



**Elon University  
Student Government Association  
Constitution  
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**PREAMBLE:**

We, the students of Elon University, realizing the need for justice and progress of scholarship, leadership, and the arts in a model of fair representation, do hereby ordain and adopt this constitution of the Student Government Association of Elon University.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the government herein established shall be the Student Government Association of Elon University (SGA).

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Government Association, authorized by the Elon University Administration, shall be to represent the rights and opinions of the student body in a manner consistent with the mission of Elon University, to provide for appropriate student activities, and to join with the faculty and administrators of the university in building a stronger, more effective educational community.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Student Government Association herein established shall consist of all individuals elected by the student body as outlined in Article IX and individuals appointed by the process outlined in Article V, Section B, subsection a, clause ii.

- A. Members of the Student Government Association must:
  - a. Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student of Elon University or a part-time second semester senior.
  - b. Have paid student activity fees.
  - c. Be in overall good standing with the institution.
  - d. Hold a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
  - e. Uphold all pledges set forth in the SGA Oath of Office.

- B. Members of the Student Government Association must meet these requirements upon election or appointment and for the duration of their term in office.
- C. If a senator is removed from office by the SGA Judicial Committee or as a result of their university judicial standing, that senator will be barred from holding a position on the Senate for one year from the date of their infraction.

## **ARTICLE IV. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

All legislative powers herein granted by the Elon University Administration shall be vested in the Senate.

- A. Membership
  - a. The Senate shall be composed of members chosen annually who are either appointed as outlined in Article V, Section B, subsection a, clause ii, or who are elected by the students who have paid their student activities fees, by means of campus-wide elections or through campus organizations.
  - b. There shall be three councils:
    - i. At-Large Council - This council shall represent the academic classes of Elon University.
    - ii. Organization Council - This council shall represent the recognized clusters and campus programs of Elon University.
    - iii. Academic Relations Council (ARC) - This council shall represent the colleges of Elon University.
- B. At-Large Council
  - a. Classes and Officers:
    - i. The academic class organization shall be as follows: senior, junior, sophomore, and first-year.
    - ii. Each class shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
    - iii. Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes shall each elect two (2) Class Senators.
    - iv. The First-Year Class shall elect three (3) Class Senators.
  - b. Chair of the At-Large Council
    - i. The members of the At-Large Council shall elect one of their members to serve as their Chair.
    - ii. The Chair shall be responsible for communication between the Executive Council and the At-Large Council.
    - iii. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the At-Large Council.
  - c. Responsibilities of At-Large Council Senators

- i. At-Large Senators shall be responsible for communicating with their constituents, both in their class and the general student body, and regularly reporting on these sentiments to the Senate as defined in the Senate Bylaws each year.
  - c. Organization Council
    - a. Representation
      - i. The Organization Council shall consist of representatives from the clusters and/or programs of Elon University.
      - ii. The clusters and/or programs represented shall be specified in the Senate Bylaws each year.
      - iii. The number of representatives for each cluster and/or program shall be specified in the Senate Bylaws each year.
    - b. Representatives
      - i. The Executive President, in consultation with the presidents of organizations within each cluster and/or program, shall select the respective representative.
    - c. Chair of the Organization Council
      - i. The members of the Organization Council shall elect one of their members to serve as their Chair.
      - ii. The Chair shall be responsible for communication between the Executive Council and the Organization Council.
      - iii. The Chair shall produce and present a plan for the Organization Council at the beginning of each academic year.
      - iv. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Organization Council.
    - d. Responsibilities of Organization Council Senators
      - i. Organization Council Senators shall be responsible for communicating with their constituents, student members of organizations within their clusters, and regularly reporting on these sentiments to the Senate as defined in the Senate Bylaws each year.
- D. Academic Relations Council (ARC)
  - a. Representation
    - i. The Academic Relations Council shall consist of representatives from the colleges of Elon University.
    - ii. The colleges represented shall be specified in the Bylaws each year.
    - iii. The number of representatives for each academic division shall be specified in the Bylaws each year.
  - b. Chair of the Academic Relations Council
    - i. The members of the Academic Relations Council shall elect one of their members to serve as their Chair.
    - ii. The Chair shall be responsible for communication between the Executive Council and the Academic Relations Council.

