

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

### Preamble

We, the members of the student body of Kentucky State University, recognizing the need for a representative, functional, and democratic form of student government, for participating in the policy and decision-making processes of the University community, for promoting communication and understanding within and beyond the confines of the University, and for encouraging awareness of and activity in the processes of a democratic society, do unite in establishing an association of the student body which will adopt for its government the following constitution:

### Article I

#### Name and Function

Section 1. The name of this representative body shall be the Student Government Association of Kentucky State University (the "SGA").

Section 2. The Student Government Association shall be the governing body in matters pertaining to the common interest of the students, and shall operate as a lower authority in conjunction with the President's Cabinet of the Institution as the higher authority.

### Article II

#### Purpose and Powers

Section 1. The purpose of the Student Government Association shall be to develop, promote, and provide for the general welfare of the student body at Kentucky State University.

Section 2. In carrying out the purposes of the SGA, the Student Government Association shall have joint jurisdiction with the President's Cabinet of the Institution in the regulation and promotion of student activities; its jurisdiction shall regulate the activities of such organizations as student publications, the residence hall clubs, and all other student organizations other than fraternities, sororities, and departmental clubs.

Section 3. The Student Government Association shall have power to enact legislation in matters of student concern over which students may logically be expected to have jurisdiction. The legislation shall be subject to ratification by the President's Cabinet of the Institution and to final approval by the Board of Regents. In case its legislation is not ratified by the President's Cabinet of the Institution, efforts shall be made by a joint committee of the Student Government Association and President's Cabinet of the Institution to modify the legislation. The legislation as modified will then be submitted to the Student Government Association and President's Cabinet of the Institution for action.

Section 4. Recommendations made by the Student Government Association in matters over which it has no direct jurisdiction, but which are in the interest of its general welfare, may be submitted to the President's Cabinet of the Institution for action.

Section 5. The powers of the Student Government Association are delegated to it by the President's Cabinet of the Institution and are subject to withdrawal by this Cabinet.

Section 6. The Student Government Association shall conduct all general elections, including that of the eight offices of the student body as well as class officers and senators. The Student

Government Association may also call for and set up general student elections or referendums when decisions involved will affect at least one-third of the student body.

### **Article III**

#### **Membership and Privileges**

Section 1. All students enrolled as full time students may be members of the Student Government Association.

Section 2. Each member shall have the right to vote in university-wide Student Government Association elections under procedures established by the Student Senate, to debate in association meetings, and to participate in all activities of the association except as provided otherwise in this constitution.

Section 3. All members are eligible to seek a position in the Student Government Association under the procedures and requirements set forth in this constitution.

Section 4. All members have the right to petition the Student Government or any agency thereof for a redress of grievances.

### **Article IV**

#### **Executive Officers and Duties**

Section 1. The executive officers of the organization shall be the President/Student Member of the Board of Regents, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Justice of the Student Court, Miss KSU, Mr. KSU and Chief of Staff of the Executive Board (ex-officio member). Collectively they are referred to as the Executive Board of SGA.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President of the Student Government Association to call general assemblies of the student body upon a majority vote of the Student Government Association, to preside at all meetings of the student body, to preside at all meetings of the Student Government Association (excluding student senate meetings), to organize all classes, to establish and appoint all members to special committees of the Student Government, and to appoint all student members to University committees. In addition, the President shall at his/her discretion call a meeting of all presidents of student organizations to advise these leaders in the matters of organization and in implementation of organizational functions of the Student Government Association.

Section 3. The Student Member of the Board of Regents shall be the President of the Student Government Association. He or she shall have the duty of voicing the sentiments of the student body to the Board of Regents and reporting all activities of the Board of Regents (except that which is discussed in executive session) at the next regular scheduled SGA senate meeting.

Section 4. The First Vice President shall serve as Chairperson of the Student Senate. He/She shall also assume the duties of the President of the Student Government Association in his/her absence.

Section 5. The Second Vice President shall serve as the liaison to all commuting students and address their concerns before Executive Committee of the Student Government Association.

