

Constitution and By-Laws

Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government



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*Constitution of the Student Government of
Louisiana State University at Alexandria*

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, in order to provide for student representation; to assume the fullest responsibilities of self-government appropriate to the role of students, and to facilitate better understanding between faculty, administration, and students; do ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

Article I:

PURPOSE

1. The governing organization of students at Louisiana State University at Alexandria shall be known as the Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government.
2. Every enrolled student (as defined by Louisiana State University at Alexandria) shall be a member of the student body and shall be entitled to representation from the Student Government.
3. The purpose of the Student Government shall be:
 - To represent the interests of the student body in all matters affecting the university
 - To provide programs for the enrichment of the university and to preserve and enhance the collegiate experience of the students
 - To provide an opportunity for students to enhance themselves and their skills in leadership while working to better the community of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
 - To actively seek out and campaign for initiatives that will serve to better Louisiana State University at Alexandria and benefit its students
4. The Student Government shall represent their constituency within and outside the university. As such, the members shall express the interests and concerns of their constituencies and shall represent their constituencies by example and conduct in the discharge of their duties. The membership of the Student Government shall model the best standards of leadership and behavior, and upon such shall serve as an example of these qualities to the university and the community.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP

1. No student shall be denied membership, discriminated against, or withheld from office due to ethnicity, color, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age, national origin, or disability.

2. Every student serving in an appointed or elected office or position of this organization shall be considered a member of the same and shall be allowed to participate in all events, activities and functions hosted by the Student Government without charge.
3. The Officers of the Student Government shall be:
 - The President
 - The Vice-President
 - The Treasurer
 - The Executive Secretary
 - The Chief Justice of the Judicial Council
 - The Speaker of the Senate
4. The Student Government membership shall consist of:
 - The Officers as stated in Section 3
 - Six Freshman Senators
 - Six Sophomore Senators
 - Six Junior Senators
 - Six Senior Senators
 - Four Justices of the Judicial Council
5. No officer of the Student Government may simultaneously hold more than one elected office under the provisions of this Constitution.
6. The Speaker of the Senate and the Parliamentarian of the Senate are elected from among the senators; as such it shall remain clear that there are twenty-four senate positions, two of whom serve as Speaker of the Senate and Parliamentarian of the Senate, and that these offices do not add two individuals to the Senate.

Article III:

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

1. All members and Officers of the Executive, Legislative (Senate) and Judicial Branches of the Student Government shall comprise the Assembly. The Assembly shall thus be a meeting of the entire Student Government and all its branches.
2. All members of the Assembly shall have the right to full participation in each meeting or session of the Assembly, including voting rights (see Section II of the By-laws)
3. The Assembly, commensurate with the subsequent provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, shall have the power to perform the following operations, including but not limited to:
 - A. By two-thirds vote of members present at any duly constituted Assembly meeting, the Assembly shall have the power to:
 - Approve the operating budget for the Student Government
 - Ratify the Constitution or amend the By-laws as described in Article IX of the Constitution
 - Call a special election as described in Section VII of the By-laws
 - To approve the impeachment of an officer as described in Section IX of the By-laws
 - B. By simple majority vote of members present at any duly constituted Assembly meeting, the Assembly shall have the power to:
 - Take action necessary and proper for carrying out the duties and objectives of the Student Government
 - Approve Presidential appointments of officers, committee chairs and committees
4. The Executive Board – and therefore the Student Government President – shall preside over all Student Assembly meetings.
5. Minutes of each assembly meeting shall be taken by the Executive Secretary; in the absence of the Executive Secretary, the Senate Secretary shall fulfill the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary for the duration of the meeting. In the absence of the both the Senate and

Executive secretaries, the President shall appoint an acting secretary for the duration of the meeting.

6. Meetings shall be called as follows:
 - A. Meetings shall be held no less often than bimonthly during the Spring and Fall semesters.
 - B. The time and place of each meeting shall be determined at the discretion of the Executive Board, who shall inform the student body and Student Government membership no later than five days prior to each meeting.
7. All meetings of the assembly shall be open to the student body, observing the following operations:
 - A. All meetings of the assembly shall be open to the public; however, The Student Government reserves the right to at any time enter an executive session. An executive session shall be open only to the Executive Board and Advisors. Notwithstanding, any person deemed necessary or important to the matter at hand may be allowed to enter the executive session.
 - B. Public comment will be allowed in meetings of the Assembly if first recognized by the President. Public comment is defined as input from a member of the student body who is not a member of the Student Government.

Article IV:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Execution power of the Student Government shall be vested in the Executive Board.
2. The Executive Board shall have the authority and responsibility to execute temporary action in such cases and circumstances that it be necessary until permanent action can be decided upon by the Assembly. It shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board with the consultation of the Faculty Advisor what dictates temporary action, and what action is warranted.
3. The Executive Board shall be composed of:
 - The President
 - The Vice-President

- The Treasurer
 - The Executive Secretary
4. The Executive Board shall faithfully and reliably carry out the duties detailed in the following sections of this article.
5. The Student Government President shall be vested with the following executive authority and responsibilities:
- Serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Student Government
 - Preside over all meetings of the Assembly
 - Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board
 - Vote in such cases as his/her vote would affect the outcome of the Assembly's vote
 - Enact or veto any piece of legislation passed by the Student Government legislative Senate within four (4) days of the legislation's Senatorial approval
 - Serve as ex-officio member of all Assembly committees filled by appointment, or with consent of the Assembly appoint another officer to do so
 - Appoint standing and ad-hoc committees to carry out the business of the Executive Board and the Student Assembly
 - Appoint one or more faculty members to serve as Faculty Advisor to Student Government, the term of said advisors being that of the President who appointed them
 - Coordinate all activities of the Executive Board and the Student Assembly
 - Call all special meetings of the Executive Board and the Student Assembly
 - Nominate, with consent of the Assembly, ambassadors to serve on committees of the Faculty Senate and other committees appointed by the administration of the university
 - Appoint the justices of the judicial council

