

# *The* **CONSTITUTION** *of* *the* **STUDENT BODY**

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## **PREAMBLE**

**W**e, the students of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, desiring to preserve within the University an atmosphere of free discussion, inquiry, and self-expression; to insure the personal freedom and general welfare of the Student Body; and to assist in the formation and execution of the policies of the University, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Student Body of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

## **AUTHORITY**

This Constitution is an article of delegation of authority and responsibility from the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte according to *The Code of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina*.

## **FRANCHISE & CITIZENSHIP**

All students shall be entitled to vote in the Student Body elections and to participate.

## **DEFINITIONS**

The term "student" shall refer to any person regularly enrolled in courses offered for academic credit by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The term "Student Association" shall refer to the Campus Activities Board, the Student Government Association, the Student Media Board and the Graduate and Professional Student Government. A Division of the Student Association shall be an individual entity of the Student Association. The term "Student Body Organization" shall be defined as organizations which are enumerated in this Constitution and which may or may not be part of the Student Association. The term "day" is considered as a regular class day during academic sessions according to the academic calendar. The term "appointment" refers to the process by which a position shall be filled through nominations with the advice and consent of a majority of legislature unless otherwise stipulated.

## **ARTICLE I. STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES COMMISSION**

### **SECTION 1. Authority**

There shall be a Student Activity Fees Commission, which shall have responsibility for all student activity fees and, therefore, will require accounting for the use of activity fees expenditures from all Divisions of the Student Association as well as the Center for Leadership Development, the Student Association Computer Systems Administrator and the Student Activity Fees Commission. The Commission shall have the specific authority to:

- (a) make allocations of student activity fees to the Divisions of the Student Association;
- (b) hold budgetary hearings and establish procedures for the conduct for such hearings in connection with allocation of fees;
- (c) require periodic financial statements from the Divisions and/or organizations receiving student activity fees in such form as the Student Activity Fees Commission may reasonably require;
- (d) investigate and hold hearings regarding unwarranted or unauthorized expenditures of student activity fees;
- (e) freeze any student activity fees allocated to a Division or student organization under the procedures and circumstances as the commission may establish; and,
- (f) employ and supervise a Business Manager to conduct the business of the Commission.

### **SECTION 2. Composition and Supervision**

The Student Activity Fees Commission shall be composed of one representative elected from each Division of the Student Association and five at-large students appointed by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall receive recommendations from a committee constituted of three campus representatives and, when possible, one graduating member of the current Commission. Students appointed by the Chancellor will be selected during the spring semester, and those selected to serve on the Commission will begin their one-year term on June 1st. The representatives of the Divisions will assume office upon being chosen by their respective Division in the spring semester of each academic year and will serve until their respective terms of office expire. Appointments for at-large members should be completed in time to allow attendance during the spring budget hearings.

The Chair of the Student Activity Fees Commission shall be chosen by the Chancellor from among the five students he or she appoints to the Commission and shall be a non-voting member of the Commission.

The Commission shall have one non-voting advisor from the Student Affairs Division, who shall be appointed by the Chancellor. The Student Union Activities and Recreation Business Officer shall supervise the business manager.

### **SECTION 3. Budget Allocation Procedures**

Each Division shall be required to establish a process for review and approval of its divisional budgets prior to their submission to the Student Activity Fees Commission. Each Division must submit copies of its budget to the Student Activity Fees Commission Business Manager prior to the deadline established by the Student Activity Fees Commission. After budgets for all Divisions are presented and hearings concluded, the Fees Commission will discuss allocations and receive motions for budget approval. Approval of budgets shall require the unanimous vote of those members of the Commission present. Allocations from the Student Activity Fees control account which are not classified as budgets shall require a unanimous vote of those members of the Commission present.