Section 6. Miss KSU shall serve on the Student Government Association and have the duty of representing the University at all requested activities. In addition, she shall be required to perform community service activities, assist in University recruitment, perform two (2) campus

activities throughout the school year and coordinate a minimum of two (2) community service activities during the academic year (off campus).

Section 7. Mr. KSU shall serve on the Student Government Association and have the duty of representing the University at all requested activities. In addition, she shall be required to perform community service activities, assist in University recruitment, perform two (2) campus activities throughout the school year and coordinate a minimum of two (2) community service activities during the academic year (off campus).

Section 8. The Secretary of the Student Government Association is the recording officer of the assembly and custodian of its record except such as are specifically assigned to others, as the treasurers' books. In addition, it is also the duty of the secretary to keep a register or roll of the members and to call the roll when required; to notify officers, committees and delegates of their appointment and to furnish committees with all papers referred to them and delegates with credentials. (Parts of this statement were taken directly from Robert's Rule of Order)

Section 9. The Treasurer of the Student Government Association has the responsibility of acting as a banker, merely holding the funds deposited with him/her and paying them out on the order of SGA signed by the president and the secretary (of SGA). He/she is always required to make a weekly updated report to the senate and executive board. (Parts of this statement were taken directly from Robert's Rule of Order)

Section 10. The Chief Justice shall serve as the Chief Administrator in the judicial branch of the Student Government Association and will, with the assistance of his/her Student Court Justices, interpret the Student Government Constitution. Additional duties of the Chief Justice are listed under section 4 of the Student Judicial Review Process.

Section 11. The Chief of Staff shall serve as chief supervisor and adviser to the President/Student Regent and the Executive Board to ensure its continued efficiency and productivity. He/She shall operate as a Chief Operating Officer or Office Manager to ensure the effectiveness of the Board and to assist them in all goals and assignments.

Section 12. In the event that a vacancy occurs among the Student Government Executive officers, the President of the SGA may appoint an active member of the Student Government Association to carry out the un-expired term upon confirmation by the Student Senate.

Section 13. In the event that the President is unable to fulfill his/her term or becomes ineligible to continue in said office natural succession shall be as follows: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Justice.

Section 14 (A) An Executive Officer shall lose his/her seat if he/she fails to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 g.p.a. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration and Admission.

## **Article V.**

### **General Assembly (Town Hall Meetings)**

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall meet during the first 2-3 weeks after the fall term begins, and shall meet regularly at least twice each month thereafter.

Section 2. A meeting of the Student Government Association may be called by the President of the Association or by a majority vote of the Student Senate or by a petition bearing the signatures of 100 students. In that event, meetings shall be chaired by the President of the Student Government Association.

Section 3. The President of the Student Government Association shall convene a General Assembly (Town Hall meeting) of the student body not earlier than one week after the mid-term examinations in the Fall Semester and in the Spring Semester of the academic year with which his/her term coincides. At the General Assemblies, the President of the Student Government Association shall report on the activities of the Student Government Association. The student body may conduct its business at the General Assemblies providing that notices of the meetings and copies of the proposed business, whether originating from the Student Government Association or the student body, have been posted in conspicuous locations on the University campus at least one week prior to the meetings.

## **Article VI.**

### **Student Senate**

#### Section 1. Title

The voting representatives of the Student Government Association shall be called the Student Senate.

Section 2. These meetings shall serve as a forum for the discussion of student interests. At such meetings, the membership of the "SGA" shall have power to make general recommendations to the Student Senate.

#### Section 3. Representation

(A) For every seventy-five students, in each academic class there shall be one Student Senator who has paid the University's activity fee. Students may only be candidates for their respective classes.

(B) Elections shall be held during the third week of the Fall Semester. The Executive Board shall conduct the Senate elections for each class.

#### Section 4. Officers

(A) The Senate shall, at its first regular meeting following Fall Semester elections, nominate from the floor and elect from its membership a Speaker "Pro-Tem" who shall assume the duties of the First Vice President in the event of the First Vice President's inability to serve as Chairperson of this body. This is upon the discretion of the First Vice President.

(B) The Chairperson of the Senate shall appoint a SGA member to the position of Clerk who shall keep a permanent record of attendance of members and minutes of each meeting. The records shall be filed in the Student Government Association Office. In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairperson shall appoint a temporary clerk.