- Serve as the Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Body's representative on the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents

6. The Vice-President shall be vested with the following authority and responsibilities:

- Serve as acting President in the temporary absence of the President
- Serve as President should the office of President be vacated mid-term for any reason, as described in Section VII of the By-laws
- Assist the President in such executive matters as the President sees fit, and as such carry out all duties delegated to him/her by the President

7. The Treasurer shall be vested with the following authority and responsibilities:

- Keep all financial records of the organization
- Perform the financial responsibilities of the organization as outlined in Article VII of the Constitution
- Assist the Executive Board in creating a budget for the fiscal year of the Board's term
- Present a financial report at each meeting of the Assembly

8. The Executive Secretary shall be vested with the following responsibilities:

- To take the minutes of each meeting of the Executive Board and the Assembly and provide copies to the President and the Faculty Advisor within two (2) class days of the meeting
- Provide copies of the agenda to all members present at meetings of the Assembly
- To post the minutes of each Executive Board and Assembly meeting to the Student Government website no more than three (3) class days after each meeting
- To advertise the time and place of each Assembly meeting no later than five (5) class days prior to the meeting itself

- Serve as administrative assistant to the President
 - Assist the Treasurer in facilitating financial transactions
 - Prepare correspondence and documents for the Student Government as needed
 - Provide copies of all Student Government meeting minutes to the library archives of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
 - Otherwise execute all proper orders of the Executive Board
9. The Executive Secretary shall remain a separate position from the Senate Secretary.

Article V:

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

1. The Judicial Council shall serve as the judicial branch of Student Government, and all judiciary power of the Student Government shall be vested therein.
2. The Judicial Council shall be composed of:
 - The Chief Justice
 - Four Justices
 - Two senators nominated for service by the Senate
 - No fewer than one (1) and no more than two (2) Faculty Advisors
3. The duties of the Chief Justice shall be:
 - To preside over hearings of the Judicial Council
 - To vote in only such cases as his/her vote would affect the outcome of the Council's vote
 - Appoint one or more Faculty Advisors – whose term shall be that of the Justice – to advise the Council in its affairs

4. It shall be the authority and duty of the Judicial Council to:
- Conduct hearings of impeachment as described in Section IX of the By-laws
 - Conduct any meetings regarding the dismissal of senators as described in Section IX of the By-laws
 - Interpret the Constitution in such situations as it is necessary
 - To oversee elections of Student Government, those responsibilities including:
 1. Conduct hearings and issue judgments upon all appeals, cases and controversies involving elections of Student Government
 2. Set forth guidelines on elections of Student Government including general campaign regulations
 3. Verify eligibility of candidates seeking office (see relevant Sections of the By-laws)
 - To conduct hearings involving disputes between members of the Student Government, should the situation warrant such intervention (see Section IV of the By-laws)
5. The Judicial Council may appoint any member as Clerk of Court, whose responsibilities shall be to take the minutes of each meeting and hearing of the Council and present a copy to the Chief Justice no more than three (3) days following each meeting or hearing. As alternative to a Clerk of Court, minutes may simply be taken by any member present provided that all duties described above are fulfilled by the member in question.

Article VI:

SENATE

1. The legislative power of the Student Government shall be vested in the Senate.

2. The Senate shall meet as necessary to discuss, amend, and vote on legislation affecting the student body. Senators of the Student Government shall also meet with the Assembly to conduct business of the Student Government.
3. All actions, resolutions and legislation considered or passed by the Senate shall be written, discussed according to, and intended for the purpose of serving the student body of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.
4. The Student Senate, commensurate with the subsequent provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, shall have the power to act as follows, including but not limited to:
 - A. By a two-thirds vote of the Senators present and voting at any duly constituted Student Senate meeting, the Student Senate may:
 - Appoint senators to the Judicial branch and approve Presidential appointments of Justices
 - Vote to impeach any officer of the Student Government as described in Section IX of the By-laws
 - Approve resolutions and legislation pertinent to the Student Government
 - B. By a simple majority vote of the Senators present and voting at any duly constituted Student Senate meeting, the Student Senate may:
 - Recommend action and express opinion on behalf of the Student Body in all areas of student life
 - Create any temporary Student Senate committee and approve any appointments made thereto
5. The members of the Student Government Senate shall be:
 - Six Freshman Senators
 - Six Sophomore Senators
 - Six Junior Senators
 - Six Senior Senators