- iii. The Chair shall facilitate the production of a set of goals for the Academic Relations Council (in consultation with the Council), to be carried out during the Senate term.
- iv. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Academic Relations Council.
- v. The Chair shall arrange a meeting with the Provost/Executive Vice President at least once per semester, to align with current Academic Relations Council initiatives in accordance with the Senate bylaws.
- vi. The Chair shall arrange a meeting with the Faculty Academic Council Chair at least once per academic year, to align with current Academic Relations Council initiatives in accordance with the Senate bylaws.
- c. Responsibilities of Academic Relations Council Senators
  - i. Academic Relations Council Senators shall be responsible for contributing to initiatives sponsored by the Academic Relations Council, communicating with their constituents, students within their respective college, and regularly reporting on these sentiments and initiative updates to the Senate as defined in the Senate Bylaws each year.
  - ii. Academic Relations Council Senators representing their respective colleges, as determined by the bylaws, shall meet with their Deans as needed on current issues, no less than once per semester.

#### E. Senators

- a. Definition
  - i. The members of the At-Large, Organization, and Academic Relations Councils shall form the voting Senate of the SGA.
  - ii. Only senators who have taken the Oath of Office may participate in Senate voting procedures.
- b. Duties and Responsibilities
  - i. Each senator shall be a member of at least one standing committee.
  - ii. Each senator shall be responsible for all SGA meetings required by office, Senate, Council, Committee, special, or otherwise. In addition, each senator has an obligation to be informed of the location and time of the meetings.
  - iii. Each senator shall be responsible for any council-specific duties, as outlined in the SGA Constitution, in the Senate Bylaws, or by their Council Chair.

#### F. Meetings

- a. The Executive Vice President shall be the Speaker of the Senate. As Speaker, the Executive Vice President shall have no vote, except in the case of a tie.
- b. A simple majority of the total membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

- c. The meetings shall be conducted under the Senate Rules for the respective legislative year. Members are required to attend Senate meetings as mandated by the Senate Rules.
- d. Senators not in attendance are subject to the senatorial conduct process as outlined in the Judicial Manual.
- e. Each Council, Committee, and Class shall hold meetings of its representatives in accordance with the Senate Bylaws.

#### G. Vacancies

- a. In the absence of the Speaker of the Senate, responsibilities will be assumed by the Speaker Pro Tempore.
- b. Should a vacancy occur within the class office of President, the Class Vice President shall assume the duties of President. In the case that the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a Class Senator position becomes vacant, the process of filling the vacancy shall be in accordance with Article V, Section B, subsection a, clause iii of the Student Government Constitution.

#### H. Records

- a. The Executive Secretary shall keep records of the Senate, Committee, Class, Council meetings, and other proceedings.
- b. The Senate records shall be made available to students upon request.

#### I. Legislation

##### a. Definition

- i. The Senate shall have the authority to draft and consider legislation in the form of bills, resolutions, and proclamations.
- ii. Bills
  - 1. A bill shall be defined as legislation with which the Senate takes action on a matter.
- iii. Resolutions
  - 1. A resolution shall be defined as legislation which expresses the will of the Senate, but takes no action.
- iv. Proclamations
  - 1. A proclamation shall highlight or recognize events that are deemed to be important for the Senate to address through recognition, but in which no formal action is taken.

##### b. Eligibility

- i. All senators shall be eligible to present legislation to the Senate for consideration.

##### c. Passage

- i. Legislation shall pass by a simple majority of all senators present.

#### J. Veto

- a. A Senate-approved bill shall be presented to the Executive President, who upon approval shall sign it immediately.

- b. Should the Executive President not approve the bill, the Executive President has veto power over any bill, but must return the bill in its entirety with objections.
- c. Vetoed Bills
  - i. The Senate has the power to override a presidential veto with two-thirds majority of those present. This override must take place within two consecutive business meetings of the bill being returned to the Senate.
  - ii. A vetoed bill may also be amended and presented to the Senate for a re-vote.
- d. Any bill presented to the Executive President must be signed or vetoed within two weeks time. Failure to do so renders the bill effective immediately.

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **A. Definition**

- a. The executive powers herein granted shall be vested in the Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, and Executive Treasurer.
- b. The Executive Officers shall be elected by the student body in a general election to serve concurrent terms of one (1) year.
- c. No person other than a full-time student of Elon University shall be eligible to be elected to or hold the office of Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, or Executive Treasurer.
- d. The Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer shall receive, for services rendered, a stipend, which shall neither be increased nor decreased during their term of office. A joint committee consisting of members from the Judicial and Finance Committees shall review the amount of the stipend and the manner of distribution if called to review the stipends by the outgoing Executive Officers.
- e. Before entering office, the Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, and Executive Treasurer shall take an oath of office, which shall be administered by the outgoing Executive President or a designated person selected by the outgoing Executive President.
- f. During their terms of office, the Executive Officers of the SGA shall not be appointed or elected to any other office in the SGA, except in the event to fill a vacancy as legislated by Article V, Section C of the SGA Constitution.
- g. At the time of election, candidates for the office of the Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, and Executive Treasurer shall be members of the rising Junior Class or the rising Senior Class.

