

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE PURDUE STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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## **PREAMBLE**

**We**, the undergraduate students of Purdue University, in order to maintain our position as active partners in the university community, promote and facilitate learning, discovery, and engagement, represent student interests and concerns to the University, and fairly and accountability allocate resources granted to us, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Purdue Student Government

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Serving as the primary representative organization of the undergraduate student body, Purdue Student Government seeks to act as a liaison between the Purdue University administration, governmental authorities, and the student body in order to serve the needs of Purdue students and to enhance the student experience at Purdue University.

In support of this mission, Purdue Student Government is dedicated to:

- Conducting all business with the utmost professionalism and consideration, and
- Encouraging initiatives that address the concerns of the student body and future prosperity of Purdue University and Purdue Student Government, and
- Defending the rights, interests, and voices of the student body.

## **ARTICLE I. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Purdue Student Government, hereafter referred to as “PSG”.

### **SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP**

#### *Part A. Definition of Membership and Statement of Non-Discrimination*

1. All persons registered by the Purdue University Registrar as a student seeking an undergraduate and/or a professional degree in the College of Pharmacy or College of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University, West Lafayette Campus, in any capacity, shall be members of PSG. Registration shall be as determined by the University Registrar and the decision of the Registrar is final. All of the members of PSG shall be known, collectively, as the Student Body.

2. PSG shall not deny or abridge the rights enjoyed by members under the constitutions and laws of the United States of America and the State of Indiana, or under the Purdue University policies, and regulations affecting students.
3. According the Purdue University Non-Discrimination Policy, Membership and participation are free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.”

*Part B. Officers*

1. Any member of PSG who is elected or appointed to a position within the organization shall be considered an officer.
2. Any member of PSG shall be eligible to serve as an officer in accordance with Purdue University regulations pertaining to officer requirements and any other constitutional provisions contained herein.
3. No Student Council President or President of the Purdue Graduate Student Government may be appointed or elected to an officer position in PSG.
4. No member of PSG that is not in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University Registrar and Student Activities and Organizations Office may be appointed or elected to an officer position in PSG.
5. PSG officers shall exemplify the highest standards of Purdue University while representing the Purdue Student Body. Failure to adhere to the responsibilities set out in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government shall constitute malfeasance, and shall therefore be grounds for removal from an officer position.

## **ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

### **SECTION 1. THE STUDENT SENATE**

*Part A. Function*

1. All legislative powers of PSG shall be vested in the Student Senate.
2. The Student Senate shall be responsible for establishing the policies and procedures of PSG, consistent with this Constitution.
3. The Student Senate shall be the forum for debate on issues affecting the general welfare of the Student Body.
4. Responsibilities and powers of the Student Senate shall include the following:

- a. The identification of issues affecting the Student Body;
  - b. The allocation of Purdue Student Government funds and approval of the annual organization budget;
  - c. The enacting of policies and procedures necessary for the operation and duties of the Student Senate, as well as organizational policies, as otherwise authorized by this Constitution;
  - d. The confirmation, by majority vote, of Executive Directors, Student Supreme Court Justices, Executive Officers, and the SFAB Chair other than Student Body President and Student Body Vice President;
  - e. The ability to create and dissolve Senate Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees by a two-thirds vote;
  - f. The enacting of bills and resolutions, by majority vote unless otherwise noted, where:
    - i. A bill shall be defined as legislation that affects the internal operations of PSG, including but not limited to:
      - 1. The confirmation of an individual to an appointed position;
      - 2. The allocation of funding;
      - 3. The amendment of the Purdue Student Government governing documents.
    - ii. A resolution shall be defined as legislation that expresses the opinion of PSG or recommends that specific action be taken. Any resolution may be referred to the Purdue Graduate Student Government for action as a joint resolution, given that such referrals are accompanied by appropriate language within the text of the resolution or legislation.
5. Subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of PSG, the Student Senate shall be responsible for the creation and amendment of the Purdue Student Government Senate Standing Rules. These Standing Rules shall be separately published and made available to all members of PSG.

*Part B. Composition*

The Student Senate shall be made up of voting members, elected annually by undergraduate students in their respective constituencies, non-voting members, appointed by their respective bodies, and ad-hoc members, created by the Student Senate and appointed by their respective bodies.