**SECTION 4. Revertment**

The budgets for each Division shall be established for one fiscal year, and the balances are brought to zero at the end of the fiscal year. Under-expended funds allocated to each Division for a given fiscal year will be transferred into the Student Activity Fees Reserve Account for re-allocation to all Divisions less the approved Divisional Revertment Account allowance. Over-expended funds allocated to each Division for a given fiscal year will automatically be debited to their divisional operating budget for the next fiscal year. Prior to expenditure of Divisional revertment funds, the division must submit to the Commission for approval a budget proposal as to how these monies are to be expended. In the case of a deficit, the division shall be required to submit a budget plan as to how this deficit will be eliminated. This must occur no later than the next scheduled meeting of the Commission. Approval of these revertment proposals will require majority vote of those members of the Commission present.

**ARTICLE II. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION****SECTION 1. Authority**

There shall be a Student Government Association, which shall be comprised of an Executive Branch, a Legislative Branch, and a Judicial Branch. The Student Government Association shall have the authority to act on behalf and in the interest of the Student Body.

**SECTION 2. The Executive Branch**

The executive power of the Student Body shall be vested in a President of the Student Body, who, together with a Vice President of the Student Body, shall be elected annually on a dual-ticket during the spring semester by a majority of those voting in the Student Body elections, and shall serve for a period of one year.

**POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY**

The President of the Student Body shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) represent the Student Body in dealings with faculty, the administration, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, official guests, visitors of the University, and with students from other schools;
- (b) with the advice and consent of the Student Senate, create executive committees or other offices as deemed beneficial to the student interest and appoint the chair thereof; have Executive Secretaries to fill the Cabinet; and nominate qualified students to sit on various boards, committees or commissions which may be specified by statute;
- (c) recommend appointments of student members to University committees upon request of the Chancellor and other administrative personnel and to require reports of these students;
- (d) approve or veto bills and resolutions of the Student Senate, save those that fund the various student organizations, at his or her discretion within a five day period from the time the bill or resolution is passed by the Senate;
  - i. In the case of veto, the President must provide written notice to the legislators within a four day period from the day the veto is signed. Once the veto is submitted, the President may not rescind.
  - ii. Should the President neglect to sign legislation after five days of its passage by the Student Senate, it shall be considered enacted.
- (e) appear before the Student Senate at least once during each academic semester, or at the call of the Senate;
- (f) address any Division of the Student Association from time to time, to make recommendations for legislation, and to present an annual report of the year's Student Government Association activities following the spring semester Student Body elections;
- (g) enforce and administer laws enacted by the Student Association within its jurisdiction;
- (h) attend all meetings of various divisions of the Student Association as deemed appropriate;
- (i) appoint assistants to aid in the completion of his or her duties; and,
- (j) attend meetings of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Government and to appoint other delegates.

**POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) serve as a liaison between the President of the Student Body and the Student Senate;
- (b) assist the President in the performance of his/her various duties;

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- (c) represent the Executive branch in dealings with faculty, the administration, the Board of Trustees, official guests and visitors of the University, and students from other school;
- (d) serve as the President of the Student Senate, with responsibilities and powers as described in the By-Laws of the Student Senate, having no vote, unless there be a tie;
- (e) ensure that the Student Senate is acting in accordance to the Student Association Constitution and the By-Laws of the Student Senate;
- (f) appoint assistants to aid in the completion of his or her duties; and,
- (g) consent to replacements for vacant Senate seats referred by the President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate, provided that they fulfill the qualifications of the office.

**CABINET**

The President of the Student Body shall have the assistance of an Executive Cabinet, which shall consist of the President of the Student Body, the Vice President of the Student Body, the Student Body Treasurer, various Executive Secretaries, and any other officials determined by statute. The Executive Cabinet shall advise the President of the Student Body on any matters of student or University policy or on any student programs and services.

**CLASS PRESIDENTS**

Each Class President shall serve as the representatives of his or her respective class. Class Presidents shall:

- (a) be members of his or her respective class;
- (b) assist the President of the Student Body;
- (c) serve in the capacity defined by Article XI;
- (d) appear before the Student Senate at least once during each academic semester, or at the call of the Senate; and,
- (e) appoint assistants to aid in the completion of his or her duties.

**ORDER OF ASCENDANCE**

If the President of the Student Body resign or be removed from office, the Vice President of the Student Body shall become President of the Student Body. If the Vice President is unable to fill the vacancy, the President Pro Tempore shall become President of the Student Body.

