

CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

We, the student body of Louisiana Tech University, in order to best promote the interests and opinions of the student body on all matters that affect our lives, academically and socially, to promote such projects beneficial to the students, and to consider matters of policy and their implementation, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Student Government Association of Louisiana Tech University.

Article I: Enactment of the Student Government Association

Section 1.1: Name

The government organization of the Louisiana Tech University Student Association shall be known as the Student Government Association (SGA) of Louisiana Tech University.

Section 1.2: Composition

The SGA shall be composed of the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judiciary Branch.

Section 1.3: Purpose

The purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

- A. To serve as a channel of communication to the faculty and administration and to all levels of state government as to the opinions, wishes, and needs of the student body.
- B. To establish policies affecting the University community in cooperation with the administration, faculty, and the State of Louisiana.
- C. To establish and execute such programs and projects beneficial to the students.
- D. To promote and improve relations between the Ruston area and the students of Louisiana Tech University.
- E. To conduct such investigations and inquiries deemed necessary from time to time to implement the above causes.

Section 1.4: Empowerment

As appears in University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors Bylaws: SECTION XVII. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- A. Board Recognition. The Board recognizes the value of a Student Government Association (SGA) at the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board and encourages the establishment of an SGA at each institution. This is mutually beneficial to the student body and to the individual institutions. The SGA shall operate under a constitution approved by the president of the institution. An institution is authorized to collect SGA fees, approved by the Board, and to maintain them in a separate institutional account. Funds may be withdrawn from an SGA account by authorization of a legally-constituted body of an SGA with the approval of the institution's president and/or his/her designated agent.

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Article II: The Executive Branch

Section 2.1: Executive Power

The executive power of the student body herein granted shall be vested in the SGA Executive Branch.

Section 2.2: Composition

The SGA Executive Branch shall be composed of the SGA Faculty Advisor(s), Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, Student Body Secretary, Student Body Treasurer, the Executive Cabinet, and the Members-at-Large.

Section 2.3: Qualifications of the Student Body President and Vice President

The Student Body President and Vice President:

- A. Must have been a full-time student at Louisiana Tech University for three out of the four quarters, excluding summers, which immediately precede the office term, and must remain a full-time student through the office term. If, while in office, the officer experiences extenuating circumstances for a period and recovers but has to drop below full-time hours, the student senate may vote by simple majority to allow the officer to continue in their capacity. If a graduating senior is in their final quarter, they may remain in their position even if enrolled below full-time status.
- B. Must have at least 50 semester credit hours by the end of the winter quarter prior to spring election.
- C. Must be eligible and intend to serve the entire office term.
- D. Must be a full-time student and enrolled full-time in a summer session after their respective spring elections.
 1. If the President is unable to be present at the University during a summer session, the Vice President will fill the position. If the Vice President is not available, a member of SGA will be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate (2/3 vote) to perform the duties of President.
 2. If the Vice President is unable to be present at the University during a summer session, a member of SGA will be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate (2/3 vote) to perform the duties of Vice President.
- E. Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end winter quarter prior to spring elections and maintain at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA from the time of election until the expiration of the term.
- F. Must have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- G. The candidates for President and Vice President are required to have been in good standing (as defined in Article VI, Section 6.5) and held an Executive Office, Cabinet, Senate, member-at-large, or Supreme Court position in the SGA for at least two quarters preceding their office term.
- H. Failure to maintain any of the above stipulations will result in the immediate and permanent removal from office.

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Section 2.4: The Duties of the Student Body President

The Student Body President shall perform the following duties:

- A. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the student body.
- B. Supervise and direct all executive officers in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.
- C. Represent the student body at meetings and conferences held for the interest of the students.
- D. Serve on and/or appoint representatives from the student body to University committees affecting student life and activities.
- E. Appoint executive committees and may serve as an ex-officio member on all of these appointed committees.
- F. Encouraged to pursue membership in the Council of Student Body Presidents and inform students on the activities of the Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System.
- G. Appoint permanent department heads with the approval of two-thirds of the voting members of the Student Senate Present.
- H. Appoint acting department heads to serve temporarily for a nonrenewable period of no more than 30 class days. Approval from the Student Senate is not required in this case.
- I. Remove any appointed Executive Cabinet and executive committee members as deemed necessary.
- J. Conduct a weekly meeting with the Executive Officers of the Student Body and the Executive Cabinet members.
- K. Call special meetings of the Executive Cabinet, the executive committees, Student Senate, and the Supreme Court, as deemed necessary.
- L. Veto any legislative decision of the Student Senate, provided said legislation has not received a prior veto.
 1. The President's veto power may only be exercised within a six calendar day period following the passage of the legislation.
 2. Notice of the veto must be posted by twelve noon (12 p.m.) on the sixth day on the doors of the SGA office.
- M. Approve and cosign with the Treasurer SGA expenditures that are not budget line items, which are more than \$100 that does not exceed \$300.
- N. Make proclamations as deemed necessary by the Executive Branch.
- O. Make executive decisions as needed to conduct SGA business during the absence of a voting Student Senate.
- P. Work at least 18 hours per week in the SGA Office. (Hours pursued during SGA related activities or in representing the student body shall be deemed as office hours of equal to the amount of time applied).

Section 2.5: The Duties of the Student Body Vice President

The Student Body Vice President shall:

- A. Assume the duties of the Student Body President during the absence of, or upon the request of, the President.
- B. Assume the office of Student Body President in the event the office of Student Body President is vacated.

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- C. Supervise, as an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Senate, and report to the Student Body.
- D. Serve as speaker of the Senate. Duties will include:
 - 1. The Speaker shall serve as the presiding officer of the Senate.
 - 2. Open the Student Senate meetings promptly at 6 p.m. on Tuesday during regular session.
 - 3. Preserve order and decorum of the Senate.
 - 4. State each motion as it is made.
 - 5. Recognize members who seek the floor for the purpose of speaking in debate or otherwise.
 - 6. State and put to a vote all questions requiring a vote, and all questions upon which a vote ordered, and announce the vote.
 - 7. Be responsible for the processing of Senate-approved legislation, and see that the legislation reaches the executive office within 48 hours of passage.
- E. Perform all other duties assigned by the President and meet on a weekly basis.
- F. Act as head liaison between the Executive Officers, the Executive Departments, the Student Senate, and the Student Body President.
- G. Coordinate Publicity for the SGA with the assistance of the Department of Public Relations.
- H. Advise the Student Body President on questions of policy and administration.
- I. Perform other duties as assigned by the Student Body President.
- J. Meet with the Student Body President on a weekly basis.
- K. Attend all Cabinet and Senate meetings.
- L. Serve as a member of the Legislative Liaison Committee.
- M. Work at least 16 hours per week in the SGA Office.
 - 1. 5 hours (1 per day) must be posted publically and maintained as in-office hours. The remainder of the hours must be completed within business hours, but are flexible
 - 2. Hours pursued must be during SGA related activities, in meetings, or representing the student body shall be deemed as office hours of equal to the amount of time applied.

Section 2.6: Qualifications of the Student Body Treasurer and Secretary

The Student Body Treasurer and Secretary:

- A. Must have been a full-time student at Louisiana Tech University for three out of the four quarters excluding summers, which immediately precede the office term, and must remain a full-time student through the office term. If, while in office, the officer experiences extenuating circumstances for a period and recovers but has to drop below full-time hours, the student senate may vote by simple majority to allow the officer to continue in their capacity. If a graduating senior in their final quarter they may remain in their position even if they are enrolled below full time status.
- B. Must have at least 30 semester credit hours by the end of spring quarter after election.
- C. Must be eligible and intend to serve the entire office term.

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- D. Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of election and maintain at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA from the time of election until the expiration of the term.
- E. The candidates for Treasurer and Secretary are required to be in good standing with the SGA and have held an Executive Office, Cabinet, Senate, Supreme Court, or Member-at-Large position in the SGA for at least two quarters preceding their office term.
- F. The Treasurer is encouraged to attend a summer sessions (preferably the second) of summer school after election to office. If unable to attend, a summer treasurer must be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate (with a 2/3 vote).
- G. Failure to maintain any of the above stipulations will result in the permanent and immediate dismissal from office.