1. Voting Members

- a. There shall be three senators representing each academic college on Purdue University's West Lafayette campus that enrolls undergraduate students.
  - b. The Student Body Vice President, acting as President of the Senate, shall, but is not obliged to, vote whenever their vote will affect the result
2. Non-voting Members
- a. There shall be one Senator representing each of the following bodies/constituencies: the Purdue Graduate Student Government and the Purdue University Senate.
3. Ad-Hoc Members
- a. The Student Senate may create Ad-Hoc Members through a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the Student Senate with the same roles and responsibilities as Nonvoting Members. Such Members will be restricted to representing the segment of the undergraduate student body designated upon their creation and shall sit as members of the Student Senate at all meetings.

*Part C. Selection and Terms of Office*

1. Voting Members
- a. Senators shall be elected from and by the members of their respective Schools or Colleges during the Student Body Election. Membership of the School or College shall be as defined by the Purdue University Registrar.
2. Non-voting Members
- a. The Graduate Senator shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Purdue Graduate Student Government.
  - b. The University Senate Faculty Senator shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Purdue University Senate.
3. The term of office for Senators shall be from the first meeting of Senate following the Student Body Election announcements through the first meeting of Senate following the Election Announcements the following year, or until resignation or removal.
4. Ad-Hoc Members
- a. Senate Ad-Hoc Members shall be elected or appointed by the segment of the undergraduate student body designated upon their creation. Unless terminated by the Student Senate beforehand, Ad-Hoc seats shall be disbanded on the first of May. The Ad-Hoc seats can be dissolved by the Student Senate at their discretion by a majority vote.

*Part D. Removal and Vacancies of Senators*

1. Removal

- a. Any Senator may be removed with just cause according to Removal Procedures outlined in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

2. Vacancy

- a. Upon vacancy of any elected Student Senate seat, the Student Council of the respective School/College shall appoint a replacement Senator to the Student Senate.
  - i. After two regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Senate, if the Student Council has not filled the vacant Student Senate seat, the Student Body Vice President may petition the Dean of the respective School/College for a replacement.
  - ii. The term for replacement Senators shall be from the date of appointment until the first meeting of Senate following the Election Announcements the following year, or until resignation or removal.
- b. Upon vacancy of the Graduate seat of the Student Senate, the Purdue Graduate Student Government shall appoint a replacement Senator.
- c. Upon vacancy of the Faculty seat of the Student Senate, a new Faculty Senator shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Purdue University Senate.
- d. Upon vacancy of any Ad-Hoc Seat, a new Ad-Hoc Member shall be elected or appointed by the respective segment of the undergraduate student body designated upon their creation.

*Part E. Meetings*

The Student Senate shall convene for regular meetings at least bi-monthly while it is in session. All elected and appointed Senators are responsible for attending all meetings of the Student Senate or sending a suitable proxy.

1. Regular Meetings: The Student Senate will be considered in session during the fall and spring academic terms and Senate will be determined as not in session during winter and summer breaks.
2. Special Meetings: The Student Vice President or the President Pro-Tempore may call a special meeting of the Student Senate for the purpose of discussing time-sensitive issues.
3. Transition Meeting: The first meeting after the results of PSG Election shall be a joint-session between the outgoing and incoming Senators.

4. Quorum must be met in order for the Student Senate to conduct business.
  - a. Quorum during Student Senate meetings shall be defined as a two-thirds attendance of the active membership of the Student Senate
  - b.
  - c. Quorum during Senate Standing Committee meetings shall be defined as one-half attendance of the active membership of the Student Senate.

*Part F. Duties of Senators*

All Senators of PSG shall be required to:

1. Attend all meetings of the Student Senate or send a suitable proxy;
  - a. The definition of a suitable proxy can be found in Article 2, Section 4, Part
2. Host at least one outreach event with their respective School or College focused solely on PSG initiatives;
3. Hold weekly office hours in the PSG office;
4. Write and distribute a constituent letter once per semester;
5. Serve on at least one Standing Committee of the Purdue Student Senate;
6. Serve on at least one Committee of the University Senate or other University Committee;
7. Attend at least one meeting of their respective Student Council each month;
8. Hold at least one meeting with the Dean of their respective School or College;
9. Attend at least one Board of Directors meeting and one meeting of the Student Supreme Court per semester.