Should the Vice President of the Student Body resign or be removed from office, the President of the Student Body shall appoint a new Vice President, who will take office after being confirmed by two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.

**SECTION 3. Legislative Branch**

The legislative power of the Student Body shall be vested in the Student Senate, which shall be representative of the Student Body.

**REPRESENTATION & ELECTION**

Members of the Student Senate will be elected according to the college of their respective major, and by four additional freshman seats, and by four additional at large seats, and by one additional Resident Student Association, thus giving a total of 39 seats.

The electoral process to determine the membership of the legislative body shall be subject to a system of proportional representation that is specified through statute of the Student Senate.

**POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Student Senate shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) enact laws necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the Student Body;
- (b) elect a President Pro Tempore and other officers which it deems necessary;
- (c) review and approve the Constitutions and/or Bylaws of all University student organizations unless otherwise specified in this document and to issue these organizations a charter;
- (d) allocate Student Activity Fees among registered student organizations requesting funds for purposes which the Senate shall deem compatible with the general welfare of the Student Body, provided that all funds allocated but expended during a given year shall revert to the Student Senate;
- (e) appropriate monies for its own constitutional purposes;
- (f) develop guidelines for the expenditure of and accountability for the student activity fees with which it is entrusted, including delegation of the power to freeze the funds of any group funded by Student Senate on a temporary basis;
- (g) approve by a two-thirds majority all replacements for vacant seats in a manner consistent with this Constitution and statute;
- (h) override a presidential veto by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote within 14 calendar days of the notification of a veto;
- (i) establish its own meeting times, provided that it shall meet at least five times in regular session per academic semester;
- (j) review the facts and decide cases of impeachment and removal from office of elected or appointed members of the Student Government Association in accordance with this Constitution;
- (k) subpoena or summon evidence or persons pertinent to its authorized investigations;
- (l) confirm the Student Body Treasurer;
- (m) enact all laws pertaining to elections and make any subsequent amendments to the document(s); and,
- (n) confirm, by resolution and simple majority vote, all nominations of the President of the Student Body.

**POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

The President Pro Tempore shall be a Senator, who shall be elected by a majority of Senators present, and shall serve for an annual term. The President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) delegate Senate business to the responsible parties and be held accountable for such decisions;
- (b) form committees as deemed necessary to fulfill the needs of the Senate;
- (c) appoint Senators with the consent of the Vice President of the Student Body and a two-thirds Senate vote;
- (d) conduct a senate retreat in the fall semester with the goal of orienting senators to prepare for a successful year;
- (e) certify all Bills or Resolutions passed by the Student Senate, and forward all such legislation to the President of the Student Body for enactment or veto;
- (f) set the agenda for the Student Senate in accordance with the Student Senate By-Laws;
- (g) appoint assistants to aid in the completion of his or her duties; and,
- (h) call to order and adjourn Senate meetings at the request or absence of the Vice President of the Student Body.

**SECTION 4. Judicial Branch**

The judicial power of the Student Body shall be vested in a Judicial Branch which shall be composed of three offices: Judicial Board, Attorney General, and Student Counsel. The Judicial Branch shall be authorized to protect the rights of the Student Body and the University community and to maintain the

balance between student rights and University behavioral and academic policies, procedures, and the Student Body Documents.

### **JUDICIAL BRANCH LEADERSHIP**

Each office of the Judicial Branch shall be led by a Chief elected by members of the Judicial Branch. Each Chief shall appoint a qualified lieutenant and assistants to his or her respective office. Each Chief is responsible for maintaining regular office hours and being available to staff members, Student Government Officials, and any member of the Student Body.

The Chief Justice shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) oversee the general operations of the Judicial Branch;
- (b) develop orientation and training for members of the Judicial Branch;
- (c) communicate regularly with members of the Judicial Branch regarding meetings, notices, and new procedures;
- (d) schedule regular In-Services for the Judicial Branch;
- (e) prepare agendas for leadership meetings and regularly scheduled In-Services;
- (f) provide feedback to members of the Judicial Branch;
- (g) maintain regular communication with the various offices of the Judicial Branch and with the Dean of Students Office; and,
- (h) serve as the representative of the Judicial Branch to the University community, including developing and scheduling presentations regarding the various University policies and procedures.

