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**Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government of
Tulane University of Louisiana
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Preamble

We, the undergraduate students of the Tulane University of Louisiana, in order to promote academic excellence; to establish meaningful and lasting relationships among all members of the Tulane University community; to facilitate and encourage the interests and activities of undergraduate students; to foster cooperation among the undergraduate governments of the University; to coordinate activities with graduate and professional students of the University; and to work to meet the needs of all undergraduate students, do establish this constitution for the Undergraduate Student Government of Tulane University.

Article I.

Organization of the Undergraduate Student Government

Section 1. This body shall be the “Undergraduate Student Government of the Associated Student Body of Tulane University of Louisiana” (USG).

Section 2. The membership of the USG shall be all persons classified by the University as undergraduate students or students enrolled in divisions of the University classified as undergraduate who are registered as either full or part time students in the University.

Section 3. The USG shall be represented by:

- A. A Student Senate which shall be composed of the USG Executive Cabinet, the head of each Student Organization Council, **designated liaisons**, representatives from each division of the University as per Article II, and the Associated Student Body Representative, if there is one in place.
- B. A Judicial Council that shall consist of five (5) student justices

Article II.

The USG Senate

Section I. Division Government Representation

- A. The following divisions of the university shall each send one representative to the Student Senate. In addition, each division shall send one representative to the Student Senate for every two hundred (200) full-time students or fraction thereof in excess of one-half (1/2), and one for every three hundred (300) part-time student enrolled in that division. Each division shall elect its representatives through USG-recognized school

governments, or in their absence, through the USG Awards and Elections Committee. The divisions shall be recognized as and limited as follows:

1. School of Liberal Arts
 2. A.B. Freeman School of Business
 3. School of Science and Engineering
 4. School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
 5. School of Architecture
- B. In the event that representation in the senate by one division exceeds 45% of the total body, the Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee will be required to review Article II “The USG Senate” of the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution.
- C. The name and composition (excluding the positions of President and Student Senators) of each of these divisions shall be determined by the respective division.
- D. Additional representation may be created by constitutional amendment.

Section 2. Division Presidents

A. Prerequisites for seeking and retaining office:

1. ~~Primary~~ Major declaration in the division/school or subdivision which the student is to represent.
 - a. **Students with a major declaration in more than one division may represent either school in which they are declared, but may not attempt to represent both.**
 2. To seek office as Division President, a student must have at least 2 semesters at Tulane University.
 1. A transfer student may seek office as Division President after 1 semester at Tulane University.
 3. Eligibility under the rules and regulations under the division of which the student is registered
 4. Intention to be a student of the university for the full school year during their term of office
- B. Each president must act as presiding officer at each meeting of their respective division.
- C. Each president or their designee must represent their division on the USG Senate as a Student Senator.

Section 3. Student Senators

A. Qualifications for seeking and retaining office:

1. ~~Primary~~ Major declaration within the division and subdivision which the student is to represent or represents.
 - a. **Students with a major declaration in more than one division may represent either school in which they are declared, but may not attempt to represent both.**
2. Eligibility under the rules and regulations of the division/school in which the student is registered.

B. Duties:

1. Attend Senate and ASB meetings in person or by proxy as per subsection C. of this Section.
2. Serve on a USG committee, though may also serve on a University Senate committee designated in the USG Bylaws.
3. Attend one (1) USG sponsored event and two (2) tabling sessions per semester.

4. Perform any duties specified by the USG Bylaws.
 5. Failure to perform any of the above duties shall constitute grounds for removal from office.
- C. Proxies: The proxy must be registered as a student of the university, and must meet the same qualifications as the person for whom they are proxying. The Secretary or Executive Vice President should confirm proxies at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the senate session. Proxies must be present for the entire duration of the senate session unless otherwise decided by the Executive Vice President or Secretary. No person may have more than one vote in the Senate. No Senator can have a proxy for more than four (4) Senate roll calls per year, subject to the review of the Senate.

Article III.

Powers and Duties of the USG Senate

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Senate to:

- A. Represent the interests of each respective division to the University.
- B. Represent the USG in all matters of student government pertaining to each division.
- C. Approve the appointments of all USG standing committee chairs.
- D. Approve the undergraduate representative to the Board of Administrators.

Section 2. The Senate is empowered to enact all proper legislation necessary to carry out its duties.

Section 3. The Senate may not adopt bylaws inconsistent with this Constitution. The amendment of bylaws requires previous notice and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting.