*Part G. Acts of Student Senate*

All acts of the Student Senate shall be submitted to the Student Body President, who then must either approve or veto said act within ten days. If the Student Body President does not explicitly approve and affirm their signature unto an act within the given ten days, the act shall be considered immediately effective. Any veto of an act of the Student Senate must be in writing. In the event that an act is vetoed, it shall return to the Student Senate for further action. Upon approval of the vetoed act by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Student Senate, the act shall be considered effective, and the veto shall be overridden. If the act fails to obtain the approval of two-thirds of the Student Senate, the veto shall hold and the act will not be effective.

## **ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### *Part A. Function*

The Board of Directors, as stated further in the By-Laws, shall be responsible for the following administrative procedures of PSG:

1. Implementing programming;
2. Facilitating external communications;
3. Assisting with the operations of PSG.

#### *Part B. Composition*

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chief of Staff, the Student Body Secretary, the Senior Policy Advisor, and Executive Directors, as well as all other Directors and Associate Directors, whose positions are described in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.
2. The Chief of Staff, Executive Directors, and Student Body Secretary shall be considered the co-chairpersons of the Board of Directors.

#### *Part C. Selection and Terms of Office*

1. Executive Directors
  - a. Executive Directors shall be appointed by the Student Body President, with majority consent of the Student Senate.
  - b. The term of office for Executive Directors shall be from the time of appointment until May 1st of the following year, or until resignation or removal.
2. Directors and Associate Directors
  - a. Directors and Associate Directors shall be appointed by the Student Body President.
  - b. The term of office for Directors and Associate Directors shall be from the time of appointment until May 1st of the following year, or until resignation or removal.

*Part D. Meetings*

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the discretion of the co-chairpersons of the Board of Directors.

*Part E. Duties of the Members of the Board of Directors*

All members of the Board of Directors shall be required to:

1. Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, and any other meetings the Chief of Staff deems mandatory;
2. Hold weekly office hours in the PSG office;
3. Perform four PSG-sponsored event hours per semester;
4. Attend at least one meeting of the Student Senate and one meeting of the Student Supreme Court per semester.

**ARTICLE IV. JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**SECTION 1. THE STUDENT SUPREME COURT**

*Part A. Function*

All judicial powers of PSG shall be vested in the Student Supreme Court.

1. The Student Supreme Court shall be responsible for the review, upon petition of any member of PSG, of the constitutionality of any document or action of the Purdue Student Government.
2. The Student Supreme Court shall also be responsible for resolving disputes between any member of PSG and other parties, which may include other PSG members, relating to this Constitution and the procedures and policies of PSG.
3. The Student Supreme Court will retain the right to modify or overturn its previous rulings or officially issued opinions.
4. Subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of PSG, the Student Supreme Court shall be responsible for the creation and amendment of the Purdue Student Supreme Court Standing Rules. These Standing Rules shall be separately published and made available to all members of PSG.



*Part B. Composition*

The Student Supreme Court shall be comprised of eleven Justices with one Justice serving as Chief Justice.

1. Undergraduate Justices: Nine of the Justices must be undergraduate students attending Purdue University. Upon the vacancy of an Undergraduate Justice, the Chief Justice, with the support of the Student Body President, shall appoint a new Undergraduate Justice to the Student Supreme Court, subject to majority confirmation of the Student Senate.
2. Graduate Justices: Two of the Justices must be graduate students attending Purdue University. These positions shall be filled by the appointees of the Purdue Graduate Student Government.

*Part C. Selection and Terms of Office*

1. The Executive Officers of the Purdue Student Supreme Court, excluding the Chief Justice, shall be appointed by the Purdue Student Supreme Court members and nominated by the Purdue Student Government Senate.

The term of office for Justices of the Student Supreme Court shall be from the date of their appointment until they are no longer members of PSG, or until resignation or removal.

*Part D. Meetings*

Rules, practices, and procedures regarding meetings of the Student Supreme Court shall be outlined in the Standing Rules of the Purdue Student Supreme Court.