The Chief Attorney General shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) oversee the general operations of the Office of the Attorney General;
- (b) develop orientation and training for members;
- (c) communicate regularly with members regarding meetings, notices, and new procedures;
- (d) consult with the Chief Justice in preparing agendas for leadership meetings and regularly scheduled In-Services;
- (e) provide feedback to members;
- (f) maintain regular communication with the various offices of the Judicial Branch and with the Dean of Students Office; and,
- (g) serve as a representative of the Judicial Branch to the University community.

The Chief Student Counsel shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) oversee the general operations of the Office of the Student Counsel;
- (b) develop orientation and training for members;
- (c) communicate regularly with members regarding meetings, notices, and new procedures;
- (d) consult with the Chief Justice in preparing agendas for leadership meetings and regularly scheduled In-Services;
- (e) provide feedback to members;
- (f) maintain regular communication with the various offices of the Judicial Branch and with the Dean of Students Office; and,
- (g) serve as a representative of the Judicial Branch to the University community.

### **JUDICIAL BOARD**

The Judicial Board shall consist of no less than 21 Student Justices selected through an interview process coordinated by the Chief Justice and the Dean of Students Office, and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

The Office of the Judicial Board shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) serve as members of a Hearing Panel to adjudicate cases involving alleged violation(s) of *The Code of Student Responsibility*; and,
- (b) review all cases involving the constitutionality of any legislative or executive action of the Student Body organizations and declare void any act within the Student Association or other bodies established under this Constitution if it deems such action to be unconstitutional after review of a complaint filed with the Chief Attorney General by any member of the University community.

#### **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The Office of the Attorney General shall consist of no less than four Attorney General representatives who are selected through an interview process with the Chief Attorney General and have served at least one semester on the Judicial Board.

The Office of the Attorney General shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) provide guidance to witnesses called to testify in front of the Hearing Panel on behalf of the University;
- (b) serve as an advisor to all Divisions of the Student Association; and,
- (c) have access to such records and files of any Division of the Student Association or any Branch of the Student Government Association as necessary for the proper execution of the duties of this office provided students' rights of confidentiality are not violated.

#### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT COUNSEL**

The Office of the Student Counsel shall consist of no less than four Student Counsel representatives who are selected through an interview process with the Chief Student Counsel and have served at least one semester on the Judicial Board.

The Office of the Student Counsel shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) provide guidance to witnesses called to testify in front of the Hearing Panel on behalf of the accused student(s);
- (b) inform accused student(s) of rights and privileges under the *Code of Student Responsibility* and the *Code of Academic Integrity*, as well as protect these rights and privileges; and,
- (c) have access to such records and files of any division of the Student Association or any Branch of the Student Government Association as necessary for the proper execution of the duties of this office provided student's rights of confidentiality are not violated.

### **SECTION 5. Student Body Treasurer**

There shall be a Student Body Treasurer, who shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Student Government Association, and shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) ensure the proper handling of the student activity monies of the Student Government Association;
- (b) secure audits of all Branches of the Student Government Association once annually;
- (c) prepare financial reports as directed by the Branches of the Student Government Association or the Student Activity Fees Commission;
- (d) maintain close scrutiny over the records of student monies prepared by the Student Activity Fees Commission Business Manager and take immediate action to correct discrepancies between the Student Activity Fees Commission Business Manager's records and the records maintained by the Student Body Treasurer;
- (e) assist the various Branches of the Student Government Association in maintaining accurate records and developing budget proposals;
- (f) appear before the Student Senate at least once per month; and,

- (g) appoint assistants to aid in the completion of his or her duties.

**ARTICLE III.      CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD****SECTION 1.      Authority**

The Campus Activities Board shall have the authority in accordance with other University policies and procedures for the social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs that are supported in whole or in part by Student Activity Fees allocations to the Board from the Student Activity Fees Commission.