6. The Senate shall elect from among its twenty-four senators a Speaker of the Senate, a senatorial Secretary and a Parliamentarian.
7. The Speaker of the Senate shall have the authority and responsibility to:
 - Preside over meetings of the Senate
 - Appoint, with consent of the Senate, senatorial committees to carry out the objectives of the Senate
 - Vote in such cases as his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote
 - Act as President of Student Government in the event of temporary absence of the President and Vice-President, as described in Section VII of the By-laws
 - Assume Presidency of the Student Government should the offices of President and Vice-President be vacated mid-term, as described in Section VII of the By-laws
8. The Senate Secretary shall be vested with the following responsibilities:
 - Take the minutes of each Senate meeting
 - Provide copies of the roster of legislation under consideration to all present members of the Senate at any Senate meeting
 - Provide copies of the minutes of each Senate meeting to the Speaker of the Senate, the Executive Board, and the Faculty Advisor of the Student Government
 - Prepare all Senate documents and correspondences
 - Be responsible for keeping all records and papers of the Senate
 - Execute all proper orders of the Senate
9. The Parliamentarian shall have the authority and responsibility to ensure that meetings of the Senate correctly follow Robert's Rules of Order and the provisions and operations of this Constitution and its By-laws, the latter having precedence. The Senate Parliamentarian shall serve the same responsibility in meetings of the Assembly.
10. The Senate Secretary shall remain a separate position from the Secretary of the Executive Board.

Article VII:

OPERATIONAL FUNDS

1. The operational funds for the Student Government shall be accrued from a per capita student assessment of fees collected by the administration of Louisiana State University at Alexandria and shall be supplemented as needed by sponsorship gained by the Student Government, observing all pertinent university regulations.
2. The receipt and disbursement of Student Government funds shall be under the authority of the President with consent of the Assembly.
3. All transactions involving Student Government funds shall be accomplished through requisition or as otherwise provided by university policy. All purchase requisitions shall contain the signature of the Student Government President and the Student Government Faculty Advisor. Purchase requisitions must also contain the signature of the Louisiana State University at Alexandria Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services or the Chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.
4. The Student Government shall operate on a fiscal year beginning on 12:00:00 A.M. on the first day of July each calendar year and terminating at 11:59:59 P.M. on the last day of June in the next calendar year.
5. The President or Treasurer shall submit for the Assembly's consideration a projected budget for the upcoming fiscal year no later than the last day of April. The Assembly must adopt a projected budget before the last day of June. This projected budget shall be in effect until the first regular meeting of the Fall semester, when the Assembly shall approve an operating budget for the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters according to the process and requirements outlined in Section 6 of this Article.
6. At the first regular meeting of the Fall semester, the President or Treasurer shall submit a budget for the fiscal year to the Assembly. This budget shall contain expenditure limits for the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. The previously adopted projected budget described in Section 5 of this article shall remain in effect until the approval of this fiscal budget at the first regular Fall meeting. The new budget and its limits shall remain in effect until the end of the fiscal year as described by the university.
7. All surplus budgeted finances (and use thereof) at the end of each fiscal year shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board. All expenditures made using surplus assets shall be approved by the faculty advisor and/or the Chancellor of Louisiana State University at

Alexandria. Surplus budgeted finances are defined as assets surplus of the budget and unused assets remaining at the end of the Spring semester, the last semester of the fiscal year in which the Student Government is active.

8. Surplus finances may be requested for use by any member, provided said finances are used for official Student Government activities or relief. To release surplus revenue for use by a non-Executive member, action must be approved through a bill of the Senate approved by the same and enacted by the President. The provisions of Section 3 of this article shall at all times be observed.
9. At no time shall deficit spending be permitted in any case by the Student Government. The Student Government shall always operate under a balanced budget in which expenditures may not surpass revenues. No officer shall cause the Student Government to operate with its expenditures greater than its revenues.
10. The treasurer shall keep accurate and current reports of all finances and financial activity of the Student Government. The Treasurer shall be prepared to report on the status of Student Government funds as of that day at all meetings of the Assembly.
11. The Student Government may award Student Government Grants to students of Louisiana State University for their academic and professional development.
12. The Officers of the Executive Board shall receive a salary, which shall be at the discretion of the Assembly provided that the total of the combined salaries does not exceed ten percent of the operating budget.

Article VIII:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendments to this constitution must be proposed by a member of the Assembly (any branch of the Student Government), or presented by petition of the student body to the Student Government President by the student body.
2. When proposed by a member of the Assembly, the Assembly must approve any amendment with a two-thirds vote. After Assembly approval of an amendment, it must be ratified by the majority of the student body in an election to be presented no later than one (1) calendar month after the date of approval.
3. The right of initiative is hereby granted to the student body of Louisiana State University at Alexandria in that an amendment to the Constitution may be proposed by the student body

itself. A successful student petition shall be binding as if it were a resolution passed by the Senate and signed by the President. The student body may propose an amendment to the Constitution provided that:

- A petition is submitted to the President bearing names and signatures of twenty percent of the student body, requesting an election for consideration of a constitutional amendment.
- No earlier than fourteen (14) calendar days and no later than one (1) calendar month after the request, an election shall be held in which the student body shall be allowed to vote on the proposed amendment. A majority vote of the student body shall ratify the amendment.

Article IX:

RATIFICATION

1. This Constitution shall be ratified when approved by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly at a duly constituted regular Assembly meeting, and subsequently by a majority of students voting in a campus-wide election.
2. The By-laws of this Constitution shall be ratified with the Constitution.
3. The provisions of this Constitution shall go into effect on the date of ratification.