*Part E. Duties of Members of the Student Supreme Court*

All members of the Student Supreme Court shall be required to:

1. Attend all meetings of the Student Supreme Court;
2. Hold weekly office hours in the PSG office;
3. Attend at least one meeting of the Student Senate and one meeting of the Board of Directors per semester;
4. Perform other duties as outlined in the Standing Rules of the Purdue Student Supreme Court.

## ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

### SECTION 1. CABINET

#### *Part A. Function*

The Cabinet shall be the administrative body of PSG. Its role shall be to guide all aspects of the organization.

1. The Cabinet is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day affairs of PSG.
2. The Cabinet will serve an advisory role to the Student Senate and the Student Supreme Court.  
The Student Body President shall be the main representative of PSG, with the remainder of Cabinet assisting the Student Body President.
3. When the Student Senate is not in session, the Cabinet may make decisions relating to the operation, conduct, and procedures of PSG that are not contrary to any previous action of the Student Senate. During these intermissions, said decisions shall be made with a majority vote of the active membership of the Cabinet. Any decision of the Cabinet is subject to review by the Student Senate.

#### *Part B. Composition*

The Cabinet shall consist of the Executive Officers of PSG. The Executive Officers are listed below in order of authority unless otherwise noted.

1. Student Body President
  - a. The Student Body President shall be the Chief Executive Officer, head, and official spokesperson and representative of PSG.
  - b. The Student Body President shall have, among others, the following duties, powers, and authorities:
    - i. The power to make internal and external appointments;
    - ii. The power to remove appointed officers, excluding Justices and appointed Student Senators;
    - iii. The power to veto any legislation passed by the Student Senate;
    - iv. The responsibility of serving as the Undergraduate Student Senator on the University Senate;

- v. The duty to represent the Student Body to the Purdue University Board of Trustees, and reporting the actions currently being considered by the Trustees to PSG;
- vi. The power to appoint all PSG members to University Committees.

## 2. Student Body Vice President

- a. The Student Body Vice President shall be the President of the Student Senate, and shall perform the duties of the Student Body President in the event the Student Body President is incapacitated or is no longer a member of PSG.
- b. The Student Body Vice President shall be required to:
  - i. Convene and preside over the meetings of the Student Senate;
  - ii. Together with the President Pro-Tempore, be charged with the administrative business of the Student Senate
  - iii. Serve as the chairperson for the Campus Health and Safety Task Force.

## 3. President Pro-Tempore

- a. The President Pro-Tempore shall be the spokesperson for the Student Senate and shall communicate the concerns of the Student Senate to the Cabinet and the rest of PSG.
- b. The President Pro-Tempore shall be required to:
  - i. Assist the Student Body Vice President in the administration of the Student Senate;
  - ii. Gather legislation and set the agenda for the Student Senate meetings;
  - iii. Assign each Senator to serve on one Student Senate Standing Committee;
  - iv. Convene meetings of the Senate Standing Committee Chairs on a regular basis.

## 4. Chief of Staff

- a. The Chief of Staff shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of PSG.
- b. The Chief of Staff shall, subject to direction of the Student Body President, be responsible for the day-to-day administration of PSG and lead the appointment process of Executive Directors, Directors, and Associate Directors as well as host PSG retreats.

## 5. Student Body Treasurer

- a. The Student Body Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of PSG and shall be responsible for the management of all finances and expenditures of PSG in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student Organizations.
- b. The Student Body Treasurer shall be required to:
  - i. Keep accounts, deposit funds and make expenditures for the organization;
  - ii. Serve as a non-voting member on any relevant Student Senate committee tasked with the oversight of financial affairs, including but not limited to SOGA;
  - iii. Oversee Financial Directors to assist with the duties of the office of Student Body Treasurer;
  - iv. Release funds only in accordance with the budget as passed by the Student Senate.
- c. All actions of the Student Body Treasurer are subject to review by the Student Senate, which has authority over the final interpretation of the budget.

## 6. Student Body Secretary

- a. The Student Body Secretary shall be the Chief Records and Operations Officer of PSG.
- b. The Student Body Secretary shall be required:
  - i. Produce official minutes for all PSG meetings, or send a suitable proxy;
  - ii. Maintain updated versions of all legislation and governing documents, including amendments when applicable,
  - iii. Direct passed legislation to the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President for signature;
  - iv. Co-chair the Board of Directors;
  - v. Oversee the Associate Directors;
  - vi. Maintain physical assets of PSG.