#### Section 5. Authority

(A) The Senate may impeach, for cause, an Executive Officer, Senator, or Justice of the Student Court by a two-thirds vote of the Senate membership.

(B) The Senate may override a veto of the President of the Student Government Association by a majority vote of its membership.

(C) The Senate may establish special committees needed for the performance of its duties.

(D) The Student Senate may establish and amend its bylaws by a two-thirds vote after a first reading of the amendments at a meeting preceding the vote. The first reading shall precede the vote by at least twenty-four hours.

(E) The Student Senate shall have the authority to reverse any action

taken by an officer or by officers of the Student Government Association by a two-thirds vote. The Senate also shall have the power to direct an officer his/her performance by majority vote, as set forth by the constitution.

(F) The Student Senate shall have the responsibility for reviewing and giving initial approval for chartering student organizations that it deems have fulfilled the requirements for recognition established by it through the Student Government Association. The Student Senate may, after due consideration and recommendations from the Student Government Association, recommend revoking the charter of an organization or place it on suspension for a period not exceeding one year. In carrying out this responsibility, the Student Senate shall have joint jurisdiction with the University's President's Cabinet in the regulation and promotion of student activities.

#### Section 6. Meetings and Procedures

(A) The Senate shall meet at least twice each month during the academic year in joint session with Student Government Association Officers, or upon the discretion of the Chairperson of the Senate. Meetings shall be open to all Kentucky State University students.

(B) Additional meetings of the Senate may be scheduled at the request of the President or by a majority of Senate members present and voting, or by petition bearing the signatures of 100 full-time students. Senators shall be notified at least 24 hours preceding the date of a special meeting. In that event, the meeting shall be chaired by the president of the SGA.

(C) Sixty percent of the total membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

(D) No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of the Student Senate unless a quorum of the voting members is present.

(E) No Senator shall have more than one vote.

#### Section 7. Attendance Policy.

(A) In order to maintain Senator Status, each Senator is expected to attend all meetings of the Student Senate. Senators shall be permitted no more than three absences from meetings during one semester. The Senator must notify the SGA First Vice-President before the meeting if he/she must be absent. Failure to do so will constitute an unexcused absence. No more than two of these absences shall be unexcused.

1. The following constitute an excused absence: illness, court appearance, serious illness or death in the student's immediate family, patriotic duty and/or an activity whereby the student represents the University off-campus and is required to be absent, field trips or other academic class activities, and/or classes which conflict with meeting times.

2. All other absences shall be unexcused.

(B) Any senator entering a meeting after roll call shall be considered tardy.

1. Tardiest shall be judged excused and unexcused by the same considerations used in judging absences.

2. Two Unexcused Tardiest shall be equivalent to one unexcused absence.

(C) The SGA First Vice-President, Chairman of the Senate, shall have the power to enforce or make any exceptions to these regulations.

(D) Failure by any Senator to uphold these attendance regulations may result in dismissal from the Senate.

1. A Senator violating these rules shall be permitted the opportunity to defend his/her absences before the Senate.

2. The Senator shall be notified in writing at least 48 hours prior to his/her hearing, which shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the Student Senate.

3. Failure of the Senator to attend this hearing shall constitute immediate dismissal from office.

4. After hearing the statement(s) of the Senator, the Senate shall vote whether the absences are valid or whether the Senator will be impeached.

(E) This attendance policy will also apply to the Executive Officers of SGA (President, Vice-Presidents, Chief Justice, Treasurer, Secretary, Mr. and Miss KSU) during executive board meetings.

#### Section 8. Removal from the Senate

(A) A senator shall lose his/her seat if he/she fails to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 g.p.a. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration and Admission.

The Senate may by two-thirds (2/3) vote request the resignation of a Senator.

(B) A Senator may lose his/her seat if he/she does not comply with the attendance policy outlined in Section 6.

(C) In the event a Senate seat is vacated by reasons of forfeiture of position, death, serious illness, disability or social probation, the appropriate class president shall appoint a class representative to fill the un-expired term of the vacant position.