**SECTION 2.      Composition**

The Campus Activities Board shall be composed of:

- (a) a President, who shall have a majority nomination by the Campus Activities Board and a minimum of one year of experience of programming;
- (b) a Vice President, who shall have a majority nomination by the Campus Activities Board and a minimum of one year of experience of programming;
- (c) a Treasurer, chosen in accordance with the Campus Activities Board statutes;
- (d) several directors, chosen in accordance with the Campus Activities Board statutes; and,
- (e) ex-officio members, to include either the President of the Student Body or one at-large Student Body representative, designated by the President of the Student Body. These Student Body representatives shall not be a member of any division of the Student Association or members of any directors' committees.

**SECTION 3.      Election**

The President and Vice President of the Campus Activities Board shall be elected during spring semester by a majority of those voting in the Student Body elections.

**SECTION 4.      Powers of the Campus Activities Board**

The Campus Activities Board shall have the power to:

- (a) establish and approve operational policies and procedures of the Campus Activities Board;
- (b) establish committees necessary to promulgate programs within the jurisdiction of the Campus Activities Board;
- (c) develop guidelines for the expenditure and accountability of the Student Activity Fees with which it is entrusted;
- (d) establish minimum qualifications and election procedures for the President, Vice President, and for Board members; and,
- (e) declare vacant and fill Campus Activities Board positions according to procedures enumerated in the Campus Activities Board statutes.

## ARTICLE IV. STUDENT MEDIA BOARD

### SECTION 1. Authority

All media which are supported in whole or in part by funds from Student Activity Fees shall be defined as Student Media and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Student Media Board.

### SECTION 2. Composition

The Student Media Board shall be composed of a Chair and a Vice Chair, who shall be elected by the Student Media Board, as well as one voting representative from each Student Media, chosen as stipulated in the individual Student Media Constitution. There shall be three at-large representatives of the Student Body, who shall not be members of any Division of the Student Association.

Two members of the faculty or staff shall serve as non-voting advisors to the Student Media, one of whom shall be the Student Media Advisor and the other the Dean of Students or his/her designee.

Media Department Heads shall be the elected heads of each department of the Student Media Board, and shall abstain from voting on all monetary matters concerning their respective medium.

### SECTION 3. Powers of the Student Media

The Student Media Board shall have the power and responsibility to:

- (a) approve operational policies for the Student Media Board;
- (b) approve an annual Student Media Board budget;
- (c) approve individual media budgets and staff salary scales;
- (d) approve the individual media contracts in accordance with University purchasing procedures;
- (e) approve the transfer of funds to and from the Student Media Board accounts;
- (f) approve in sessions open to the Student Body candidates for media positions those persons who meet the minimum standards in the individual Student Media Constitutions and Bylaws and the Student Media Statutes. Such decisions of the Student Media Board may be appealed to the Judicial Board;
- (g) confirm appointments of the President of the Student Body by a two-thirds majority vote of its members in good standing should any at-large position become vacant;
- (h) declare vacant and fill media positions according to procedures enumerated in the Student Media Board statutes;
- (i) charter all Student Media and determine the interpretation of individual media Constitutions; and,
- (j) submit to the Student Activity Fees Commission a financial statement at the end of each semester.

### SECTION 4. Officers

The Student Media shall elect from its voting membership a member as Media Board Chair who shall serve as presiding officer of the Student Media Board's meetings and Executive Head of the Student Media Board. The Media Board Chair shall also elect from its voting membership a Vice-Chair.

## **ARTICLE V. GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### **SECTION 1. Authority**

The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) shall have the authority in accordance with other University policies and procedures to provide a comprehensive representative voice on behalf of the graduate students and graduate post-baccalaureate students (hereinafter graduate students) at UNC Charlotte.

- (a) The GPSG exists to be the primary organization responsible for addressing the concerns, issues, and needs of the graduate student body ensuring that both the individual and collective interests of graduate students will be heard and responded to by the faculty and administrative units of the University.
- (b) This authority shall be set forth in a Constitution to be created and revised by GPSG. All vested powers and authority here shall be further specified in the GPSG Constitution, and all operating procedures and policies shall be delineated in the GPSG Bylaws.