## 7. Senior Policy Advisor

- a. The Senior Policy Advisor shall work directly with the Cabinet and the Executive Directors to advise the Student Body President on issues of policy and operations, as well as the strategic plan of PSG.

8. Press Secretary

- a. The Press Secretary shall be the official spokesperson and chief communication liaison of the Purdue Student Government to any and all external press affiliates and organizations.
- b. The Press Secretary shall be required to:
  - i. Work directly with all Cabinet-level officers and Executive Directors on a regular basis to communicate the interests, opinions, and actions of all three branches of the Purdue Student Government;
  - ii. Attend all meetings of the Student Senate and the Board of Directors, or send a suitable proxy;
  - iii. Issue press releases for issues or decisions deemed of significance by the Cabinet, Senate, and Executive Directors;
  - iv. Advise the Student Body President and the President Pro-Tempore on issues of public relations.

9. Chief Justice

- a. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for the administration of the Student Supreme Court, and shall be the spokesperson for the Student Supreme Court.

10. Standing Senate Committee Chairs:

- a. The Standing Senate Committee Chairs shall be responsible for the administration of their respective committees.

*Part C. Selection and Terms of Office*

1. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President

- a. The Student Body shall elect the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall run for office as a single non-splitting ticket, and the members of PSG shall have the right to each cast one vote for a single ticket during the Student Body Election.
- b. The term of office for the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be from the first meeting of Student Senate following the Student Body Election announcements until the first meeting of Student Senate following the Election Announcements the following year, or until resignation or removal.

2. President Pro-Tempore

- a. The President Pro-Tempore shall be elected by a majority vote of the active membership of the Student Senate.
- b. The term of office for the President Pro-Tempore shall be from the time of election until the election of a successor at first meeting of the next session of the Student Senate the following year, or until resignation or removal.

3. Senate Standing Committee Chairs

- a. Each Senate Standing Committee shall nominate and elect a Chair of that committee by a majority vote of the active membership of said committee.
- b. The Senate Standing Committee Chair shall retain their position from the date of their election until the first Student Senate meeting following the election announcement, or until resignation or removal.

4. All other members of the Cabinet shall be appointed by the Student Body President, with majority consent of the Student Senate. The appointed members of Cabinet shall retain their positions from the date of their approval by the Student Senate until the first Student Senate meeting following the election announcement, or until resignation or removal.

*Part D. Removal and Vacancies of Members of Cabinet*

1. Student Body President and Student Body Vice President

- a. Upon vacancy of the office of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall assume the office of Student Body President. The new Student Body President shall then appoint the new Student Body Vice President before the next meeting of the Student Senate.
- b. In the event that the offices of Student Body President and the Student Body Vice President become vacant, the President Pro-Tempore shall assume the office of Student Body President. The new Student Body President shall then nominate the new Student Body Vice President before the next meeting of the Student Senate. The nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
- c. In the event that the positions of Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate become vacant, the Student Senate shall convene a special meeting for the sole purpose of electing a new Student Body President, whose term shall last from the election until after the next regularly scheduled Student Body Election. Any senator may be selected as a candidate for the Student Body President position if all positions are vacated. The new Student Body President shall then appoint the new Student Body Vice President.

i. Since one of a senator's main roles is to serve as the voice of the Student Body, they're able to vote for the new Student Body President without arranging a campus-wide emergency election.

ii. Any Senator may run for the position of Student Body President due to their knowledge of the Purdue Student Government's inner workings, thus lessening the learning curve when compared to a member outside the Student Senate.

d. The Student Body President or Student Body Vice President may be removed from office with just cause by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate, following the Removal Procedures outlined in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

## 2. President Pro-Tempore

a. Upon vacancy of the position of President Pro-Tempore, the Student Senate shall elect a new President Pro-Tempore during the next regularly-scheduled Student Senate Meeting.

b. Until the vacancy is filled, the Internal Affairs committee chairman shall assume the responsibilities of the President Pro-Tempore until the next regularly-scheduled Student Senate Meeting.

