable report indicates that the committee found sufficient evidence to substantiate impeachment proceedings. An Unfavorable report indicates that there is insufficient evidence supporting the impeachment proceedings. An unfavorable report shall result in the dismissal of the motion to impeach the accused member. The Student Assembly may overturn the dismissal of the impeachment by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. A Non-Prejudicial report indicates that there is not enough evidence to support or dismiss the motion to impeach the accused member.

### **SECTION SEVEN – Right of Written Defense.**

The accused member may submit a written defense to the Student Body Attorney General no later than two (2) University calendar days prior to the hearing, to be considered by the Student Assembly. The written defense shall be presented to the Student Assembly by the accused member during the Impeachment

Hearing, or by the Speaker of the Student Assembly in the absence of the accused member.

**SECTION EIGHT – Judgements.** Judgements shall be enacted against the accused member of the Student Government Association only upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly upon an impeachment resolution. The Student Body Attorney General shall provide the accused officer with the impeachment resolution, which shall name the grounds for impeachment and the judgements that are enacted. Judgment in cases of impeachment may include but shall not extend further than the following:

- A. Censure by the Student Assembly;
- B. Suspension of any stipend;
- C. Removal from office;
- D. Disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust, or profit within the Student Government Association of East Carolina University.

## **Article VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.**

**SECTION ONE – Amendments.** Any provision of this Constitution may be amended after following proper proposal measures. A constitutional amendment may be proposed to the Student Assembly in the form of a General Motion. A three-

fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly must be obtained to adopt a constitutional amendment. Following adoption, the amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the student body.

## **Article IX. BYLAWS.**

**SECTION ONE – Purpose.** The Bylaws of the Student Government Association may be referred to as the “Bylaws.” The Bylaws shall serve as a subsidiary governing document of the Student Government Association, in accordance with this Constitution. No provision of the Bylaws shall conflict with this Constitution or said provision shall be void.

**SECTION TWO – Amendments.** Any voting member of the Student Assembly may propose amendments to the Bylaws. Amendments must receive a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Assembly or receive a majority affirmative vote of the Student Assembly and be signed by the Student Body President to be adopted.

## **Article X. RATIFICATION.**

**SECTION ONE – Ratification.** Ratification of this Constitution or any other Constitution replacing this document shall be achieved through a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the Legislative Body of the

Student Government Association, followed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the student body in a university-wide election in which at least five percent (5%) of the student body participates in voting.

## **Article XI. OPEN GOVERNANCE.**



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**SECTION ONE – Illegal Acts Prohibited.** The Student Government Association and all of its members and representatives shall abide by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith.

**SECTION TWO – Open Meetings.** The Student Government Association and all of its bodies shall follow the letter, spirit, and intent of the Open Meetings Law of North Carolina, N.C. General Statutes Chapter 143, Article 33C.

**SECTION THREE – Open Records.** The Student Government Association and all of its bodies shall follow the letter, spirit, and intent of the Public Records Law of North Carolina, N.C. General Statutes Chapter 132.

**SECTION FOUR – Rules of Order.** Except as otherwise prescribed in the Bylaws or Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, the deliberative units of the Student Government Association shall use the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised as their parliamentary authority.

**SECTION FIVE – Non-Discrimination.** The Student Government Association and all of its bodies shall adhere to the Non-Discrimination Policies of East Carolina University, and shall not discriminate in matters of policy or financial allocation on the basis of age, gender, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, political ideology, political affiliation, political party, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information.

## Article XII. DISSOLUTION.

**SECTION ONE – Dissolution.** This Constitution shall be dissolved upon the ratification of a new Student Government Association Constitution that is ratified by the process outlined in Article X of this Constitution.

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