

POLICY #11.1

SUBJECT: Constitution of the Southern Utah University Student Association

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a fair and representative student government, and to create guidelines to ensure proper representation of the student body.

II. REFERENCES

- A. Utah Code [§ 63G-2 Government Records Access and Management Act \(GRAMA\)](#)
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III. DEFINITIONS

- A. SUUSA Member: Members of Southern Utah University Student Association are all matriculated full- and part-time, undergraduate and graduate Southern Utah University students paying the

tuition and fees, and participating in student government-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;
- h. Provide leadership opportunities to its members; and



the Vice President of Programming, the Vice President of Marketing, the Vice President of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), the Chief of Staff, the Chief Justice, and all other

- a. Preside over the Student Senate. The Vice President will not vote, except in the case of a tie;
- b. Propose bills on behalf of the Student Senate during the summer semester;
- c. Serve as a non-voting member of the Southern Utah University Deans Council;
- d. Serve as the chairperson and spokesperson for the Constitutional Amendment

- h. Other duties assigned by the SUUSA President and the Student Involvement and Leadership Advisors.
12. The Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall:
- a. Represent the students of Southern Utah University in the interest of diversity, equity, and inclusion;
 - b. Work with the rest of SUUSA to ensure that initiatives are seen from a diversity, equity, and inclusion perspective;
 - c. Chair the Diversity Council;
 - d. Attend all Executive Council meetings;
 - e. Sit on SUUSA Senate meetings;
 - f. Serve on the Student Fee Advisory Board, and
 - g. All other duties as deemed necessary to represent the students of Southern Utah University.
13. The Chief of Staff shall:
- a. Assist the Student Body President in managing all SUUSA Officers and Staff;
 - b. Attend all Executive Council meetings;
 - c. Head special projects as assigned by the Student Body President and the Executive Council; and
 - d. Assist the Student Body President in any other assignment, role, or committee at the discretion of the Student Body President.
14. In the event of a vacancy or vacancies within the offices of the Executive Council, the organization will follow the procedure as outlined in the Governing Bylaws.
15. The Executive Council, along with the ratification of the Student Senate, shall have the power to make all regulations and institute all procedures which shall be necessary and proper for executing the above-mentioned powers, responsibilities and privileges, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Executive Council or officer thereof.

D. The Legislative Branch

1. The Student Senate is chaired by the Vice President of Academics and is comprised of elected Academic Senators from each respective college (as well as other academic organizations as outlined in the governing bylaws), appointed individuals from Interest Groups on campus, and one (1) Assistant who shall be appointed by the Vice President of Academics. This assistant is a non-voting member. The Executive Council is to attend all Student Senate meetings, serving as non-voting members. Exact numbers of Senators and Representatives are found in the SUUSA Governing Bylaws.

2. Academic Senators are popularly elected during the annual SUUSA election, or in subsequent special elections as deemed necessary. They will serve on the Student Senate as well as on SUUSA Committees as appointed by the Executive Council.
3. Each Senator shall serve as a member of the Academic Senate, chaired by the Vice President of Academics. The purpose of this Senate is to:
 - a. Assist Senators in facilitating academic initiatives;
 - b. Develop academic policy bills for the Student Senate;
 - c. Coordinate with the Deans' Council to set and achieve goals; and
 - d. Ensure that Senators are properly representing their constituents.
4. Special Interest Representatives shall be appointed by the Interest Group they represent and ratified by the Executive Council. Each Representative shall also serve on SUUSA Committees as appointed by the Executive Council.
5. The Student Senate shall meet once a week during the fall and spring semesters and as prescribed by the Vice President of Academics. All voting must be conducted within this allotted time period.
6. The Student Senate is to:
 - a. Commit to at least one (1) Senate meeting a week as prescribed by the Vice President of Academics as well as one (1) meeting a week within their appointed Committees;
 - b. Vet, review, and discuss all bills sent by the Committee to the Academic Senate. Once the review process is over the Student Senate shall vote to ratify or reject the reviewed bill. If a bill does not meet the requisite votes from the Student Senate it is sent back to the Committees for revision;
 - c. Approve all implemented policies and procedures for the fair and orderly use of identified student space, equipment, and resources within SUUSA jurisdiction;
 - d. Ratify all SUUSA budgets at the beginning of each fall semester for the next academic year;
 - e. Approve funding requests from SUUSA student clubs and organizations that are above \$200;
 - f. All funding requests from non-registered student groups or individuals must be brought to the Student Senate;
 - g. Ratify all appointed Executive Council members in the event of a vacancy; and
 - h. Participate in campus-wide committees, as needed.
7. In order for the Student Senate to have quorum, they must have _____ of the standing Student Senate present during _____ committee _____ in campus _____ meeting _____

does not obtain quorum, they will be unable to vote on any bills. In special circumstances, the Student Senate may utilize an online vote/conference to conduct

3. If a Special Interest Representative is absent for more than three (3) Student Senate meetings the Student Senate will then review the status of the Student Organization's membership.
4. If a Student Organization wants to change their representative they must go through the

- c. Serve on either the Clubs and Organizations Committee or the Budget and Finance Committee, assigned by the Chief Justice.
8. The SUUSA Supreme Court will:
- 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. Attend and advise hearings on violations of the election bylaws;
 - d. Certify election results;
 - e. Fulfill other responsibilities as outlined in the SUUSA Governing 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; and
 - g. Serve as student _____ bylaws;

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- vi. This special session of the Student Senate will not be open to the public.
- vii. The session will proceed according to the following format:
 - A. Once the session is called to order by the presiding officer, the Vice President of Academics (or the Chief Justice when

- b. The impeached and removed officer may only appeal the Student Senate's decision if they believe there was a violation of due process and/or have additional evidence that was not available before or during the Student Senate's decision.
- c. An appeal to the Dean of Students shall be the final step. The Dean of Students' determination will be final and may either uphold or reject the Student Senate's decision.
- d.

- a. The Student Body President shall appoint a committee of four (4) members from the Student Senate. Two (2) from the previous Student Senate and two (2) from the current Student Senate. If there are no eligible Senators from the previous Academic year then four (4) members from the current Student Senate may be used.
- b. The committee shall be formed by a newly-elected Student Body President during the first month of their term of office. The formation of the committee should take place during the spring so the appointed officers have the summer

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