- h. To be eligible for stipends, each Executive must hold a minimum amount of office hours in the SGA Office, which is to be outlined in the Senate Rules for the respective legislative year.

B. Offices

- a. Executive President:
  - i. Nominations of appointed positions to joint faculty-student committees and all vacant positions of the SGA are the responsibility of the Executive President.
  - ii. All vacant positions of the Senate must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
  - iii. The Executive President shall be empowered to appoint persons to temporary positions deemed necessary to aid in the duties of the office.
  - iv. In all official dealings with the students of other colleges or universities, and in all dealings with Elon University faculty and administration, the Executive President shall represent the student body.
- b. Executive Vice President:
  - i. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the Speaker of the Senate and is empowered to call any special meetings of the Senate.
  - ii. The appointment of Senate members to Senate committees shall be the responsibility of the Executive Vice President, who may also appoint committee chairs.
  - iii. The notification of legislation that directly affects any individual or organization shall be the responsibility of the Executive Vice President.
  - iv. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for drafting the Senate Rules to govern the Senate during the legislative year. The rules shall be submitted to the Senate for any amendment, and approval by two-thirds majority is required.
  - v. The Executive Vice President shall maintain all legislative correspondence.
  - vi. All appropriate notices to members of the Senate concerning regular and special meetings shall come from the Executive Vice President.
  - vii. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the Judicial Committee Chair.
- c. Executive Secretary:
  - i. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for keeping all legislative records.
  - ii. All other clerical work in connection with the Senate is the duty of the Executive Secretary.
  - iii. The Executive Secretary shall chair the One Phoenix Committee.
- d. Executive Treasurer:



- i. The Executive Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget for Senate approval at the end of the legislative year for the ensuing academic year.
- ii. At the first meeting of each month, the Executive Treasurer shall report the State of the Treasury to the Senate.
- iii. The Executive Treasurer shall be empowered to administer all student activities fees from full-time students and all other SGA monies.
- iv. Permanent records of all receipts and expenditures of the SGA and all monies allocated by the SGA shall be kept by the Executive Treasurer in accordance with university policies.
- v. The Executive Treasurer shall propose the Treasurer's Manual for Senate approval at a meeting determined by the Executive Treasurer and Executive Vice President.
- vi. The Executive Treasurer has the duty to follow and maintain the Treasurer's Manual.
- vii. The Executive Treasurer has the duty and responsibility to administer and oversee the SGA Student Loan Program.
- viii. The Executive Treasurer shall serve as the Finance Committee Chair.

#### c. Vacancies

- a. Removal of the Executive President
  - i. In the case that the Executive President is removed from the office due to resignation or judicial action, the Executive Vice President shall immediately assume the office and duties of Executive President.
  - ii. In the case that the Executive President is unable or unfit to carry out the duties and powers of office, the Executive Vice President shall immediately assume the office and duties of the Executive President.
  - iii. The process to remove the Executive President and the offenses to require such shall be outlined in the Judicial Manual, but a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Senate membership shall ultimately be required to remove the Executive President.
- b. Removal of the Executive Vice President
  - i. In the case that the Executive Vice President is removed from the office due to resignation or judicial action, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall immediately assume the office and duties of the Executive Vice President.
  - ii. In the case that the Executive Vice President is unable or unfit to carry out the duties and powers of office, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall immediately assume the office and duties of the Executive Vice President.
  - iii. The process to remove the Executive Vice President and the offenses to require such shall be outlined in the Judicial

Manual, but a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Senate membership shall ultimately be required to remove the Executive Vice President.