- No member shall knowingly misrepresent the truth while acting in his/her capacity as a member of the Student Government.
 - No member shall bestow favors, make undue use of influence or powers of office, or offer special considerations of any kind. No member of the Student Government shall accept any of these things for any reason or in exchange of any item, including and especially those listed above.
 - No member of the Student Government shall misuse, mismanage, or misappropriate the equipment, facilities or funds of the Student Government. Each member shall at all times be able to give an account of all Student Government funds or assets spent or used by him/her and a thorough inventory of all goods and services received.
 - Each member of the Student Government shall make every attempt to fulfill his/her responsibilities to the best of his/her ability. Each member must discharge his/her duties in good faith and with due regard for the welfare of the Student Government, its members, and the student body.
 - Members may not, while acting in an official capacity, be engaged in any political campaign of any kind, or give recommendations for goods or services. If a member should speak as an individual (outside their capacity), that member shall avoid creating the impression that he or she speaks for the university, the Student Government, or the student body.
6. The Code of Ethics shall be read at the time of installation of each officer, senator, and member of the Student Government.

Section II:

AFFAIRS OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

1. The time and place of each regular meeting of the Assembly shall be posted in every campus building and/or announced through mass media with no less notice than five (5) days before each meeting.
2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern each meeting of the Assembly, and shall be observed except in such case that it be in conflict with this Constitution or its By-laws.
3. Quorum for each assembly meeting shall be a simple majority, a simple majority being half the membership plus one. The President or an Officer whose duties require them to serve as

acting President in the President's absence must also be present to have quorum, these Officers being the Vice-President or the Speaker of the Senate, the latter having precedence.

4. Public comment during Assembly discussion shall be permitted so long as the individual is recognized by the chair and given the floor to do so.
5. Before the call to order, any member of the student body, including those who are not members of the Student Government, may freely address any topic before the Assembly. The topic may be a topic of the agenda or any other. In doing so, the following operations shall be observed:
 - A. Time will be provided on the agenda for public comment, and shall begin when the President opens the floor for public address.
 - B. Public address shall be the first order of business at all regular meetings of the Assembly.
 - C. Any member of the student body who wishes to address the body must register with the Secretary before the President calls the meeting to order.
 - D. All public address shall be limited to five (5) minutes per individual. It shall be the responsibility of the Parliamentarian to ensure that this operation is observed. An individual may only continue beyond the limit if there is no objection from the floor.
6. At all regular meetings of the Assembly, the following shall be reported to the members of the Student Government:
 - An overview of Student Government activities since the last regular meeting, given by the President or acting President
 - A report on the financial state of the Student Government, including income and expenses, given by the Treasurer
 - A reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, given by the Secretary
7. At any time at which the floor is opened for discussion of any topic or motion; all comment, both public and from members of the Student Government, shall be limited to three (3) minutes before said individual loses the floor and another be allowed to comment (note that public comment in discussion is separate from public comment as described in Section 4). Any individual may comment freely so long as this time limit is observed, and no limit shall

be imposed on an individual's right to comment multiple times as discussion progresses. To ensure that testimony or commentary necessary or highly relevant to the discussion is included, a time limit may be ignored only if no member objects to allowing a member in possession of the floor to continue. The Parliamentarian shall keep time of all commentary during discussion.

8. The President, with a two-thirds vote of Officers present at the assembly, shall have the authority to excuse or eject any person exhibiting hostile, offensive, intimidating or disorderly conduct, or speaking without first having the recognition of the President. Hostile behavior is defined as antagonistic, unethical, or inappropriate action or language that incites fear and/or prohibits the progress of Student Government's meetings or activities.
9. All members of the Assembly shall have full voting rights in any vote of the Assembly on any topic. All members shall possess one (1) vote. All members shall be allowed to cast their vote in all votes of the Assembly, with exception of the President who shall cast his/her vote only in such cases as his/her vote will affect the outcome of the vote. While public comment (comment from students who are not members of the Student Government) is always to be permitted, no individual who is not a member of the Student Government (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) shall be permitted to cast a vote in any meeting of Student Government.

Section III:

AFFAIRS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall hold an Executive meeting prior to each regular Assembly meeting to produce a meeting agenda for the Student Assembly meeting. Additional meetings shall be called as needed by the President. The time, place and date of each Executive meeting shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board.
2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern each meeting of the Executive Board, and shall be observed except in such case that it be in conflict with this constitution or its By-laws.
3. The Executive Board shall staff the Student Government office.
 - A. The office hours of the Executive Board shall be determined at the discretion of the Executive Board and the Faculty Advisor.
 - B. The office hours of an Executive member may at no time or in any way interfere or coincide with the Officer's classes.

- C. As Officers of the Student Government Organization, the Chief Justice and the Speaker of the Senate shall also have means to access the office.
4. The President shall nominate ambassadors to university and Faculty committees, should these committees require or request Student Government representation. Ambassadors may be any member of the Student Government, including the President. In the event that the President nominates himself or herself to a faculty or university committee, a three-quarters vote of the Assembly shall be required to approve the nomination. In such cases as a Faculty or University committee specifically requests the President as ambassador, the President may accept the nomination without Assembly approval.
 5. Members of the Executive Board must not at any time during their term serve as an executive member of any other student organization of Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Section IV:

AFFAIRS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

1. The Judicial Council shall meet before the last school day of the Spring semester with its next years' officers to plan the next year and to establish dates for Fall and Spring election meetings of the upcoming year. The Council shall then meet as needed to carry out the business charged to it under the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws.
2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern each meeting of the Assembly, and shall be observed except in such case that it be in conflict with this constitution or its By-laws.
3. Quorum shall be three Council members and no fewer than one (1) Faculty Advisor.
4. The Judicial Council shall make all rulings by majority vote. Each Justice and Senator serving on the Council shall have one vote. In the event of a tie, it shall be the duty of the Chief Justice to break the tie. The Chief Justice shall only cast his/her vote in such cases as his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote.
5. To conduct a hearing on a dispute between members of Student Government, a member involved in said dispute must file a claim with the Council to request a hearing. Hearings shall be granted at the discretion of the Council, with the consultation of the Faculty Advisor(s). The Judicial Council shall respond to all requests in a timely manner, and each request for hearing shall be denied or approved no later than two (2) weeks from the date of submission. No hearing may be denied without a unanimous decision of the Judicial Council.