Article IV.

USG Senate Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings

- A. The first regular meeting of the school year shall be held within the first two (2) weeks of the start of the fall semester.
- B. The regular meetings shall be held biweekly with respect to the University calendar.
- C. Meetings of the USG Senate shall be open to the public, unless called into executive session as provided in Title I, Article IX of this Constitution.
- D. In addition to members of the USG Senate, the following persons shall have full speaking privileges at the USG Senate meetings:
 1. The President of the ASB, and
 2. Members of the Executive Council and Assembly of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA).
- E. Students that do not sit on USG Senate shall have limited speaking privileges.
 1. Limited speaking privileges include only speaking during “Open Forum and Solutions” and “and “Student Forum” or when time is yielded to the individual.

Section 2. Special Meetings

- A. A separate session of the USG Senate, held at a time different from that of the regular meetings to consider important matters that require urgent action, may be called by the

USG President at their discretion. Such a session must be called by the President upon receipt of:

1. Written request of any other member of the Executive Cabinet.
 2. Petition by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Senators, or
 3. Petition by one percent (1%) of all registered and enrolled Tulane undergraduate students.
- B. Such call must give at least twenty-four (24) hours notice, and must include the time, place, and exact purpose of the meeting.
- C. No business shall be transacted except that mentioned in the call. This restriction may be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present.

Section 3. Quorum shall be defined in the bylaws of the USG Senate.

Section 4. Legislation

- A. No legislation shall become binding unless it is introduced and presented in writing by a Senate member, read, and passed by a majority vote at a USG senate meeting.
- B. All legislation of the USG Senate shall be categorized as follows:
1. Laws: rules and regulations governing undergraduate students, student organizations, financial allocations, and the creation of committees and subcommittees.
 2. Bylaws: rules of order and procedures governing the USG Senate or its committees. Such bylaws may be enacted upon previous notice and a majority vote of the USG Senate. Subsequent amendments to the bylaws require previous notice and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.
 3. Decrees: Advisement ordering or prescribing the method for a USG official, whether elected or appointed, to fulfill some duty provided for in this Constitution, bylaws, or laws of the USG Senate. Decrees must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.
 4. Resolutions: expressions of the sentiment of the USG Senate.

Article V.

USG Executive Cabinet

Section 1. The Executive Cabinet shall be composed of:

- A. Voting members (also known as the Executive Board) including:
1. A President (who votes only in the case of a tie),
 2. An Executive Vice President,
 3. A Vice-President for Student Life,
 4. A Vice-President for Finance,
 5. A Vice-President for Student Organizations,
 6. A Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and
- B. Non-voting members, may include, but are not limited to:
1. An Advisor,
 2. A Parliamentarian,
 3. A Secretary,
 4. A Communications Director,
 5. A Chief of Staff/Chief of Internal Affairs,
 6. ~~Two (2)~~ **Three (3)** Freshman Leadership Program Coordinators,

7. A Director of **Diversity** Inclusive Excellence,
 8. A Director of Student Safety,
 9. A Director of Student Health and Wellness,
 10. A Director of Sustainability,
 11. **A Director of Student Engagement.**
- C. Non-voting members shall not hold any elected positions on the Senate.

Section 2. Prerequisites for Seeking and Retaining Office

- A. Must be registered as a student of the University in one of the aforementioned divisions,
- B. Must have been a student of the university for at least two (2) full semesters at the time of the election,
- C. Must intend to be a student of the University for a full school year during the term of office, and
- D. Must be eligible under the rules and regulations of the division in which he or she is registered.

Section 3. Duties

- A. The President shall:
 1. Serve as the presiding officer of the USG Senate and of the USG Executive Cabinet,
 2. Serve as the chair of the USG Executive Finance Committee as per Article VIII, Section 3 C,
 3. Call meetings of the USG Senate as prescribed by Article IV,
 4. Appoint representatives to the University Senate, University Senate Committee seats, and other university committees that are designated as undergraduate,
 5. Have the ability to veto all legislation passed by less than two-thirds (2/3) of the USG Senate.
 - a. The veto must occur within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the meeting at which the legislation was passed.
 - b. The President must notify all sitting USG members within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the meeting at which the legislation was passed.
 - c. The veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the USG Senate.
 6. Appoint a President Pro Tempore, chief of internal affairs, secretary, parliamentarian, and communications director, subject to the approval of the Senate,
 - ~~7. Oversee the senate elections for members of the Judiciary Committee at the first meeting of the term,~~
 8. Serve as an undergraduate representative to the University Senate.
- B. The Executive Vice President shall:
 1. Shall serve as the first vice president of the USG Senate,

