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PREAMBLE

SECTION 1: We, the students of Southern Utah University (or SUU), do hereby establish this constitution (herein "Constitution") for the Southern Utah University Student Association (or SUUSA) (see Article I for definition of SUUSA).

SECTION 2: The purpose of Student Government (inside SUUSA) (See Article II Section 1 for definition) is to:

- A. Represent the student body in the decision-making and policy-development processes as prescribed in University policy;
- B. Voice student concerns to SUU Administration;
- C. Promote unity within SUUSA;
- D. Review and make recommendations concerning student fees;
- E. Support student involvement and activities;
- F. Promote quality education in all aspects of student life;
- G. Communicate with all its members; and,

I. Provide leadership opportunities to its members; SECTION 1: The governance of SUUSA officials are: the Executive Council and the Student Senate. Members of the Executive C

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obtain quorum then they will be unable to vote on any bills. In special circumstances, the Student Senate may utilize an online vote/conference to conduct business. Votes for the Student Senate

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- D. Work together with any other committee or ad hoc-committee to support SUUSA.

ARTICLE VIII: The Administrative Committee

SECTION 1: The Administrative Committee consists of a Chief of Staff and four [4] Directors.

SECTION 2: A member of SUUSA may be eligible for appointment to the Administrative Committee if he/she satisfies the eligibility requirements enumerated in Article I and Article II Section 2. If they are appointed they must forfeit their current role within SUUSA.

SECTION 3: The SUUSA Executive Council will appoint The Chief of Staff and four [4] Directors through an interview process. This appointment will be ratified by the Student Senate. Upon accepting an appointment to the Administrative Committee the student must agree to waive his/her right to participate in meetings that could potentially conflict with his/her duties as a committee member.

SECTION 4: The term of the Chief of Staff and his/ Directors on the Administrative Committee shall be a term of one [1] academic year.

SECTION 5: The Administrative Committee shall have the jurisdiction and authority to hear and decide all grievances filed against any officer or governing body of SUUSA, and shall have the authority to review the SUUSA Constitution, all SUUSA policies regardless of which body has implemented them including all governing body bylaws and rules of order.

SECTION 6: The Administrative Committee shall:

- A. Hear and decide duly filed grievances against appointed and elected officers of SUUSA Student Government ;
- B. Hear and decide duly filed grievances against student clubs and organizations;
- C. Hear and decide violations of the election bylaws;
- D. Certify and publish election results;
- E. Other responsibilities as outlined in the SUUSA Governance Bylaws;
- F. Periodically review the SUUSA Constitution, governing body bylaws, and all policies and procedures to ensure they are consistent with each other and this Constitution;

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SECTION 3: If an Advisor is unable to attend a required meeting they may select a designee from the Student Affairs Division to represent them during their absence.

SECTION 4: The Student Government Advisors do not have a vote on the Student Senate or Committee meetings, but may provide advice and voice concerns or opinions.

SECTION 5: The Student Government Advisor may consider vetoing a bill/decision if:

- A. It is not aligned with the SUUSA or University mission and vision:
- B. Infringes upon, or harms student rights;
- C. It is not designated use of the SUUSA student fee.

Any veto made by the student government advisor must be followed by a formal letter of explanation as to why the bill/decision was vetoed. This must be submitted in writing to SUUSA within 24 hours. Vetoes made by the Student Government Advisor can be appealed by any member of the SUUSA Student Government.

be brought to the Vice President of Student Affairs. Upon receipt of the appeal the Vice President of Student Affairs must:

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B. Formation of an Impeachment Committee

1. If the petition is verified as complete and legitimate, the Chief of Staff shall form an impeachment Committee within three [3] school days of verifying the petition.

The Committee shall consist of:

The Chief of Staff;

The three [3] current members of the Executive Council;

Three [3] SUUSA Senators;

Three [3] SUUSA Special Interest Representatives; two [2] Directors from the Administrative Committee and; Two [2] SUU students selected at large.

SUUSA Advisor

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officer of SUUSA to serve as the Chair and spokesperson for the impeachment committee.

C. Review and Evaluation of the Allegation

1. The impeachment committee shall undertake deliberations on the validity and merit of the allegations, and should thoroughly review and evaluate all the available evidence.
2. At the Conclusion of the deliberation the Chief of Staff shall conduct a secret ballot vote of the impeachment committee. If the majority of impeachment committee members find merit in the allegation, then the officer shall be impeached.
3. The review and evaluation of the allegation shall take no longer than 10 school days commencing from the time the impeachment committee is formed. Official notice of the impeachment committee's decision shall be given in writing to the accused officer and the Vice President of Academics within 48 hours of the decision, and the notice shall initiate the removal process.

SECTION 3: The removal process is comprised of the following steps:

A. Student Senate Hearing

1. Upon the Vice President of Academics receiving official notice of the Impeachment Committee's decision, he/she will schedule a special session of the Student Senate to hold a hearing to determine removal of the impeached officer. This special session will be scheduled so as to provide the impeached officer with at least five [5] school days to prepare for the hearing, and must occur during a week when classes are in session. Written notice of the date and time of the special session will be given to the impeached officer once the special session is scheduled.
2. The special session will provide the impeached officer the opportunity to hear the evidence and arguments being presented against him/her, and also to present evidence in his/her favor.
3. The impeached officer may have an advisor help prepare and attend the hearing with him/her. An advisor may not speak or directly advocate for

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the accused officer during the hearing so as to prevent undue influence being exerted by a person in an authoritative role.

4. The Vice President of Academics shall preside over the hearing unless he/she is the impeached officer for whom the session has been called. In the event the Vice President of Academics has been impeached, the President Pro Tempore shall preside over the meeting.
5. A quorum of the SUUSA Student Senate must be in attendance at the special session in order for the hearing to commence. At least one [1] SUU administrator involved with Student Affairs shall be present at the hearing.
6. This special session of the Student Senate shall not be open to the public.
7. The session shall proceed according to the following format:

Once the session is called to order by the presiding officer, the administrative assistant to the Academic Vice President shall read the allegation from the petition to impeach and also read the decision of the impeachment committee.

The impeached officer shall be allotted a reasonable amount of time to present any evidence, argument, or witness to the Student Senate. Senators will have an opportunity to ask any questions following the impeached officer's presentation.

Following the questions, the impeached officer will be allowed to provide a summation and any closing remarks he/she feels will be helpful to the Student Senate prior to its deliberations.

Following the impeached officers summation, he/she will be required to leave the hearing so the Student Senate can debate the merits of the accusation and determine the appropriate outcome. The debate shall alternate between proponent and opponent speeches and will be governed by the Student Senate's adopted rules of order.

After the debate, the presiding officer shall put the question of removal to the Student Senate and conduct a vote.

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SECTION 3: If the Student Senate agrees to the amendment(s) as presented to them, it will be forwarded to the President's Council for their consideration. IF the Student Senate does not agree with the amendment(s) as it is presented to them, then the Student senate should (1) commit or refer the amendment(s) back to the CAC or the sponsor of the petition for further revisions with it recommendations noted or (2) postpone the amendment(s) indefinitely. Any revisions to the amendment(s) after being committed back to the CAC should be forwarded to the President's Council to ascertain their agreement.

SECTION 4: Once the CAC, the Student Senate, and the President's Council agree on the amendment(s) the members

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