Section 2.7: The Duties of the Student Body Secretary

The Student Body Secretary shall:

- A. Keep and post a permanent record of all business and legislative acts of the SGA.
- B. Keep and post a current public directory of all active SGA members.
- C. Keep and post minutes of all SGA Student Senate meetings.
- D. Keep an attendance roll at all Student Senate meetings and SGA functions.
- E. Assist the SGA Advisor in the efficient and proper operation of the SGA office facilities.
- F. Check the GPA, enrollment, and classification status of each SGA member with the assistance of the Faculty Advisor(s) at least once per quarter. If a member fails to meet the required criteria, the Secretary shall notify the Supreme Court, via formal letter, and the member, via formal letter or phone, of the Secretary's actions on the matter.
- G. Work at least 12 hours per week in the SGA Office.
 - 1. 5 hours (1 per day) must be posted publically and maintained as in-office hours. The remainder of the hours must be completed within business hours, but are flexible
 - 2. Hours pursued must be during SGA related activities, in meetings, or representing the student body shall be deemed as office hours of equal to the amount of time applied.

Section 2.8: The Duties of the Student Body Treasurer

The Student Body Treasurer shall:

- A. Serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the SGA, Student Loan Officer, and Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- B. Keep a permanent and accurate record of all financial transactions of the SGA.
- C. Prepare and submit separate budgets for each quarter, after approval by the Student Body President and Finance Committee, to the Student Senate by the first meeting of each quarter.
- D. Approve any expenditure of SGA.
- E. Work at least 12 hours per week in the SGA Office.

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1. 5 hours (1 per day) must be posted publically and maintained as in-office hours. The remainder of the hours must be completed within business hours, but are flexible
2. Hours pursued must be during SGA related activities, in meetings, or representing the student body shall be deemed as office hours of equal to the amount of time applied.

Section 2.9: The Executive Cabinet

- A. The Executive Cabinet shall be composed of advisory members and the SGA Executive Department Heads who shall advise the Student Body President on policy matters.
- B. The Executive Cabinet will attend a weekly meeting scheduled by the Student Body President, the weekly Student Senate meeting, and will work two office hours per week in the SGA Office.
- C. Advisory members are appointed and removed as deemed necessary by the President to counsel the governing body on specific matters in his/her area of expertise.
- D. The appointed Executive Department Heads must be and remain a full-time student and have at least a 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of appointment and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA until the expiration of the office term.
- E. The Executive Departments are outlined in the SGA Bylaws.
- F. Failure to maintain any of the above stipulations will result in the immediate and permanent dismissal from office.

Section 2.11: Members-at-Large

- A. To be a Member-at-large of the SGA:
 1. The student must be enrolled full-time at Louisiana Tech University.
 2. An application for consideration must be submitted and examined by a committee composed of members of the SGA Executive Branch.
- B. Members-at-Large shall:
 1. Work at least 30 minutes of office hours per week in the SGA Office.
 2. Serve on at least one Executive Department committee.
 3. Participate in SGA events as deemed necessary/required.
- C. The Members-at-Large Attendance Policy is as follows:
 1. More than three unexcused absences by a Member-at-Large in one quarter shall be cause for removal.
 2. Two committee meetings or event absences shall constitute as one of the absences.
 3. A Member-at-large shall be allowed to make up only one week of office hours per quarter by working an extra 30 minutes of office hours either the previous or following week of the missed office hour.
 4. Failure to work office hours for two weeks shall constitute as one absence.
- D. Member-at-Large Senator Election
 1. An election shall be held one to two weeks after the Members-at-Large are inducted.

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2. No campaigning shall take place and candidates will have three minutes to speak on their behalf to the Member-at-Large body.
3. A candidate must receive a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Members-at-Large present in order to be elected as Members-at-Large Senator.
4. The Members-at-Large Senator shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a senator and will represent the Members-at-Large body.
5. The Members-at-Large Senator shall fill the position of both Member-at-Large and Senator.

Article III: The SGA Legislative Branch

Section 3.1: Legislative Power

The legislative power of the student body herein granted shall be vested in the SGA Student Senate.

Section 3.2: Composition

The Student Senate shall be composed of the following:

- A. The Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the members of the Executive Cabinet who shall all serve as non-voting members.
- B. The Presidents of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes.
- C. Academic Class and Graduate School Senators shall include:
 1. Two Senators from the Graduate School.
 2. Two Senators each from the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes.
 3. Four Senators from the Freshmen class.
- D. Academic College Senators
 1. Each academic college shall receive one Senator for every 500 students or major fraction thereof enrolled in the said college.
 2. The enrollment which forms the basis for computation of the college representation shall be derived from the previous fall enrollment of all full-time graduate and undergraduate students.
 3. Every academic college shall have at least one Senator regardless of enrollment numbers.
- E. Ex-Officio Senators
 1. An ex-officio member is defined as a member that is allowed to vote and conduct business just as any other Senator would, but is not required to work office hours or attend any SGA events other than the weekly Student Senate meetings.
 2. An organization shall be allowed to apply for an ex-officio position on the Student Senate if the organization's funding is provided through student assessed fees or the organization represents an under-represented part of the student body.