2. Oversee the secretary and parliamentarian and their responsibilities for keeping the minutes and attendance of the USG Senate, managing the USG record, and maintaining the USG Workroom and Office,
 3. Chair the Awards and Elections Committee (AEC),
 4. Chair the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee (CBRC)
 5. ~~Chair the Judiciary Subcommittee of the Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee with the Parliamentarian as per Article 5, Section 5 (D) of the USG Bylaws.~~
 6. ~~Chair the USG Liaison Committee,~~
 7. Be responsible for establishing and maintaining a permanent record of all legislation considered in the USG Senate,
 8. Oversee all USG Programming, and
 9. Serve as an undergraduate representative to the University Senate.
 10. **Interpret the USG Constitution and Bylaws when necessary.**
- C. The Vice President for Finance (VPF) shall:
1. Serve as the presiding officer of the Finance Committee as per Article VIII,
 2. Officially inform the Vice President for Student Affairs or their representative of all actions taken by this Committee and, where necessary, approved by the USG Senate,
 3. Notify all student organizations of the restrictions, guidelines, and priorities established by this Committee,
 4. Act as spokesperson for the Committee to enforce and promote all policies mandated by the Committee,
 5. Appoint subcommittees as authorized in the bylaws,
 6. Bring all legislation pertaining to USG finances to appropriate administrative bodies.
 7. Oversee the expenditure of USG Senate funds
- D. The Vice President for Student Organizations (VPSO) shall:
1. Oversee the USG Student Body Administrative Council (SBAC)
 2. Chair the Mushroom Trust Fund Committee,
 3. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Student Organization Councils, and
 4. Ensure that Student Organization Councils meet on a regular basis.
 5. Oversees the USG Co-programming fund with the Vice President for Finance as per the SBAC Bylaws.
- E. The Vice President for Student Life (VPSL) shall:
1. Chair the Student Life Committee,
 2. Coordinate all student comments, recommendations, and complaints regarding issues of student life through the Student Life Committee, and
 3. Bring all legislation pertaining to student life to the appropriate administrative bodies.
 4. **Chair the USG Liaison Committee**
- F. The Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) shall:
1. Chair the Academic Affairs Committee,
 2. Coordinate all student comments, recommendations, and complaints regarding academic issues through the Academic Affairs Committee,

3. Bring all legislation pertaining to academic affairs to the appropriate administrative bodies,
4. Chair ~~a monthly meeting~~ **meetings** with the presidents of the separate divisions, listed in Article II, Section 1, A.

Article VI.

Powers and Duties of the USG Executive Cabinet

Section 1. With regard to proposed legislation or projects, it shall be the duty of the Executive Cabinet to act in an advisory capacity toward the USG Senate.

Section 2. The executive cabinet is empowered to carry out its duties.

Section 3. Extraordinary Powers and Duties

A. The Executive Cabinet is vested with the duty and power to act for the USG Senate under the following circumstances:

1. The matter is of an emergency nature, and
2. It is impractical for the Senate to meet.
 - a. The USG President or member of the USG Executive Cabinet in conjunction with the Vice President for Student Affairs or their representative must certify such circumstances. Such extraordinary actions are subject to the review of the Senate.

Section 4. The Executive Cabinet may not adopt bylaws inconsistent with this Constitution. The amendment of bylaws requires previous notice and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Executive Cabinet members voting.

Article VII.

Elections, Terms of Office, and Removal

Section 1. Procedures for Elections

A. Supervision of:

1. Council Chair elections shall be conducted by the **USG AEC as outlined in the AEC bylaws.** ~~representative elections committee of the corresponding council. Where no such recognized government is functioning, the USG AEC shall hold such elections.~~
2. Division Senator elections shall be conducted by the **USG AEC as outlined in the AEC bylaws.** ~~respective elections committee of the corresponding student government. Where no such recognized government is functioning, the USG AEC shall hold elections.~~
 - a. The dates of office and senator elections shall be set by the AEC. If the senate makes a bylaw change to the dates of the election, they shall not take effect until the next Senate convenes.
 - b. Rules and Procedures
 - I. All elections shall be by simple majority and secret ballot.
 - II. Candidates must follow the specific procedures as defined in the appropriate bylaws.
 - III. No student shall campaign for or hold more than one elected office in the USG Senate at any given time.