- c. Removal of the Executive Secretary
  - i. In the case that the Executive Secretary is removed from the office due to resignation or judicial action, the Assistant Secretary shall immediately assume the office and duties of the Executive Secretary.
  - ii. In the case that the Executive Secretary is unable or unfit to carry out the duties and powers of office, the Executive officers shall elect a member of the Senate to the position, with subsequent approval of the Senate.
  - iii. The process to remove the Executive Secretary and the offenses to require such shall be outlined in the Judicial Manual, but a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Senate membership shall ultimately be required to remove the Executive Secretary.
- d. Removal of the Executive Treasurer
  - i. In the case that the Executive Treasurer is removed from the office due to resignation or judicial action, the Assistant Treasurer will serve as the new Executive Treasurer, with subsequent approval of the Senate.
  - ii. In the case that the Executive Treasurer is unable or unfit to carry out the duties and powers of office, the Assistant Treasurer will serve as the new Executive Treasurer, with subsequent approval of the Senate.
  - iii. The process to remove the Executive Treasurer and the offenses to require such shall be outlined in the Judicial Manual, but a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Senate membership shall ultimately be required to remove the Executive Treasurer

## **ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- A. Purpose
  - a. The Executive Council shall be delegated responsibilities in respect to their position from the Executive Officers.
- B. Definition
  - a. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chief of Staff, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Assistant Treasurer, and the Assistant Secretary.
  - b. The Executive Council shall be selected by various methods.
    - i. The Chief of Staff shall be both a member of the Senate and selected by the Executive President with subsequent approval from the Senate.
    - ii. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be both a member of the Senate and selected by the Executive Vice President with subsequent approval from the Senate.

- iii. The Assistant Treasurer shall be both a member of the Senate and selected by the Executive Treasurer with subsequent approval from the Senate.
- iv. The Assistant Secretary shall be both a member of the Senate and selected by the Executive Secretary with subsequent approval from the Senate.
- c. The Executive Council members shall serve concurrent terms of one (1) year.
  - i. No person other than a full-time student and elected or appointed member of the Senate may serve on the Executive Council.
  - ii. Before taking office, all members of the Executive Council shall be administered the Oath of Office by the Executive President.
  - iii. Members of the Executive Council may either be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class, and either a member of the At-Large, Organization, or Academic Relations Council.

### c. Offices

- a. The Chief of Staff
  - i. Shall meet with the Executive President as mandated in the Senate Bylaws each year.
  - ii. Shall serve as the contact for all appointments made by the Executive President to special, standing, and advisory faculty/staff committees.
  - iii. Shall serve as a liaison between the Senate body and the Executive Officers.
  - iv. Shall assist the Executive President in promoting SGA interaction with other student governments, including contacting peer institutions in order to discuss policies and maintaining databases of those institutions' constitutions and Bylaws.
  - v. Shall be appointed by the Executive President and serve at the discretion of the Executive President.
  - vi. Shall serve at the will of the Executive President and therefore may be removed from the position at the discretion of the Executive President.
  - vii. Shall serve in conjunction with the Executive President's term.
- b. The Speaker Pro Tempore
  - i. Shall meet with the Executive Vice President as mandated in the Senate Bylaws each year.
  - ii. In the absence of the Executive Vice President, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall assume the responsibilities of the Executive Vice President.

- iii. Shall be responsible for ensuring the Senate adheres to any dress code set in the Senate Bylaws each year.
- iv. Shall assist the Executive Vice President in maintaining proper parliamentary procedure during Senate meetings.
- v. Shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President and serve at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
- vi. Shall serve at the will of the Executive Vice President and therefore may be removed from the position at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
- vii. Shall serve in conjunction with the Executive Vice President's term.

c. The Assistant Treasurer

- i. Shall meet with the Executive Treasurer as mandated in the Senate Bylaws each year.
- ii. Shall be the Assistant Manager of the SGA Student Loan Program.
- iii. Shall serve as the Assistant Chair of the Finance Committee.
- iv. Shall be appointed by the Executive Treasurer and serve at the discretion of the Executive Treasurer.
- v. Shall serve at the will of the Executive Treasurer and therefore may be removed from the position at the discretion of the Executive Treasurer.
- vi. Shall serve in conjunction with the Executive Treasurer's term.

d. Assistant Secretary

- i. Shall meet with the Executive Secretary as mandated in the Senate Bylaws each year.
- ii. Shall be the Assistant Chair of the One Phoenix Committee.
- iii. Shall help the Executive Secretary to plan, organize, and carry out a successful Homecoming Week.
- iv. Shall assist with the minutes and attendance of the Senate meetings in the absence of the Executive Secretary.
- v. Shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary and serve at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.
- vi. Shall serve at the will of the Executive Secretary and may be removed from the position at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.
- vii. Shall serve in conjunction with the Executive Secretary's term.