c. The President Pro-Tempore may be removed from their position with just cause by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate, following the Removal Procedures outlined in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

## 3. Senate Standing Committee Chairs

a. Upon vacancy of the position of a Senate Standing Committee Chair, a new Chair shall be elected from and by the members of said committee.

b. A Senate Standing Committee Chair may be removed from their position with just cause by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate, following the Removal Procedures in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

## 4. Appointed Officers of Cabinet

a. Upon vacancy of any appointed Officers of Cabinet, the Student Body President may appoint a new officer, with majority consent of the Student Senate.

b. The Student Body President may remove any appointed Officer, other than a Justice, Chief Justice, or appointed Senator with just cause. Removal shall be effective upon written notice of removal being filed with the Student Body Vice President, as President of the Student Senate, by the Student Body President. The Student Senate shall also

maintain the power to remove appointed Officers with a two-thirds vote, as further outlined in the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

*Part E. Meetings*

1. Meetings of the Cabinet shall be held at the discretion of the Student Body President.
2. Quorum must be met in order for the Cabinet to conduct business. Quorum shall be defined as a two-thirds attendance of the active membership of the Cabinet.

*Part F. Duties of the Members of the Cabinet*

1. The members of Cabinet shall be required to:
  - a. Attend all Cabinet meetings;
  - b. Attend all meetings of the Student Senate and Board of Directors;
  - c. Hold weekly office hours in the PSG office;
  - d. Perform four organization hours per semester at a PSG sponsored, co-sponsored, or outreach event.

**ARTICLE VI. ADVISORS**

The Purdue University administration shall assign at least one advisor to PSG. Advisors shall be responsible for safeguarding the wellbeing of the organization and advising officers in their responsibilities. An advisor may serve as the advisor to a particular committee or branch of the organization, provided that at least one of the advisors is responsible for advising all officers. The Executive Officers of PSG can, by majority vote, retain more advisors. The term of non-university appointed advisor shall be from the date of appointment until May 1st of the following year.

**ARTICLE VII. SUBORDINATE BODIES**

**SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE**

The Presidents' Roundtable shall be defined in a subordinate document to this Constitution, called the Constitution of the Presidents' Roundtable, which shall define the rights and function of the Presidents' Roundtable. The Student Body President shall be the chairperson of the Presidents' Roundtable.

**SECTION 2. THE CAMPUS HEALTH AND SAFETY TASK FORCE**



The Campus Health and Safety Task Force shall be a subordinate body for the purpose of promoting health and safety issues on campus, as well as addressing health and safety risks. The Student Body Vice President shall be the chairperson of the Campus Health and Safety Task Force.

### SECTION 3. STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE ADVISORY BOARD

The Student Fee Advisory Board (SFAB) shall be a permanent, stand-alone committee that reports to the Purdue Student Government Senate. The mission and purpose of the SFAB shall be defined in a subordinate document to this Constitution, called the Constitution of the Student Fee Advisory Board, which shall define the rights and functions of SFAB.

### SECTION 4. STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANT ALLOCATION BOARD

The Student Organization Grant Allocation (SOGA) Board provides support to recognized student organizations at Purdue University (West Lafayette) by helping them obtain necessary funding in order to enhance campus life and their respective organizations.

## **ARTICLE VIII. STUDENT BODY ELECTION**

### SECTION 1. TIMING OF THE STUDENT BODY ELECTION

The Student Body Election shall be held the third Monday, and following Tuesday and Wednesday, upon the return of the Student Body to regular classes following the Spring Break of each year.

### SECTION 2. ELECTIONS RULES

The procedures for the Student Body Election shall be further defined in the PSG Election Rules, as adopted with majority consent of the Student Senate. No modification or alteration of the Election Rules shall take effect until the first day after the next Student Body Election, unless the modification or alteration is adopted by a unanimous vote of the active membership of the Student Senate and approved by the Student Body President.