- IV. The appropriate elections committee must review and approve the qualifications of each candidate before it shall enter their name on the official ballot.
 - V. The appropriate elections committee must certify the results of each election.
 - VI. The appropriate elections committee is empowered to enact and enforce such additional rules, regulation, and penalties, as it deems necessary.
 - VII. If no candidate should run or be properly certified for any position then the position shall be filled as per Section 5 of this Article.
- c. All students who are members of the USG, as defined by Article I, section 2, shall be eligible to vote for USG Executive Officers.

Section 2. Terms in Office and Transition

- A. Officers and Senators shall be sworn into office at the same meeting at the start of the new Senate. This shall be set in the bylaws.
- B. Any newly elected Senator who holds another position in the Senate at the time of their election must resign that position immediately following their election.

Section 3. Procedures for Removal

- B. Impeachment may be brought to the floor by either a motion of five members from at least two separate divisions or a presentation of a petition signed by thirty-five (35%) of the executive cabinet members, Council Chair's, or Senator's constituency.
- C. The accused and the petitioner reserve the right to appear before the USG Senate and present opinions regarding the definition of constituency. A question of impeachment takes immediate precedence over all other business until tabled, and becomes the first item of business at the next consecutive meeting of the USG Senate.
- D. Any officer, Senator or Student Organization Council Chair may be removed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote by voting members of USG Senate. This vote of impeachment may not be called any sooner than a reading of the allegations in two (2) separate meetings of the USG Senate.
- E. Before the Senate may vote on the question of impeachment of any officer, Council Chair or Senator, both the accused and the petitioner must receive the opportunity to speak.
- F. Failure to serve on a USG Committee shall result in grounds for automatic removal from office.
- G. Such removal by the USG Senate shall be undertaken in executive session, under the rules and procedures provided by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. Procedures for Vacancies

- A. A vacancy in the office of USG President shall be filled by the Executive Vice President.
- B. Other officer vacancies will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the time of the vacancy.
- C. If the vacancy occurs prior to the second USG Senate meeting in October, the position will be filled by general election.
- D. If the vacancy occurs at or after this time, the USG President will fill the vacancy by appointment with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate.

- E. Division Senator vacancies may be filled by the division government in which the vacancy occurs.
 - 1. If the above selection does not occur within two (2) weeks, or if there is no functioning student government, then the USG President shall be empowered to fill the vacancy.
 - 2. In either case, the Executive Board shall be the certifying body for such replacement.
- F. In the case that a vacancy in the USG President's office exists at the same time that a vacancy in the Executive Vice President's office exists, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the office of USG President.
- G. In the case that a vacancy in the USG President's office exists at the same time that vacancies in the Executive Vice President's and President Pro Tempore's office exist, the remaining members of the Executive Cabinet shall nominate from the body of USG Senators candidates for the office of President

Article VIII.
USG Finance Committee

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Undergraduate Student Government Finance Committee, a standing committee of the USG Senate.

Section 2. Object: The USG Finance Committee shall be the treasurer for the USG. Its object shall be to assure that the funds of the USG are properly handled for the benefit of all undergraduate students. The USG Finance Committee shall be responsible for the allocation of the USG General Fund Student Activity Fee across student organizations and the management of the USG Reserve Fund for large, capital improvements.

Section 3. Permanent Composition

- A. The Finance Committee shall consist of the following voting members:
 - 1. USG VPF, who shall serve as chair and vote only in the case of a tie
 - 2. Nine (9) senators from the Undergraduate Student Government
 - a. Two (2) senators will be from each of Freeman Student Government, School of Science and Engineering Student Government, and School of Liberal Arts Government
 - b. Of the remaining three senator positions, one (1) senator from the Public Health Undergraduate Student Government and one (1) senator from Architecture Student Government will have priority, if they choose to sit on the committee
 - 3. The Associate Director of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life (LBC), who only votes in issues of quorum.
 - 4. Three (3) additional spots will be help open to the freshmen in the Freshmen Leadership Program should FLP opt to fill the spots.
 - 5. Three to five (3-5) non-senators as Students-at-Large