(Note that these provisions are not applicable to hearings of impeachment, which are outlined in Section IX, Sections 4 and 5 of the By-laws.)

6. The Judicial Council shall be charged with overseeing elections of the Student Government. As such, no member of Student Government seeking office may serve on the Judicial Council during any election in which the individual is a candidate, and no losing candidate may be appointed a Justice or Senator serving on the Council until the results of the election in which he/she was a candidate is finalized and no run-off election is underway or possible (see Section VIII of the By-laws).

Section V:

AFFAIRS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SENATE

1. The Senate shall hold its first regular meeting immediately after the installation of Freshman Senators in the Fall, at which time it will elect a Speaker of the Senate, a Senate Secretary, and a Senate Parliamentarian. The Senate shall then meet as needed to conduct business.
2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern each meeting of the Assembly, and shall be observed except in such case that it be in conflict with this constitution or its By-laws.
3. Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority plus the Speaker of the Senate. In the Absence of the Speaker, the Senate Parliamentarian shall preside as acting Speaker.
4. Each member of the Senate shall have one (1) vote in matters concerning the affairs of the Senate. All members shall have equal voting rights and no member shall be denied the right to cast a vote in all votes of the Senate. The Speaker of the Senate shall cast his/her vote only in such cases as his vote would affect the outcome of the vote.
5. All operations, resolutions and legislation voted upon by the Senate must first be presented in the form of a bill, which shall be discussed and open for amendment before being approved or disapproved by a vote of the Senate according to the processes described in Robert's Rules of Order.
 - A. All bills must be introduced by members of the Senate. Any Senator, regardless of position in the Senate, may at any time introduce a bill for consideration.
 - B. A bill may be authored by any student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, but must be sponsored and introduced by a Senator in good standing of the Legislative Senate of the Student Government to be introduced before the Senate.

- C. All bills shall be presented to the Senate Secretary no later than five (5) days prior to the Senate meeting to be placed on the agenda.
- D. Bills shall gain Senate approval should two-thirds of the Senate vote in favor of the legislation being considered. Should a resolution or legislation be given Senate approval, it shall then go to the President for approval or veto.
- E. A Presidential veto may only be overridden only by a three-quarters vote of the Senate and a subsequent three-quarters vote of the Assembly.

Section VI:

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

1. Offices of the Executive Board

- A. To be eligible for the office of President of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:
 - Must have completed at least two regular semesters (excluding summer semesters) as a full-time student at Louisiana State University at Alexandria
 - Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5
 - Must be classified as a full-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
 - Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor
 - Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
 - Must have been a member of the Student Government (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) for no fewer than two (2) semesters

- Must not have previously held the office of Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government President for two terms

B. To be eligible for the office of Vice-President of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must have completed at least one regular semester (excluding summer) as a full-time student at Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5
- Must be classified as a full-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
- Must have been a member of the Student Government (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) for no fewer than one (1) semester
- Must not have previously held the office of Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government Vice-President for two terms

C. To be eligible for the office of Treasurer of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5

- Must be classified as a full-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
- Must have been a member of the Student Government (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) for no fewer than one (1) semester
- Must not have previously held the office of Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government Treasurer for two terms

D. To be eligible for the office of Executive Secretary of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5
- Must be classified as a full-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
- Must have been a member of the Student Government (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) for no fewer than one (1) semester

- Must not have previously held the office of Louisiana State University at Alexandria Student Government Secretary for two terms

2. Offices of the Legislative Senate

A. To be eligible for the office of Senior Senator of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must be classified as a Senior according to the earned credit hours requirements of their respective major, as stated in the catalog of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0
- Must be classified as at least a part-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office

B. To be eligible for the office of Junior Senator of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must be classified as a Junior according to the earned credit hours requirements of their respective major, as stated in the catalog of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0

- Must be classified as at least a part-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office

C. To be eligible for the office of Sophomore Senator of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must be classified as a Sophomore according to the earned credit hours requirements of their respective major, as stated in the catalog of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0
- Must be classified as at least a part-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office

D. To be eligible for the office of Freshman Senator of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must be classified as a Freshman according to the earned credit hours requirements of their respective major, as stated in the catalog of Louisiana State University at Alexandria
 - Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0
 - Must be classified as at least a part-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
 - Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
 - Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
- E. The Speaker of the Senate is elected from among the Senators. As such, to be eligible for the office of Speaker of the Senate of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate must:
- Be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Senator in good standing and meet all criteria set forth in the preceding sub-sections of Section 2 of this article
 - Have served as a Senator of any of the four classifications for at least two (2) semesters prior to being elected Speaker
- F. The Secretary and Parliamentarian of the Senate are appointed from among the Senators. As such; any Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Senator in good standing shall be considered eligible for the position of Secretary of the Senate.