### **Article VII.**

#### **Class Officers**

##### Section 1. Title

The elected representatives (with the exception of Mr. and Miss Freshmen who shall be selected by the Freshmen Pageant) of each class shall be called Class Officers. Each class shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This is also the order of succession. All rules applying to Student Senators, also apply to class officers.

##### Section 2. Removal from Class Office

(A) A Class Officer shall lose his/her seat if he/she fails to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 g.p.a. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration and Admission.

(B) Due to an insufficient work ethic and/or a number of unexcused absences.

(C) In the event that a class office shall be vacant at the commencement of the Fall Semester, the office shall be filled by the order of succession.

1. Should the vacancy be the office of class president, the Vice-President shall be required to assume the position.

2. If the vacancy is any office other than Class President, the officers may choose to hold an election to fill the position without first filling the office through order of succession.

### **Article VIII.**

#### **Committees**

##### Section 1. Establishment

(A) The Student Government Association shall have the following Committees: Executive Committee, Student Center Committee, Student Organizations Committee, Food Service Committee and Community Service Committee.

(B) The Student Senate shall determine the rules and procedures of Student Government Association Boards.

## Section 2. The Executive Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President of the Student Government Association and four members of the Student Senate elected by the Student Senate for one-year terms, with no more than one elected from any academic classification.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the President of the Student Government Association.

(C) The Committee shall be empowered to take emergency actions otherwise under Student Senate jurisdiction when the Senate cannot be called into session; however, such action shall be negated effective at the next Senate meeting if the Senate fails to ratify the action by a majority vote.

(D) The Committee may make recommendations to the Student Senate on interpretation of the Student Government Association constitution or bylaws. Rulings made by the Senate on constitutional matters shall be sent to the Committee for study and suggestions and amendment(s).

(E) The Committee shall receive all recommendations or suggestions for changes in this constitution and in the Student Government Association bylaws. The Committee shall prepare recommendations concerning proposed amendments and submit its recommendations on these amendments to the Student Senate. The submission will constitute the first reading on the proposed amendments. If the Committee fails to act on a proposal after two regular meetings or 30 days, whichever is less, it shall be sent to the Senate automatically.

(F) The Committee shall study and make recommendations on matters referred to it by the Student Senate.

## Section 3. The Student Center Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Student Center Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of the Student Government Association and nine voting Senators elected by the Student Senate for one-year terms, with no more than three elected from the same academic classification, and three students selected by the Director of Student Life. The Student Government Association President shall be a voting member of the Student Center Committee.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Secretary of the Student Government Association.

(C) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Student Senate on the program of activities submitted to it and on the budgeting of fees for student activities.

(D) The Committee may make recommendations on requests from student organizations for the financing of student activities.

(E) The Committee shall study and make recommendations on student services to the Student Senate and the Director of Student Life.

## Section 4. The Student Organizations Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Student Organizations Committee shall be composed of nine students elected by the Student Senate, with no more than two elected from the same academic classification. The Student Government Association President shall be a voting member of the Student Organization Committee.

(B) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Second Vice President of the Student Government Association. He/she shall serve a one-year term.

(C) The Committee shall review and recommend student organizations' constitutions to the Student Senate for chartering as campus organizations provided they meet the guidelines established by the Student Senate.

(D) The Committee shall review the charters and practices of campus organizations at regular intervals to ensure that they are operating in accordance with their own established procedures and with University Rules and Regulations.

Section 5. Food Service Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Food Service Committee shall be composed of nine volunteer students of the Student body and one executive board member.

(B) Their purpose is to gather and report all concerns dealing with food service (Underwood Café and Grill areas) to the current food service Manager and Interim Comptroller.

Section 6. Community Service Committee

(A) The Student Government Association Community Service Committee is composed of nine volunteer students of the Student body and one executive board member.

(B) Their purpose is to execute services on campus as well as off.

## **Article IX**

### **Formation of Bylaws**

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall have the authority to pass bylaws for its government action and to amend the same as shall best suit its needs, provided that the bylaws shall not conflict with the provisions of the constitution or any amendment herein made.