D. Removal

- a. In the case that a member of the Executive Council is removed due to resignation or judicial action, the appropriate Executive Officer shall appoint another elected or appointed member of the Senate.
- b. The Senate must approve the newly appointed Senator within two weeks of the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE VII. STANDING, AD HOC, AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

- A. There shall be standing committees in the Senate, to which the Speaker may appoint chairpersons.
- B. All committees shall meet as specified in the Senate Rules.
- C. The Speaker shall designate the number of members of which each committee shall consist.
- D. The Committee Chairs are appointed by the Executive Vice President and may be removed at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
- E. The Committee Chairs serve a term of one (1) senate year.
- F. The SGA Standing Committees shall be the following:
  - a. Finance Committee: This committee shall oversee the budgeting of the student activities fees and all financial appropriations to student organizations.
    - i. The Executive Treasurer shall serve as chair of the committee.
    - ii. The committee shall consist of all Class Treasurers of the SGA and the Assistant Treasurer.
    - iii. The committee shall welcome student(s) or an organization's representative(s) during deliberation of an allocation to provide additional information on the organization's behalf, should the organization so desire.
    - iv. The committee shall conduct budget hearings, as described in the Treasurer's Manual, in addition to the following:
      - 1. The voting members of the budget hearings shall consist of the four (4) Class Treasurers, the Assistant Treasurer, the Executive President, the respective Organization Council Senator, and the Executive President- and Treasurer-elects. The SGA Advisor shall be a non-voting member of the committee.
      - 2. The budget hearings shall be open.
      - 3. The deliberations shall be closed, but all records of the votes shall be entered into the Senate Records.
      - 4. The SGA reserves the right to allocate all other fees with regard to the Treasurer's Manual in a proper manner as the Senate sees fit.
      - 5. The Cluster Budget Hearings Committee shall submit the proposed budget to the Senate, which shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
  - b. Judicial Committee: This five-member committee, consisting of the four class presidents and the Executive Vice President shall be responsible for overseeing and administering the Senatorial Conduct process outlined in the Judicial Manual.
  - c. One Phoenix Committee: This committee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of all Homecoming Week activities and other activities deemed necessary by the Senate

- i. The Executive Secretary shall serve as the chair of the One Phoenix Committee and is a non-voting member of the committee.
      - ii. The One Phoenix Committee shall be responsible for the presentation of the Homecoming Packet.
  - d. Elections Committee: This committee will manage all elections conducted by the SGA.
    - i. This committee shall rewrite the Elections Packet as needed, to be approved by the Senate as outlined in Article IX, Section A.
    - ii. This committee may be chaired by a member of the SGA who is not a candidate in a current election.
  - e. Public Relations Committee: This committee will be responsible for disseminating information from the Student Government Association to the student body.
    - i. Any member of the Senate may serve as chair of the Public Relations Committee.
    - ii. The committee will assist the Senate with publicity for Student Government Association events, programs, and legislation.
  - f. Student Issues Committee: This committee shall work with the school administration and other organizations to address the concerns of the student body.
    - i. Any member of the Senate may serve as chair of the Student Issues Committee.
    - ii. The committee will investigate concerns that are brought to the Senate that effect the student body.
    - iii. The committee will be responsible for conducting research into aspects of the university as they relate to the student body.
  - g. Special Events Committee: This committee will be responsible for planning and coordinating events on behalf of the Student Government Association.
    - i. The committee may be chaired by any member of the Senate.
  - h. Student Inclusive Campus Committee (SICC): This committee will be responsible for promoting an inclusive campus for student to express their authentic selves and the intersections of their multiple identities.
    - i. This committee shall be chaired by two SGA members appointed by the SGA Executive President.
    - ii. Additional members will include 3-5 SGA representatives as well as students from various identity-centric organizations across campus.
  - i. Additional Standing Committees: Additional standing committees may be added to the SGA by amending the bylaws.