3. Offices of the Judicial Council

A. To be eligible for the office of Chief Justice of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate:

- Must have completed at least two regular semesters (excluding summer) as a full-time student at Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5
- Must be classified as a full-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office

B. To be eligible for the office of Justice of the Student Government of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, a candidate must:

- Must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0
- Must be classified as at least a part-time student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria who is not a dual-enrolled student at the time of candidacy, and during all semesters of his/her term excluding the summer
- Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)

- Must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of office
4. If, for any office, no member possesses the qualifications stated above for that office, the qualifications may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the Assembly to allow the office to be filled. This shall only occur in such case as an office would otherwise remain vacant.
 5. It shall be the duty of the Judicial Council to verify all candidates' eligibility.

Section VII:

VACANCY OF OFFICE

1. In the event of a mid-term vacancy of office, positions may be filled by Presidential nomination or by special election. Offices (as defined in Article II of the Constitution) may be appointed by the President from among the Membership of Student Government, provided:
 - Appointments receive approval of the Assembly (two-thirds vote)
 - Appointees must submit a petition of nomination to the Judicial Council
 - Appointees must meet all qualifications of the office (as outlined in Article VI of the By-laws)
 - Must pass a qualifying examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar (to be conducted as needed by at a regular Assembly meeting by a qualified Faculty Advisor)
 - The appointee shall complete the term in progress, which shall terminate at the regular time at the end of the Spring semester. If the appointee takes office with fewer than sixty (60) calendar days remaining in the term, the term shall not count against the maximum term number for that individual for that office.

2. A special election may be held in such cases as:
 - A. The president chooses not to appoint a position for any reason
 - B. The president is unable to appoint a position for any reason
 - C. Vacancies in the positions of:
 - Freshman Senator
 - Sophomore Senator
 - Junior Senator
 - Senior Senator

3. Special elections must observe the following operations:
 - All special elections must first receive Assembly approval by two-thirds vote
 - No more than one (1) special election shall be held per semester
 - A special election shall be announced to the student body within one (1) calendar month of receiving Assembly approval
 - Petitions for office shall be due to the Judicial Council one (1) week after announcement of a special election
 - The Judicial Council election meeting (outlined in Article VIII of the By-laws) shall occur no more than one (1) week after the due date of the petitions
 - The special elections shall occur electronically over three (3) consecutive class days, as do standard elections
 - Any run-off election, if required, shall take place no more than five (5) calendar days following the special election
 - The electee shall complete the term in progress, which shall terminate at the regular time at the end of the Spring semester

4. In the event that an office is vacated after primary elections but before officer-Elect inaugurations, an officer-Elect may be inaugurated early so that the position is not left vacant.
5. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, or Senate Parliamentarian, the Senate shall meet to elect a replacement for the office.
6. In the event of vacancy in the office of President,
 - A. The Vice-President shall assume the duties and title of President.
 - B. Should the Vice-President be unable or unwilling to assume the title and responsibilities of the Presidency, the Speaker of the Senate shall assume the title and duties of the President.
 - C. Should the Senate Speaker refuse the title or be unable to assume the office for any reason, a special election may be held within fourteen (14) days according to the statutes of special elections stated in Section 3 of this Section.
 - D. Vice-Presidential assumption of Presidency may be overturned by a motion and a two-thirds vote of the assembly with due cause, as may Senate Speaker assumption of Presidency.
7. Any individual nominated to office due to vacancy of that office either through Presidential nomination or succession of title (as outlined in the preceding sections of this Section) shall have forty-eight (48) hours to accept or decline the nomination. The individual shall accept or decline nomination in writing to the Assembly.

Section VIII:

ELECTIONS

1. The following student Government offices shall be elected by student election:
 - President of the Executive Board
 - Vice-President of the Executive Board

- Treasurer of the Executive Board
 - Secretary of the Executive Board
 - Six Senior Senators
 - Six Junior Senators
 - Six Sophomore Senators
 - Six Freshman Senators (See Section 13 of this Section)
2. There shall be two primary elections. The first shall elect six (6) Sophomore, Junior, and Senior senators (18 total). The second election shall elect the Executive Officers from among those senators (and/or any other office-seeking students who meet the qualifications for office), so as to prevent well-qualified senators from losing their seat by running for Executive office. Any Senate seats left vacant by this process will be filled at the time of Freshmen elections in the Fall (see section 13 of this Section).
 3. Every enrolled student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria shall be eligible to vote in all elections of the Student Government. All students shall be able to cast one (1) vote.
 4. Students seeking an office in the Student Government must submit a petition of nomination to the Student Government office containing fifty student's names and signatures, which will be forwarded to the Judicial Council. Those petitioning for office may begin to collect their signatures on the first school day of March. This petition shall be due to the Judicial Council by the final week of March, the specific date to be decided at the discretion of the Judicial Council. The petitions, and the names and signatures thereon, shall at all times observe the following:
 - A. Each of the fifty students shall print and sign their names on this petition.
 - B. Names and/or signatures deemed illegible by the Judicial Council shall be invalid and shall be struck from the petition. Names and/or signatures struck from the petition shall not count toward the fifty names and signatures required for nomination.
 - C. All names shall be printed as they are recorded in university records. Unverifiable names shall be struck from the petition and shall not count toward the fifty names and signatures required for nomination.