- a. The USG VPF will determine the Students-at-Large, by an OrgSync application widely advertised to the student body with specific focus on traditionally underrepresented and marginalized communities
 - b. The USG VPF is required to work in conjunction with the MCC and GSAC council chairs to distribute information about the committee for students at large.
 - c. Students-at-Large must be confirmed by the USG Senate
 - d. No more than 50% rounded up of the Students-at-Large may be from an individual school within Tulane
6. One of these members must be chosen as the secretary by the VPF
- ~~7. Quorum is defined as 50% plus one (1) voting standing member.~~
- B. Students may not sit on the USG Finance Committee if:
1. The student has previously been removed from the Finance committee or any other subsidiary of the Undergraduate Student Government
 2. Is a Council Chair
- C. The USG Executive Finance Committee shall be composed of the following:
1. Voting members
 - a. USG VPF
 - b. The USG Advisor
 - c. A voting member of the Finance Committee chosen by the members of the USG Finance Committee;
 - d. The Associate Director of the LBC for University Life
 2. The USG President shall serve as the nonvoting chair.
 3. Quorum shall be defined as three voting members.
 4. This committee may meet remotely via phone or email.

Section 4. Powers and Duties

- A. The USG Finance Committee shall
1. Establish in its bylaws restrictions, guidelines, and priorities for the allocation and expenditure of funds,
 2. Investigate all USG Student Activity Fee accounts to ensure that there are not violations of such restrictions, guidelines, or priorities; violations shall be reported to the USG Senate shall additionally be reported to the Vice President of Student Affairs for disciplinary action,
 3. Hear and research all funding requests for USG Student Activity Fee monies,
 4. Present an annual budget in the Spring Semester to the USG Senate for approval; such budget and all subsequent proposals shall violate neither the provisions set forth in this Constitution nor the Bylaws for this committee,
 5. Maintain and oversee, through the Associate Director of the LBC for Student Life, all USG accounts,
 6. Manage the USG Budget Reserve in accordance with the Preamble of this Constitution.
- B. USG Executive Finance Committee: Extraordinary powers and duties relating to the allocation of funds are vested exclusively in the USG Executive Finance Committee under the following circumstances:

1. The matter is of an emergency nature, and
 2. It is impractical for the USG Finance Committee to meet. Such circumstances must be certified by the USG VPF.
- C. Decisions of the USG Executive Finance Committee must be approved with quorum and must be reviewed by the Finance Committee within ten (10) school days and then at the next meeting of the USG Senate.
- D. If such review by the USG Finance Committee and Senate is not possible because it is impractical or impossible for them to meet, the decision of the USG Executive Finance Committee may be approved by the USG Executive Cabinet under the Executive Cabinet's Emergency Powers as designated in Article VI, above.
- E. Such approval by the USG Executive Cabinet shall be subject to the review of the USG Senate.

Section 5. The USG Reserve Fund

- A. Establishments: The value of this fund:
1. Shall never be less than ten percent (10 percent) of the estimated value of the General Fund for the ensuring year of the establishment date,
 2. Shall be established as of July 1,
 3. May include the value of investments made as per subsection C (below).
- B. Purpose: This fund is to serve two principal purposes:
1. To underwrite activities deemed worthy by the USG Senate
 - a. These activities are designed to be large, one-time, capital improvements for the Tulane community
 2. To ensure that the USG General Fund will not be overdrawn on June 30.
- C. Possible use: This fund may only be invested in bonds, bills, or notes of city, state, or federal agencies or in homesteads of savings and loan institutions. Investments may be accomplished only with the approval of the Vice President for Finance of the University.
- D. The USG VPF shall provide a report for the Senate about inflows and outflows from the reserve in the previous fiscal year at the first senate meeting in the fall semester.

Section 6. Bylaws

A. The committee shall establish its procedure and any restrictions, guidelines, or priorities deemed necessary in its bylaws. Revision of bylaws shall require previous notice of the USG Finance committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee, and subsequent notice and two-thirds (2/3) majority of the USG Senate.

Section 7. Definitions applicable to this Article:

- A. USG accounts refer to all accounts wherein appropriations from the USG General Fund were received.
- B. Emergency powers shall be defined as the same powers as those of the USG Finance Committee.

Article IX. USG Student Organization Councils

Section 1. The Councils

- A. There are hereby established eleven (11) Student Organization Councils:
1. Community Action Council of Tulane University Students (CACTUS)
 2. Tulane University Campus Programming Board (TUCP)
 3. Media Board
 4. Association of Club Sports (ACS)
 5. Multicultural Council (MCC)
 6. Academic Council
 7. Political Organization Council
 8. Religious Organizations Council
 9. Performance Organizations Council
 10. Interest Organizations Council
 12. Gender and Sexual Affairs Council
- B. The name and composition of each of these eleven (11) councils shall be determined, and can be altered, by a majority vote of the USG Senate. The SBAC shall make recommendations to the USG Senate concerning the name and composition of these councils.