- G. Ad Hoc Committees
  - a. These are temporary committees.
  - b. They shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President when deemed necessary.
- H. Joint Faculty/Administration and Student Committees:
  - a. Students shall be appointed to these committees by the Executive President with approval of the Senate.
  - b. These committees are external to the Senate.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ORGANIZATIONS**

- A. All confirmed organizations may be reviewed by the Senate in the following manner:
  - a. A Senator may recommend the review of any campus organization to the Judicial Committee for failure to adhere to self-governing bylaws.
  - b. The Judicial Committee must contact the organization and conduct a hearing to investigate whether or not the organization is functioning properly.
  - c. The Judicial Committee will then report its findings to the Senate at which time the organization will be given the opportunity to speak on its behalf.
  - d. The Senate may recommend a review of the organization by the Elon University Student Life Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS**

- A. The Elections Committee shall propose the Elections Packet at a time deemed necessary by the chairs of the Elections Committee and the Executive Vice President. The Packet shall be subject to the approval of the Senate by a two-thirds majority.
- B. Qualifications of Balloting:
  - a. Only members of the Elon University student body, who have paid their student activities fees, shall be entitled to vote in any SGA election or poll.
- C. Process of Filing for Candidacy shall be in the Elections Packet and will include the following:
  - a. To be eligible for ballot, all candidates must sign the Election Packet verifying knowledge of the rules and their adherence.
  - b. To be eligible for the ballot, all candidates running for an Executive Office must receive student signatures from the whole of the student body. The number of signatures shall be specified in the Election Packet.
  - c. To be eligible for the ballot, all candidates running for At-Large Council positions must complete all required elements of the Elections Packet.

- d. To be eligible for the ballot, all candidates running for Academic Relations Council positions must complete all required elements of the Elections Packet.
- D. Elections Packet
- a. The Election Committee shall propose the Elections Packet as discussed in Article IX, Section A.
  - b. The Elections Packet shall, at least, consist of the following:
    - i. All candidates must follow the posting policies in the Elon University Student Handbook.
    - ii. Any violation of the Elections Packet may result in loss of candidacy. If a violation of the Elections Packet occurs, the following procedures will be followed:
      - 1. If there is a Senate meeting before the time of elections, the Elections Committee will report the violation to the Senate. The Senate will then decide whether the candidate will be disqualified. A two-thirds majority is needed to disqualify a candidate.
      - 2. If there is not a Senate meeting before the time of elections, the Elections Committee will decide whether or not the candidate will be disqualified.
    - iii. The Elections Packet must have the location and time of the SGA Senate meetings.
    - iv. The Elections Packet must include the location and phone number of the SGA office.
- E. Voting
- a. All candidates for Executive positions must win by a majority vote of the votes cast in a campus-wide election.
  - b. All candidates for any elected position, excluding Executive positions, must win by a plurality of the votes cast in a campus-wide election.
- F. Oath of Office
- a. All elected members of SGA shall take the SGA Oath of Office prior to assuming their positions in SGA.
  - b. The SGA Oath of Office is as follows:
    - “I hereby pledge my faith and honor that I will uphold the honor, integrity, and reputation of Elon University.”  
(I will)
    - “I will fulfill, to the best of my ability, all duties incumbent upon me as an elected member of the Student Government Association of Elon University.”  
(I will)

## **ARTICLE X. BYLAWS**

- A. The Bylaws of the SGA shall consist of the following:



- a. The Senate Rules
  - b. The Senate Dialogue
  - c. The Treasurer's ManualJudicial Manual
  - d. Elections Packet
  - e. Homecoming Packet
- B. The Bylaws shall be a supplement to the SGA Constitution and shall at all times be in agreement with the Constitution.
- C. The Bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.

## **ARTICLE XI. STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEES**

- A. Amount
- a. The SGA reserves the right to recommend to the Board of Trustees the amount of its student activities fees.
- B. Collection
- a. The university shall collect the student activities fees from each student at the time of registration for classes. This shall be done only if the Board of Trustees has approved the amount of fees to be collected.

## **ARTICLE XII. JUDICIAL BRANCH**

- A. Powers
- a. The Judicial Committee shall have the authority to take any disciplinary action that it deems necessary, up to and including removal from office against any Senator or Executive Officer, following the due process procedures outlined in the SGA Judicial Manual and any requirements outlined in the Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

- A. Manner
- a. The Constitution of the Student Government Association shall become amended when:
    - i. Amendments have been approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate;
    - ii. A minimum two-week informative period has passed, then;
    - iii. The student body passes the amendment by a simple majority of those voting in a campus-wide vote.
  - b. The informative period may include display of the proposed amendments via the following media:
    - i. SGA Website
- B. Presidential Veto
- a. The Executive President shall have veto power over constitutional amendments. This power must be exercised within two business meetings after the amendments are passed by the Senate.

- b. Veto power over amendments shall be identical to that of bills, as outlined in Article IV.