- D. The Judicial Council's validation of petitions shall be final unless contested within three (3) days after the final submission date for petitions.
5. Students who have resigned from the Student Government shall not be eligible to run for office again except when:
 - The student's resignation was due to resignation from the university
 - An acceptable letter of resignation was presented to the Assembly by the student (acceptance of such a letter of resignation by a majority vote of the Senate will retain that individual's eligibility for future service as an officer)
 6. The Judicial Council shall confirm the eligibility of each candidate no later than three (3) school days following the final due date of the petitions.
 7. After submitting a petition of nomination to the Student Government, a student seeking nomination to an office under the Student Government Constitution must pass a written examination on Parliamentary Procedure and the Student Government Constitution and By-laws with a seventy percent score OR complete the qualifying Student Government Constitution and Parliamentary Procedure seminar. This shall be required for eligibility to be nominated and no individual may be placed on the ballot until this requirement is satisfied. Moreover, the Faculty Advisor shall administer the aforementioned examination or the aforementioned seminar immediately to each individual following submission of a petition.
 8. All campaigns conducted under the provisions of this Constitution shall at all times observe the following operations:
 - The campaign period shall begin three (3) weeks prior to the date of elections, immediately after the election meeting of the Judicial Council
 - Campaigns shall remain free of deceptive information, slander, or any other device or practice that may bring discredit to the Student Government and/or Louisiana State University at Alexandria
 - Campaigns may be conducted only on the grounds of Louisiana State University at Alexandria

- No campaign materials may be used in any way before being approved by the Judicial Council at the Council's election meeting
- All campaign materials must be approved by the Judicial Council
- Balloting shall be conducted electronically, and as such candidates are prohibited from operating any device as a public ballot box, and are prohibited from campaigning within seventy-five (75) feet of any device deemed exclusively for that purpose
- Candidates are required to clear away any campaign materials by five (5) days following the election's end

9. All elections shall be conducted under the following procedures:

- A. Three (3) weeks prior to the date of the election, the Judicial Council shall submit a ballot including the names of all candidates, proposed amendments, and any other voting initiatives to the Director of IET Services so that an electronic ballot may be prepared. The Judicial Council shall immediately notify the Assembly when this process has begun.
- B. Balloting shall be conducted electronically on three (3) consecutive class days.
- C. Electronic ballots shall be retrieved and tallied by the Director of IET Services.
- D. The Director of IET Services shall report election results to the Chair of the Judicial Council, who shall then notify the President of the Executive Board and the Faculty Advisors. Election results shall then be reported by the President of the Executive Board to the Assembly and posted to notify the student body.

10. The winner of an election shall be the individual in each vote of the election who receives the highest number of student votes. In the case of Senators, four individuals shall be elected and as such the four individuals receiving the highest quantities of student votes shall be the winners of the vote. In the case of Assembly Representatives, the two individuals receiving the most votes shall be elected.

11. Upon election to an office, and until inauguration:

- All newly-elected officers shall carry the title of their office followed by "-Elect".

- All officers “Elect” shall carry this title until their inauguration, at which time they shall assume the full authority and responsibility of their elected position.
- Until inauguration, an officer “Elect” shall have no responsibility or authority to conduct business under the title of their elected office.

12. Dates of the Student Government Spring elections shall be decided according to the following procedures:

- A. Primary elections for Senators shall be held in the first week of April. As such, the final submission date for petitions and the election meeting of the Judicial Council shall be held in the third week of March. The specific dates shall be at the discretion of the Judicial Council, provided that the election meeting does occur by the final school day of the third week of March. Candidates may begin campaigning on the first school day of the final week of March, and may continue until voting has concluded. Candidates may not campaign near a constituent who is currently voting. Elections for Executive officers shall occur in the final week of April. The Judicial Council shall meet with all office candidates in the second week of April, following Senate elections, by/at which meeting the candidates will have submitted all campaign materials. The Judicial Council shall vote at this meeting to approve or deny all campaign materials, so that campaigning may begin the following (third) week of April. Campaigning may continue until elections have concluded in the final week of April; however no candidate may campaign near a constituent who is currently voting.
- B. All offices shall be elected in the spring election prior to the school year of their term, with the exception of Freshman Senators and offices vacated by elected Executives. A regular fall election shall be held to elect the six Freshman Senators and the vacant offices.
- C. Should a run-off election be required, it shall be held within no more than five (5) schools days of the primary election.

13. Elections for Freshman Senators and offices left vacant by Executive Office elections shall be held in the Fall of the term according to the following operations:

- A. The election for Freshman Senators shall be held in the fourth week of September
- B. Those petitioning for nomination may begin to collect their signatures on the first day of classes in the Fall semester.

- C. The Judicial Council Fall election meeting shall be held in the second week of September. As such petitions shall be due to the Judicial Council by a date during that week that shall be at the Council's discretion. The Council will meet no more than two (2) days after the due date of the petitions.
 - D. All procedures other than the dates aforementioned shall be as those of the Spring elections.
14. Elections may be contested by submission of a request for formal hearing to the Judicial Council. The contesting of an election must occur within three (3) days following announcement of the results of an election. After three (3) days of the announcement, results shall be final.
 15. A recall election may be requested by the student body in the form of a petition carrying signatures of 25% of the student body, filed in writing with the Judicial Council stating the reason for petition of recall. The Judicial Council shall have fourteen (14) days to verify the signatures and therefore verify if the petition is successful. A successful petition from the student body shall at all times be as binding as a vote of the Assembly or resolution from the Senate Approved by the President. Should the petition be successful, a recall election shall be held within thirty (30) days of the petition's filing.
 16. All elected officers shall be installed at the first regular Assembly meeting following their election.
 17. An election shall be required to fill the offices listed above except in such case as an irregular vacancy of office, as described in Section VII of the By-laws

Section IX:

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Inauguration shall be held at the first meeting of the Assembly following elections at the end of the Spring Semester, or at a special inaugurative meeting.
2. The term of office of all positions and offices of the Student Government EXCEPT the Chief Justice (see section 3) shall be one (1) school year, beginning at the time of inauguration. The term shall include one Summer, Fall and Spring semester. The term shall begin at the time of

inauguration, and end at the inauguration of new members and officers after elections at the end of the year, unless terminated mid-term.