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3. The Student Senate must approve the organization's seat on the Student Senate with a two-thirds approval of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
 4. The organization is responsible for sending a representative to each Student Senate meeting.
 5. The office term for an ex-officio Senator is defined on an organizational basis, not an individual basis.
 6. Ex-Officio Senate seats are to be re-applied for and approved by the Student Senate within the first three senate meetings of the Fall Quarter.
- F. Member-at-Large Senator
1. One Member-at-Large Senator will be elected by the Member-at-Large body as outlined in Article III, Section 2.11:D of the Constitution.
 2. The Member-at-Large Senator shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a Senator and will represent the Member-at-Large body.
 3. The Member-at-Large Senator shall fill the position of both Member-at-Large and Senator.

Section 3.3: Qualifications of Student Senators

- The following qualifications are needed to be eligible for a Student Senate seat:
- A. Candidates must have been a full-time student at Louisiana Tech University for two out of the last three consecutive quarters immediately preceding the office term and must not drop below full-time status throughout said office term. (Freshmen, Graduate, and Member-at-Large Senators shall not be required to be full-time students at Louisiana Tech for two consecutive quarters preceding said office term).
 - B. Candidates must have at least a 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of election and maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA throughout the office term.
 - C. Candidates running for Class President or Class Senators seats must meet the following semester credit hour requirements:
 1. Candidates for Senior Class President and Senator must have at least 90 semester credit hours by the end of the spring quarter of their election.
 2. Candidates for Junior Class President and Senator must have between 60 and 89 semester credit hours, inclusive, by the end of the spring quarter of their election.
 3. Candidates for Sophomore Class President and Senator must have between 30 and 59 semester credit hours, inclusive, by the end of the spring quarter of their election.
 4. Candidates for Freshmen Class President and Senator must have no more than 15 semester hours at the time of their election.
 - D. Candidates for College Senate seats:
 1. Must be enrolled in the respective academic college at Louisiana Tech University at the time of election.
 2. Must have been a full-time student of the respective academic college at Louisiana Tech for two consecutive quarters, excluding summers, immediately preceding the office term.

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3. Must not drop below full-time status and must remain in their respective academic college throughout said term of office. (If appointed by the Student Body President in the event of a vacancy, a candidate shall not be required to have been a student of their respective college for two consecutive quarters.)
- E. Candidates for Graduate Senator must be a full-time graduate student at Louisiana Tech.
- F. No person may hold more than one voting position on the Student Senate at one time.
- G. Candidates must be in good standing with the SGA at the time of election if they are a current SGA member.
- H. Candidates must be eligible and intend to serve their entire office term.
- I. Failure to maintain the above stipulations will result in dismissal from office.

Section 3.4: Powers of the Student Senate

The Student Senate shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- A. Approve SGA expenditures, not determined in the budget, in excess of \$301 by a majority vote of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
- B. Approve the quarterly budgets and bi-monthly reports of the Executive Branch by majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present.
- C. Pass resolutions on behalf of the student body by a majority of the voting members of the Senate present.
- D. Override a Presidential veto by two-thirds approval of the voting members of the Senate present.
- E. Approve SGA appointments as outlined in the SGA Constitution and Bylaws.
- F. Elect, from amongst the Senators, via a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present, a Speaker Pro Tempore.
- G. Call special Student Senate meetings when deemed necessary by a majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present.
- H. Establish or dissolve committees as deemed necessary for carrying into operation the power and duties vested in this Constitution by a majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present.
- I. Determine and/or approve a Summer Senate to carry out the duties of the SGA during the summer quarter. Provisions for determining the need of a Summer Senate are outlined in Article II of the SGA Bylaws.