### **SECTION 2. Composition**

The GPSG shall represent all duly enrolled graduate students, recognized as such by the UNC Charlotte Graduate School, (hereinafter graduate student body) and shall be minimally composed of a Senate and an Executive Board, as set forth in the GPSG Constitution and Bylaws.

### **SECTION 3. Elections**

Regular elections shall be established and maintained for the selection of the officers of the GPSG Executive Board in accordance with the procedures stated in the GPSG Bylaws.

### **SECTION 4. Powers of the Graduate and Professional Student Government**

The GPSG shall be granted all powers necessary and proper for the performance of its duties under this Constitution and the GPSG Constitution. These may include, but are not limited to, the power to:

- (a) establish and revise a constitution, confirming and detailing the powers and authority granted in this Constitution. Revisions shall follow a procedure determined by the GPSG that must, nevertheless, be passed by majority approval of a representative vote of no less than ten percent of the Graduate Student Body;
- (b) enact laws and conduct business necessary and proper to the performance of its authorized responsibilities and in the pursuit of its stated purpose to promote the general welfare of the Graduate Student Body;
- (c) review and approve the Constitutions and/or Bylaws of all graduate student organizations, and to issue such approved organizations a charter;
- (d) develop guidelines for the expenditure of and accountability for student activity fee money for purposes compatible with the general welfare of the Graduate Student Body or to fulfill its own constitutional purposes;
- (e) establish and dissolve additional offices or committees deemed necessary to the performance of its given responsibilities or to promote general graduate student welfare; and,
- (f) assume through the GPSG Constitution any power not explicitly granted here that is necessary and proper for the appropriate execution of its responsibilities as the representative voice and administrative body for graduate students, provided such power has not been previously granted or forbidden elsewhere in this Constitution.

**ARTICLE VI. RESIDENCE HALLS GOVERNING BODIES****SECTION 1. Residence Area Councils****COMPOSITION OF RESIDENCE COUNCILS**

There shall be a Residence Area Council for each residence area whose composition shall be determined by each respective residence area constitution.

**POWERS & DUTIES OF RESIDENCE COUNCILS**

Each Residence Council shall:

- (a) evaluate conditions within their jurisdiction and sponsor any necessary actions to insure the welfare of the residents;
- (b) determine policies and programs for the residence halls under their jurisdiction, provided that such policies do not conflict with the Constitution or with policies and programs determined by the Student Senate;
- (c) determine and approve an annual budget for any fees allocated from Student Senate;
- (d) encourage the development of governments and constitutions in the residence area under their jurisdiction;
- (e) bring matters before the Student Senate through the Resident Student Association Representative on the Student Senate; and,
- (f) meet in joint session to consider matters relevant to resident students.

**SECTION 3. Resident Student Association****COMPOSITION OF THE RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

All resident students shall be members of the Residence Student Association and as part of their housing charges, pay an activity fee established and voted on by the resident student body.

**POWERS & DUTIES OF THE RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Executive Council of the Resident Student Association, as established in its constitution, shall be responsible for the administration of this activity fee and for developing committees to implement its program.

**ARTICLE VII. IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS**

Any officer of the Student Association elected in the Student Body elections may be removed from office provided all of the following conditions have been met:

- (a) A petition citing misconduct or malfeasance must be submitted to the Chief Justice with the signatures of at least 10 percent of the Student Body.
- (b) The Chief Justice shall after deeming the petition to be in order call for a Student Association Judiciary committee to be formed within 15 days, comprised of the following members, not more than one of whom had signed the petition or is a candidate for impeachment:
  - i. Two Judicial Board members.
  - ii. One representative of the Student Media.
  - iii. The Vice President of the Student Body.
  - iv. The President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate.
  - v. The Attorney General.
  - vi. The Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee of the Student Senate.
  - vii. One at-large member of Senate.
- (c) The Chief Justice shall chair all meetings of the Judiciary. The Chief Justice shall have no voting privileges within the committee.
- (d) The Student Association Judiciary Committee shall have the following powers and responsibilities to:
  - i. subpoena any evidence related to the development of the case;
  - ii. hear witnesses for both sides; and,
  - iii. develop a written statement to be approved by a two-thirds majority stating all the findings of the committee. Dissents to the findings may be included in the final report.
- (e) The committee shall present to the Senate in executive session the report of all findings of the Judiciary with the committee report being presented in the following manner:
  - i. Favorable. Favorable committee report indicates that it is the decision of the committee that there is overwhelming evidence substantiating impeachment proceedings.
  - ii. Unfavorable. An unfavorable committee report indicates that there is insufficient evidence supporting the impeachment proceedings. An unfavorable report shall result in dismissal of the motion to impeach and only by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate may the dismissal be overturned and the impeachment proceedings continue in the Senate.
  - iii. Non-Prejudicial. A non-prejudicial committee report indicates that there is not enough evidence on either side to support or dismiss a motion to impeach.
- (f) The Senate upon receiving the committee's report and recommendation shall enter into a period of debate based upon the findings of the Judiciary. A three-fourths majority vote is necessary to sustain a motion to impeach. If the motion fails to attain the proper majority, the motion dies and the officer being presented for impeachment is acquitted of all charges.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS****SECTION 1. Proposal of Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by three-fourths of the membership of the Student Senate in good standing or by a petition signed by at least 10 percent of the Student Body. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Student Government Association Administrative Assistant for inclusion in the next ballot or, if the next election does not occur within three weeks of its presentation to the Student Government Association Administrative Assistant, a special ballot to take place within three weeks of its presentation to the Student Government Association Administrative Assistant.

**SECTION 2. Voting Procedures**

A vote of the members of the Student Body shall be taken on a proposed amendment to this Constitution within four weeks of the date that such amendment has been approved by the Student Senate.

**SECTION 3. Ratification**

In order to amend this Constitution, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be in favor of the proposed amendment. Amendments approved by the Student Body shall become effective upon approval of the Chancellor.

**ARTICLE XII. RECALL, INITIATIVE, REVIEW****SECTION 1. Recall**

Any constituency shall have the power to recall any officer elected by that constituency under this Constitution. If the constituency is campus-wide, the petition to recall shall be presented to the Chief Attorney General, and shall not be valid unless it contains the signatures of at least ten percent of the qualified voters. If the constituency is less than campus-wide, the petition to recall shall not be valid unless it contains the signatures of at least twenty percent of all qualified voters in the constituency concerned. The Chief Attorney General shall, if he or she determines the petition to be in good order within the limitations of this Constitution, direct the Board of Elections to conduct an election for the office in question in which election the officer in question shall have the right to be a candidate. The incumbent shall be officially announced.

**SECTION 2. Initiative**

The Student Body shall have the power to initiate any act within the Student Association, provided that ten percent of the Student Body shall sign a petition calling for the election on a bill which they shall submit in writing with the petition to the Chief Attorney General. The Chief Attorney General shall, if he or she determines the petition to be in good order within the limitations of this Constitution, direct the Board of Elections to conduct an election on the bill in not less than five class days nor more than fifteen class days after he or she shall have received the petition and bill. Public notice of such election shall be given not less than five class days before it shall take place. A majority of the votes cast at the election shall be sufficient to pass the bill.

**SECTION 3. Review**

The Student Body shall have power to call for a ballot on any act of the Student Association, provided a petition called for ballot and specifying in writing the proposed action shall be signed by ten percent of the Student Body and transmitted to the Chief Attorney General. The Chief Attorney General shall, if he or she determines the petition to be in good order within the limitations of this Constitution, direct the Board of Elections to conduct an election on the act in not less than five class days nor more than fifteen class days after he or she shall have received the petition. Public notice of such election shall be given not less than five class days before it shall take place. A majority of the votes cast at the election shall be sufficient to defeat the bill.

**ARTICLE XIII. IMPLEMENTATION****SECTION 1. Ratification**

This Constitution shall take effect upon approval of the Chancellor, and shall supersede any previous Student Body Constitutions of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

**SECTION 2. Review**

During the spring semester of each year, the Divisions of the Student Association shall review this Constitution and recommend any necessary revisions to the Student Senate for appropriate action.