3. The term of office of a Chief Justice shall be two years, beginning in the academic year of his/her appointment and ending at the conclusion of the following school year.
4. The term of office of any officer or member of the Student Government shall be terminated automatically upon any of the following:
 - The officer or member presents to the Assembly a letter of resignation, which must be voted acceptable by simple majority of the Assembly for the individual to seek office again
 - The officer or member drops below the required course load or grade point average respective to the office
 - The officer or member accumulates three (3) unexcused absences from any meeting their office requires they attend (absences due to official Student Government business shall be counted as excused, and any reason for an absence shall be considered excused when voted as such unanimously by the Executive Board)
5. The terms of office for any officer or member of the Student Government may be terminated for any of the causes stated in section 6 according to the following provisions of impeachment:
 - A. A Student Government member of any standing may initiate impeachment proceedings by filing formal charges with the Judicial Council in writing, stating the reason for filing. Charges may be filed against any member or Officer with due cause. Charges to impeach any member or Officer may also be filed to the Judicial Council by any member of the student body in the form of a petition including names and signatures of twenty-five percent of the student body, and a written letter explaining the reason for petition. A successful student petition shall be considered as binding as formal charges pressed by a member of the Assembly. All names and signatures shall be verified as legitimate before the Council may proceed with consideration of the petition (see Section X, Item 8: sub-sections D and E of the By-laws). The Council must verify all signatures no later than fourteen (14) days of the petition's submission.
 - B. The Judicial Council shall conduct a formal hearing, at which both the filer of the charges and the subject of the charges shall be present. Both parties shall be allowed to present their case before the Judicial Council. The time, place and date of the

hearing shall be at the discretion of the Council provided that both parties are able to attend and the hearing occurs within thirty (30) days of the filing of charges.

- C. In the event that a member of the Judicial Council is the subject of the charges, the member in question will not be allowed to participate in the hearing as a member of the Judicial Council and must recuse himself/herself.
 - D. Following a thorough investigation of the charges, the Judicial Council shall vote either in favor of the Officer or member in question, at which point the impeachment shall fail, or vote to impeach the Officer or member. In the case of the latter, the recommendation to impeach shall then go to the Senate.
 - E. The Senate shall review the Council's recommendation and the reasons for such, and shall vote on the impeachment. A two-thirds vote of Senate shall be required to impeach the Officer or member. Should a member of the Senate be the subject of the hearing, he or she must recuse himself/herself and may not participate in the hearing as a member of the Senate.
 - F. If both the Judicial Council and the Senate vote to impeach an Officer or member, the individual in question shall be removed from office.
6. Impeachable offenses shall be:
- Failure to carry out the duties of their office or provision, as stated in Articles VI, V, and VI of the Constitution
 - Lack of participation in the activities of the Student Government

Section X:

MISCELLANEOUS AND WORDING

1. These By-laws and the conjoined Constitution shall be at all times considered two parts of the same governing document, and shall at all times be treated as such.
2. Any student petition, if successful and legitimate (as defined in the Constitution and By-laws where necessary) shall be completely and irrevocably binding under the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws.

3. All regular and special elections of any kind must be announced to the student body either through mass media or posting in all campus buildings with all possible prior notice.
4. At no time shall any member of Student Government incite dilatory action in any meeting of any branch of the Student Government for any reason.
5. No individual should or may at any time misrepresent, misquote, or intentionally misinterpret any part of these By-laws or the conjoined Constitution.
6. No individual should or may at any time or for any reason remove the words of this document from context, or use any or whole of this document outside its intended context.
7. Words and phrases in the Student Government Constitution or its By-laws, legislation, or any other document of the Student Government shall at all times be read within their context and shall be construed to the common and approved usage of the language. Technical words and phrases shall at all times be considered to plainly represent their technical meanings.
8. At all times, it shall be assumed that in the context of this document:
 - A. ‘Consent’ of the Assembly or Senate refers to a majority vote. A majority vote is defined as fifty-one percent of votes being cast in the affirmative.
 - B. ‘Approval’ of the Senate or Assembly refers to a two-thirds vote in the affirmative.
 - C. “‘Officers’ of the Assembly” refers to those individuals described as Officers in Article II of the Constitution, these individuals being: The Executive Board members, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Chief Justice.
 - D. ‘Student body’ refers to all registered students of Louisianan State University at Alexandria in good standing, as defined in the university catalogue.
 - E. ‘Member of the student body’ refers to a registered student of Louisiana State University at Alexandria, as defined in the university catalogue.

Section XI:

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

1. Amendments to the By-laws must be proposed by a member of the Assembly, or presented by petition of the student body by the student body to the President.
2. When proposed by a member of the Assembly, the Assembly must approve any amendment with a two-thirds vote.
3. The right of initiative is granted to the student body of Louisiana State University in that an amendment to the By-laws may be proposed by the student body itself. A successful student petition shall be binding as if a resolution passed by the Assembly. The student body may propose an amendment to the By-laws provided that a petition is submitted to the President bearing names and signatures of twenty percent of the student body, requesting an election for consideration of an amendment.

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