## **Article X**

### **Formation of Amendments**

Section 1. Proposed Amendments

(A) All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Student Government Association Executive Committee, which shall prepare recommendations concerning the amendment for consideration by the Student Senate. The Executive Board shall present its recommendations on the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee at a regular meeting for the first reading, along with a copy of the original proposal.

(B) The Student Government Association President shall present to all Student Senators a written copy of the Executive Board's report.

(C) The Senate may then adopt the amendment(s) by two-thirds vote.

## **Article XI**

### **Election Procedures**

Section 1.

(A) The Election Committee, composed of five, full-time students nominated and appointed by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association shall be in charge of balloting, drafting election guidelines, monitoring compliance with election procedures, and reporting campaign violations.

(B) By January 15 of each year, the Election Committee shall prepare and distribute Official Election Guidelines. These guidelines will govern all candidates participating in student



elections and shall serve as the basis for campaign sanctions. All candidates and their campaign staff are bound by the rules outlined in the Official Election Guidelines and must remain in full compliance with the guidelines until election results are publicly announced. Failure to abide by the guidelines may result in sanctions, including disqualification and nullification of votes.

(C) All campaign violations shall be reported to the Vice-President of Student Affairs. The Vice-President of Student Affairs or his designee shall have exclusive authority over the imposition of election sanctions and the disqualification of candidates.

(D) The Election Committee and the Vice-President of Student Affairs shall review the election results immediately following the final tabulation of votes. Upon resolution of any complaints and charges, the Vice-President of Student Affairs shall announce the election results. Results are not final or official until they are announced by the Vice-President of Student Affairs.

(E) Candidates with the highest number of votes after the resolution of all charges and the issuance of all sanctions shall be elected to office. In the event of a tie, the Student Government Association shall order and set a time for a run-off election between affected candidates.

Section 2. The Method of Election of these officers shall be as follows:

(A) Candidates for any office must file declaration papers with the Election Committee of the Student Government Association or a duly designated election official.

(B) The declaration papers of or for each candidate must be signed by a minimum of ten full-time members of the student body who have paid their student activity fees.

(C) The Election Committee shall meet and check nominees according to prescribed qualifications no later than fourteen days before the Student Election and submit the same for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

(D) The Election Committee of the Student Government Association shall post promptly on all bulletin boards a list of qualified candidates for the various offices and notify in writing any candidate or candidates not meeting required qualifications.

(E) Upon official notification that a candidate has met the required qualifications, he/she may begin active campaigning at the designated time. During the week of the election, an assembly shall be held, at which time candidates or their supporters may speak.

## **Article XII**

### **Qualifications for Student Officers**

Section 1. Specific Requirements for Officers:

(A) President: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 60 completed semester hours upon declaration and must have a clear conduct record. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or and have served as an officer in a recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(B) First Vice President: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 45 completed semester hours upon declaration and must have a clear conduct record. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or have served as an officer in a

recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(C) Second Vice President: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 45 completed semester hours upon declaration and must have a clear conduct record. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or have served as an officer in a recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. He/she must be a commuting student. Stipend.

(D) Secretary: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment and must have a clear conduct record. Must have a minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(E) Treasurer: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment and must have a clear conduct record. Must have a minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(F) Officers of Classes (Sophomore, Junior, Senior): Minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., classification must have earned enough hours to demonstrate rank in class for which he/she is running for office, an undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University during each semester of enrollment. He/She must have a clear conduct record. Officers of the freshman class who at the end of the first semester do not have a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration and Admission shall lose their office. The office will be appointed by the class President. In the event that the office of President is affected, the natural order of succession shall take place.

(G) Miss Kentucky State University: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, has completed a minimum of 70 semester hours upon declaration of candidacy, and has enrolled at Kentucky State University for a minimum of two completed semesters. She must have a clear conduct record. Miss K.S.U. shall serve on the Student Government Association and have the duty of representing the University at all required activities. In addition, she shall be required to perform community service activities, assist in University recruitment and coordinate a minimum of two (2) community service activity and two (2) campus activities throughout the school year. Stipend.