Section 2. Duties of Student Organization Council Chairs

- A. The Student Organization Council Chairs shall:
1. Review the financial requests of each organization within their respective council before their submission to the USG Finance committee,
 2. Represent the interests of organizations within their respective councils.
 3. **Student Organization Council Chairs shall be held to the same attendance policy as USG Senators. Attend all USG Senate meetings and committees as assigned, in person or by proxy. Absence of a Student Organization Council Chair without proxy from more than two (2) regular meetings in any one term of office shall result in automatic removal from the USG Senate and a subsequent fine from the organizations within the council.**
- B. Student Organization Council Chairs shall not be voting members of the Senate.

Section 3. Constitution and Bylaws

- A. The respective constitutions of these councils must be incorporated as articles of the USG Senate Bylaws.
- B. The bylaws of each council shall be determined by the respective council subject to the approval of the Senate.
- C. The USG Senate may not force changes in the constitution or bylaws upon an unwilling Student Organization Council except upon previous notice and affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the USG Senate.
- D. The USG Senate may overturn decisions of the Student Organization Councils only upon previous notice and affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of total USG Senate membership.

Section 4. Each Student Organization Council may request additional funding from the GAPSA Assembly for any graduate or professional student members.

Article X.

Liaisons

Section 1. Liaisons

- A. Liaisons shall serve to communicate between specific groups and the Undergraduate Student Government.
- B. Liaisons shall act in a non-voting, speaking role and do not act as head of a specific council.
- C. Liaison positions may include, but is not limited to:
 1. A Greek Liaison to represent all of the member organizations in the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council,
 2. An Athletics Liaison to represent all varsity athletes,
 3. A Transfer Student Liaison
 4. An International Student Liaison
 5. An ROTC Student Liaison
- D. Governments and the RHA Executive Board,
 1. One (1) Newcomb Liaison to represent the Newcomb Senate.
 2. One (1) Residence Hall Association (RHA) Liaison to represent all residence halls
- E. All liaisons must be approved by the President, Executive Vice President, and Secretary.
- F. A constitutional amendment may create additional Liaisons.
- G. All liaisons will sit on the USG Liaison Committee chaired by the **Vice President of Student Life** ~~Executive Vice President~~.

Article XI. The Judicial Council

Section 1. Purpose

The Purpose of the Judicial Council is to hear external student complaints, deemed as Appeals, regarding the Undergraduate Student Government, and conduct unbiased action based on the discussion and verdict of appointed student Justices.

Section 2. Membership

- A. The Judicial Council shall be composed of:
 1. One (1) Chief Justice
 2. Four (4) Associate Justices
 3. ~~One (1) Judicial Secretary~~
- B. Prerequisites for Seeking and Retaining Office:
 1. Must be registered as a student of the University in one of the aforementioned divisions,
 2. Must have been a student of the university for at least two (2) full semesters at the time of the appointment,
 3. Must intend to be a student of the University for a full school year during the term of office,
 4. Must be eligible under the rules and regulations of the division in which they are registered, and
 5. May not concurrently serve the USG in any other capacity.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Attend Judicial Council Meetings every other week to review Senate session minutes and passed legislation, only in order for the Council to stay informed on Senate proceedings.
- B. Read and understand all of the most recent Bylaws and Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government and its respective committees
- C. Discuss appeals as outlined in the Appeals Process (Judicial Council Bylaws, Article VI)

Section 4. Powers and Jurisdiction

- A. The Judicial Council, as empowered by the USG Assembly, shall have the power to review student appeals brought forth by students and organizations and bring a final decision to USG.
- B. Reverse legislation passed by the Senate, if brought in and passed through the Appeals process, only if that legislation is found to violate the Constitution or Bylaws, or governing principles of USG.
 - 1. In partnership with the Vice President of Finance, redistribute funds for finance recommendations that have completed the Appeals process
 - 2. In partnership with the Vice President for Student Organizations, re-determine organization status for SBAC recommendations that have completed the Appeals process
- C. Final decisions on the Appeals are voted on by the Judicial Council. These decisions require no voting by the Senate, but a motion from the USG to veto may be heard. To veto a decision from the Judicial Council would require a **two-thirds (2/3) majority 75%** vote by the Senate body.