### SECTION 3. ELECTIONS DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE

1. The Elections Director, subject to majority consent of the Student Senate, shall be responsible for coordinating the Student Body Election. The Elections Director shall be required to:
  - a. Choose a committee of three members, subject to majority consent of the Student Senate, to assist in the elections process;
  - b. Interpret the Elections Rules of the Purdue Student Government, assure a fair Student Body Elections, and guarantee confidentiality throughout the process;

- c. Promote the Student Body Election by hosting call-outs and information sessions, and advertise the elections to voters, in order to encourage participation from both candidates and voters;
- d. Host polling locations around campus, which shall be widely promoted.

## **ARTICLE IX. BYLAWS**

Further specifications and laws of PSG shall be specified in a subordinate document to this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government. These Bylaws shall be originally enacted by a majority vote and modified upon by the procedures outlined within the Bylaws of the Purdue Student Government.

## **ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern meetings in which actions will be deliberated.

## **ARTICLE XI. REFERENDA**

- 1. Any member of PSG, subject to the procedures herein, may submit referenda to determine a non-binding opinion of the Student Body.
  - a. Referenda must be submitted to the Student Body Secretary at least thirty days before the start of the Student Body Election, and must be accompanied by the signatures of one-fiftieth of the Student Body, as determined by the Purdue University Registrar.
  - b. Once verified by Student Activities and Organizations Office as being authentic and in accordance with University Regulation, the referenda shall be added to the ballot of the Student Body Election.
  - c. With a majority vote of those participating in the Student Body Election, the referenda shall be adopted as a non-binding opinion of the Student Body.

## **ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS BY STUDENT SENATE**

#### *Part A. Authority*

The Student Senate may amend this Constitution in compliance with the terms herein.

*Part B. Amending Process*

1. **First Reading:** Any proposed amendment shall be introduced to the Student Senate at a regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting in the form of a bill. The amendment must pass a first reading by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate.
2. **Committee:** An amendment that passes the first reading shall be reviewed further by any relevant Student Senate committee tasked with overseeing the governing documents. Such a committee shall determine the validity and effectiveness of the amendment and provide a report at the next regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting.
3. **Second Reading:** Following committee review, the amendment must pass a second reading under the same conditions and procedures as the first reading. The second reading shall not occur during the same meeting as the first reading.
4. **Student Body President:** The Student Body President must either approve or veto any amendment that passes two readings within 10 days. If the Student Body President does not explicitly approve and affirm their signature unto an amendment within the given ten days, the act shall be considered immediately effective, pending approval by the Student Activities and Organizations Office. If the Student Body President vetoes an amendment, it shall be submitted for one additional reading before the Student Senate, during which the Student Body President must state their objections verbally or in writing. If the vetoed amendment passes this third reading by a three-fourths vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate, it shall become effective, and the veto overridden, pending approval by the Student Activities and Organizations Office. If the amendment fails to obtain the approval of three-fourths of the regular membership of the Student Senate, the veto shall hold and the amendment will not become effective.
5. **Student Activities and Organizations Office:** Once signed by the Student Body President, or approved by a three-fourths vote of the regular membership of the Student Senate in response to a Presidential veto, amendments shall be submitted to the Student Activities and Organizations Office. Upon approval of the Student Activities and Organizations Office, amendments shall become immediately effective and binding within the Constitution of the Purdue Student Government.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT BY REFERENDUM**

*Part A. Authority*

The Student Body, in a fairly conducted Student Body Election, shall be the final arbiters of any actions done in their name. The officers, employees, advisors or representatives of PSG may not deny or interfere with the rights of the Student Body to petition, recall officials, or initiate referenda on legislation or amendments to the PSG Constitution.

*Part B. Amending Process*

1. Amendment by Referendum: Any member of PSG, by the procedure herein, may amend this Constitution by submitting referenda to be placed on the ballot in the Student Body Election. Referenda must be submitted to the Student Body Secretary at least thirty days before the start of the Student Body Election and must be accompanied by the signatures of one twenty-fifth of the Student Body, as determined by the University Registrar. Once verified by the Student Activities and Organizations Office to be authentic and in accordance with University Regulation, the referenda shall be added to the ballot of the Student Body Election.
2. Student Activities and Organizations Office: Any Constitutional amendment by referendum that receives a majority vote of those participating in the Student Body Election shall be submitted to the Student Activities and Organizations Office. Upon approval, the amendment shall become immediately effective and binding within the Constitution of the Purdue Student Government.