Section 3.5: The office of Speaker Pro Tempore

- A. The selection of a Speaker shall be conducted in the following manner:
 1. Nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore shall be taken from the voting members of the Senate.
 2. Senators wishing to run for Speaker Pro Tempore must have served on the Student Senate for a minimum of two quarters.
 3. These nominations shall be tabled for one week. During this time, the candidates will take a test on Robert's Rules of Order developed and administered by the Supreme Court. Candidates must pass this test with an 80 percent or better score to be eligible for election.

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4. Candidates who pass the test on Robert's Rules of Order will be allowed to be voted upon at the next Student Senate meeting.
 5. A candidate must receive a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Student Senate to be declared the Speaker Pro Tempore.
- B. The Speaker Pro Temp shall serve to perform the following duties:
1. Assist the Vice President in his/her duties as deemed necessary.
 2. Serve as Acting Speaker as long as a vacancy exists in the office of Vice President.
 3. Serve as Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee.
 4. Perform other duties/functions and exercise such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution, Bylaws, or action of the Student Senate.
 5. The Speaker shall have a vote in the event of a tie
- C. Vacancies in the office of Speaker Pro Tempore shall be filled in accordance with this section of the SGA Constitution.
- D. The Senator holding the office of Speaker Pro Tempore may be removed from the office of Speaker Pro Tempore during any regularly scheduled meeting of the Student Senate.
1. Causes for removal include, but are not limited to, missing more than one meeting in a quarter, failure to meet minimum qualifications for office, or having at least one unexcused office hour.
 2. The Speaker can be removed from office with a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate.
 3. The removal process will be presided over by the Vice-President and the vote must be taken by secret ballot.
 4. If the Speaker Pro Tempore is removed from office, that person will return to his/her original position in the Student Senate.

Article IV: The SGA Judiciary Branch

Section 4.1: Judiciary Power

The Judiciary power of the student body, herein granted, shall be vested in the SGA Judiciary Branch.

Section 4.2: Judiciary Branch Composition

- A. The Judiciary Branch shall be composed of the SGA Supreme Court consisting of the Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices.
- B. The Chief Justice shall be elected by the members of the Supreme Court as outlined in the SGA Bylaws.
- C. At least seven of the nine Supreme Court Justices must vote in all Supreme Court decisions.

Section 4.3: Qualifications

Each of the nine appointed justices must:

- A. Be and remain a full-time student of Louisiana Tech University from the time of appointment until the end of his/her term.

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- B. Have at least 30 semester credit hours at the time of appointment.
- C. Must have at least a 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of appointment and maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA throughout the office term.
- D. Failure to maintain the above stipulations will result in dismissal from office.

Section 4.4: Nomination and Approval

- A. Any Supreme Court vacancy shall be posted on the doors of the SGA office for a minimum of one week before replacing a justice.
- B. All perspective justices shall submit an application to the SGA office by a deadline determined by the Chief Justice and the Student Body President.
- C. Vacancies in the Supreme Court shall be filled in the following manner:
 - 1. The Student Body President shall appoint a maximum of two justices per office term.
 - 2. After the ninth class day of the Spring quarter of the current President's term he/she will not be able to appoint justices to the Supreme Court
 - 3. Any remaining vacancies shall be filled from Supreme Court applicants via nomination and approval by a majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
- D. All individuals who are selected to fill a vacant Supreme Court position will serve for the remainder of their respective term.

Section 4.5: Terms of Office

- A. The nine justices shall serve a two-year term or until they resign or fail to meet the required qualifications. If a justice has to vacate his/her post, a new justice will be selected in accordance to Article IV, Section 4.4.
- B. Justices shall not be part of the Student Senate or the Executive Branch.

Section 4.6: Powers and Duties

The SGA Supreme Court shall:

- A. Interpret the SGA Constitution and Bylaws and render decisions on questions not specifically covered in any of the aforementioned documents.
- B. Meet whenever called upon by the Student Body President, the Election Committee, or by a majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present to decide questions presented to the Supreme Court by the Student Senate and/or the Executive Branch.
- C. Determine the constitutionality and authority of actions taken by the Executive Branch or the Student Senate.
- D. Establish and/or dissolve committees as deemed necessary for carrying into operation the powers and duties vested in the Constitution by the recommendation of the Chief Justice or a majority of the voting members of the SGA Supreme Court.