(H) Mr. Kentucky State University: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, has completed a minimum of 70 semester hours upon declaration of candidacy, and has enrolled at Kentucky State University for a minimum of two completed semesters. He must have a clear conduct record. Mr. K.S.U. shall serve on the Student Government Association and have the duty of representing the University at all required activities and perform community service activities, assist in University recruitment and coordinate a minimum of two (2) community activity and two (2) campus activities through out the school year. Stipend.

(I) Chief Justice of the Student Court: Upon declaration of candidacy, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 60 completed semester hours upon declaration and must have a clear conduct record. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or and have served as an officer in a recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(J) Chief of Staff of Executive Board: Upon appointment, a minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., a full-time undergraduate student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University each semester of enrollment, a minimum of 45 completed semester hours upon appointment and must have a clear conduct record. The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the President/Student Regent of SGA. Must have been previously associated with the Kentucky State University SGA as an officer, senator, or and have served as an officer in a recognized organization. A minimum of two completed semesters of enrollment at Kentucky State University. Stipend.

(K) Student Senators: Minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., classification- must have earned enough hours to demonstrate rank in class for which he/she is running for office, a student who has paid his/her student activity fees to the University during each semester of enrollment. He/She must have a clear conduct record. Each Student Senator must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A. as determined by the Office of Records, Registration, and Admissions.

(L) Class Kings and Queens: Minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., classification - must have earned enough hours to demonstrate rank in class for which he/she is seeking to represent, must have paid student activity fees to University during each semester of enrollment. He/She must have a clear conduct record.

(M) Attendants to King and Queen: Minimum scholastic average 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., classification - must have earned enough hours to demonstrate rank in class for which he/she is seeking to represent, must have paid student activity fees to University during each semester of enrollment. He/She must have a clear conduct record.

Note: A clear conduct record means the student does not have a disciplinary file in the Office of Student Affairs.

## **Article XIII**

### **Impeachment Process**

Section 1. Any member of the student body who is a full-time student in good academic standing with the University as determined by the Office of Records, Registration, and Admission; has paid the student activity fee can:

- ☐ Present with a written report just cause for the impeachment of an officer.
- ☐ The written report must be accompanied with a petition of 75 full-time students in good academic standing with the University as determined by the Office of Records, Registration, and Admission; has paid the student activity fee.

Section 2. Just cause for impeachment is as follows:

- ☐ Any offense punishable by the University which results in suspension and/or expulsion.
- ☐ Neglect of the duties of office as set forth by the constitution
- ☐ Failure to comply with attendance policy set forth by constitution

Section 3. Senate must have a two-thirds vote to move proceedings forward to the impeachment committee. The impeachment committee members are appointed by the senate upon two-thirds confirmation vote. The impeachment committee shall be advised by the Vice-President of Student Affairs designee and the General Counsel of the University.

Section 4. The impeachment committee shall investigate allegations presented in the report submitted. There is an allowance of one week for the investigation with the possibility of an extension to be determined by the designee from the Vice-President of Student Affairs.

Section 5. The impeachment committee shall present all information found to the senate at the designated meeting. At this time the accused officer has the choice to present his or her case before the senate. The chair of the Impeachment committee will preside over the impeachment portion of the meeting.

Section 6. After the information of the impeachment committee has been brought forth and the accused officer has presented his/her case, the senate shall move to vote on whether or not to vote on the impeachment of the officer by majority vote. If the move is passed, the senate will vote on the impeachment of the officer, this vote requires two-thirds vote for impeachment.

## **Article XIV**

### **Installation of Officers**

Section 1. All students elected to the offices of the Student Government Association shall take the following pledge upon assuming office:

"I (Name of Person) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as (Name of Office) I will uphold to the best of my ability the Constitution of the Student Government Association, that I will carry out the duties of my office, and that I will abide by the rules and regulations governing student life at Kentucky State University. So help me, God."

Section 2. Elected officers shall take office after the Commencement Ceremony of Kentucky State University (excluding the student body regent). They shall be sworn in at a ceremony held by the Student Government Association.

#### **Other Student University Leadership Opportunities**

All students applying for specific leadership opportunities such as but not limited to, Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute and KSU Student Ambassadors shall be required to meet the specific criterion of each program as well as have a clear record of conduct with the University.