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Article V: Removal Procedures

Section 5.1: Parameters for Removal from SGA

- A. Members of SGA that are not in compliance with the qualifications or duties of their office can be tried for removal from the organization.
- B. Members must at all times be in compliance with Article XI: Conduct of the SGA, failure to do so will be grounds for trial for removal from the organization.
- C. The SGA Bylaws, especially Article VIII: Impeachment and Removal Proceedings, shall hereby be empowered to govern the means and justifications for actions resulting in the removal of a member, where it is not explained or in conflict with this Constitution.

Article VI: General Elections

Section 6.1: Office Terms

The office term of each SGA member shall run from the date of his/her installation as a member until the installation of his successor, unless the member resigns or is removed from office for one of the causes enumerated in the bylaws.

Section 6.2: Elections

- A. The primary election during the Spring quarter shall be held by secret ballot on a date as determined by the Commissioner of Elections and SGA Advisor and approved by the Student Senate. Official petitions for nominations shall be filed at a designated time and place as directed by the Election Committee.
- B. The election of Freshmen Class President, Freshmen Senators, and Graduate Senators shall be held by secret ballot during the Fall Quarter as determined by the Election committee and approved by the Student Senate. Official petitions for nominations shall be filed at a designated time and place as directed by the Commissioner of Elections and SGA Advisor.

Section 6.3: Recall Elections

Specific provisions for recall elections of Executive Officers, Class Presidents, and Senators are established in the SGA Bylaws.

Section 6.4: Additional Information of the Election Code

An election code governing elections is outlined in the SGA Bylaws.

Section 6.5: Good Standing

Good Standing shall be defined as having no more than two occurrences of either: an unexcused absence per quarter from a SGA Meeting or from a weeks worth of office hours per quarter.

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Article VII: Successions and Vacancies

Section 7.1: General Information on Vacancies

- A. Vacancies must be posted on the doors of the SGA Office for seven days before appointment can be made.
- B. The person appointed to a vacant position must meet all requirements for the office unless specified elsewhere in the constitution.
- C. All appointments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
- D. If the Student Body President shall vacate or is removed from office, the Student Body Vice President shall become the new President, this clause supersedes 7.1: A-C.

Section 7.2: Executive Branch Succession Plan and Vacancies

- A. If the Student Body Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall vacate or be removed from office the procedures from 7.1 shall be adhered to.

Article VIII: Student Body Self-Assessments

Section 8.1: Definition of Student Body Self-Assessments

A student self-assessment shall be defined as any fee which is approved by a majority vote of the student body voting, following the recommendation of the University Fee Committee, approval of the University President, approval of the Louisiana Board of Regents, and approval of the Louisiana State Legislature.

Section 8.2: Referendum and Recall

- A. Student body self-assessment may be raised, lowered, or modified by a majority vote of the student body voting, subject to the recommendation of the University Fee Committee, approval of the University President, approval of the Louisiana Board of Regents, and approval of the Louisiana State Legislature.
- B. A student body self-assessment may be recalled by amendment to this Constitution.

Article IX: Bylaws

Section 9.1: Bylaws

- A. Any legislation which has more than a temporary effect must be considered by a bylaw.
- B. A two-thirds vote of the Student Senate present is required to pass a bylaw under this Constitution.

Article X: Faculty Advisor

The SGA Faculty Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Division of Student Affairs.

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Article XI: Conduct of the SGA

Section 11.1: Compliance with Louisiana Tech University Regulations

The Student Government Association and its members agree to uphold and abide by the rules and regulations of Louisiana Tech University.

Section 11.2: Anti-Hazing Statement

Hazing, in any form, is not allowed by the Student Government Association or its individual members.

Article XII: Amendments

Section 12.1: Method of Proposal

Constitutional Amendments may be proposed by one of the following methods:

- A. A two-thirds approval of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
- B. A petition to the Student Senate signed by at least 300 students of the student body and approved by a simple majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present.
- C. A petition signed by at least 25 percent of the student body.

Section 12.2: Elastic Clause

The Student Senate shall have the power to amend this Constitution with a two-thirds vote of the voting members present in order to make a grammatical or incidental correction that does not, in any way, change the meaning or context of the original text.

Section 12.3: Ratification

Amendments to this Constitution shall become effective only if approved by two-thirds of the student body voting.

Article XIII: Ratification

This Constitution having been properly ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members of the student body voting and approved by the Student Organizations Committee during the Spring quarter 2009 shall supersede all other Constitutions of the Louisiana Tech University Student Government Association.