
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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CONSTITUTION

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Tech University come together in order to promote and perpetuate the best interests of the Tennessee Tech and the students represented therein, to ensure cooperation among said students and between students and Tennessee Tech administration, faculty, and the community to the end that the condition of the students may be improved. We hereby do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Student Government Association to serve as the guiding document for our organization and its members.

ARTICLE I: DEFINITION

Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Technological University Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as “SGA” or “the SGA”.

Section 2 – Membership

The membership of the SGA shall consist of undergraduate and graduate students of Tennessee Technological University. Membership shall not be denied on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability veteran status, religion, national origin, or any other bases protected by federal and state law.

Section 3 – Terms

- A. An *announcement* is, at bare minimum, a posting on the SGA website.
- B. A *constituency* is a subsection of the student body bound together by college, major, or common interest.
- C. Every member of the student body is classified as a *constituent*.
- D. The *Election Commission* is a standing committee of the SGA Executive Branch that oversees the annual SGA Executive Council and SGA Senate elections.
- E. A *full session* of the SGA Senate shall extend from the first regular meeting of the SGA Senate following the ratification of the election results until the adjournment of the SGA Senate *sine die* before the conclusion of the academic year.
- F. The *graduate student body* refers to all members of the student body who are enrolled in graduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University.
- G. There are two *half sessions* of the SGA Senate. The first half session begins at the first regular meeting of the full session and ends at the last regular meeting of the Fall semester. The second half session begins at the first regular meeting of the Spring semester and ends at the last regular meeting of the full session.
- H. *Holding office* refers to sitting as a member of one of the three branches of SGA.

- I. A *meeting* of the SGA Senate is any gathering of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total voting members of the SGA Senate, provided all such members have been notified of that gathering at least one (1) week in advance of the gathering.
- J. A *notification* of a student or group of students shall be satisfied by either an e-mail or sent to all individuals in that group, or a verbal announcement at a regular meeting of that group, provided minutes of that meeting are recorded and distributed.
- K. A *regular meeting* is a meeting scheduled by the relevant body for the purpose of conducting their routine business.
- L. A *special meeting* of the SGA Senate is an emergency meeting called by the SGA President on important matters that must be discussed as soon as possible.
- M. The *Student Organization Life Opportunity (S.O.L.O) Fund* is the body of funds consisting of contributions of individual students, called the S.O.L.O. Fee, to enrich and enhance student life on campus.
- N. The *student body* refers to the collection of students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University.
- O. A *student organization* is any grouping of members of the student body united by a common interest that has been registered with the appropriate university offices not including SGA.
- P. A *supermajority*, or supermajority vote, is a vote in which two-thirds (2/3) of the total requested to vote, vote in approval or opposition.
- Q. The *undergraduate student body* refers to all members of the student body who are enrolled in undergraduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University.
- R. A *vacancy* is defined as the absence of a person holding a particular office.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POWERS

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the SGA is to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- A. Promote the constitutional liberties and general welfare of the University community.
- B. Promote student participation in the affairs of Tennessee Technological University.
- C. Serve as a channel for the expression of student opinion to the administration of Tennessee Technological University.
- D. Support student activities and student life on and off campus.
- E. Encourage the development of student responsibility, character, leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

Section 2 – Scope of Power

The SGA shall be given the power to do the following:

- A. Act in all matters addressed within this Constitution.
- B. Implement and revise By-laws and standing rules.

- C. Enact legislation to address all matters related to Tennessee Technological University with the purpose of improving the experience and welfare of the student body.
- D. Exercise all other powers and responsibilities granted to SGA by Tennessee Technological University.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

The Student Government Association shall be organized into three equal branches of government:

- A. The Executive Branch shall consist of the Executive Council and the Executive Cabinet.
 - a. The Executive Council will consist of the following elected officers: SGA President, SGA Vice President, SGA Secretary, and SGA Treasurer.
 - b. The Executive Cabinet will consist of officers appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the SGA Senate.
- B. The Legislative Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Senate.
- C. The Judicial Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Supreme Court.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – Executive Council

- A. The President shall be the acknowledged leader of the student body in all matters of student interest.
- B. The President shall fulfill the following duties:
 - 1. Preside at all meetings of the executive branch.
 - 2. Appoint all officers of the executive branch, including members of the Executive Cabinet, administrative assistants, and other personnel.
 - 3. Supervise all Student Government Association finances, records, programs, initiatives, and other matters of relevance.
 - 4. Approve or reject, in their entirety, bills passed by the Senate within fourteen (14) days of their reception.
 - 5. Serve as a voting member of the Administrative Council, Athletic Committee, Chapter 606 Student Monies Allocation Committee, and other committees as appointed by the Office of the President.
 - 6. Appoint members to the Election Commission.
 - 7. Present Executive Orders to the Senate for approval.
 - 8. Attend all meetings of the Senate.
- C. The Vice President shall fulfill the following duties:
 - 1. Discharge the duties of the President in the event that the President is not able to perform their duties.
 - 2. Serve as President for the remainder of the term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President.
 - 3. Act as Speaker of the Senate.
 - 4. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Senate and all Senate Committees.
 - 5. Cast votes in the proceedings of the Senate in the case of a tie vote.

6. Recommend the chairperson for Standing SGA Committees.
 7. Appoint special and ad-hoc committees of the Senate.
 8. Attend all meetings of the Senate.
- D. The Secretary shall fulfill the following duties:
1. Maintain all Student Government Association records, documents, and correspondence.
 2. Keep records indicating the status of all past and present Senate legislation.
 3. Record the proceeding of all Senate and Executive Council and Cabinet meetings, including committee meetings.
 4. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Senate.
 5. Forward all bills and resolutions passed by the Senate to the President within three (3) business days.
 6. Attend all meetings of the Senate.
- E. The Treasurer shall fulfill the following duties:
1. Keep account of the income, expenditures, and allocations of all funds under the control of the Student Government Association.
 2. Present a budget report to the Senate at the beginning and end of each semester
 3. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Senate.
 4. Preside as chairperson of the S.O.L.O. Funds Allocations Committee.
 5. Review the financial records of any organization that receives SGA funds.
 6. Advise the President on all financial matters concerning SGA, registered student organizations, and the student body.
 7. Attend all meetings of the Senate.

Section 2 – Executive Cabinet

- A. The Executive Cabinet shall consist of the President and officers appointed by the President to advise and assist them on specific matters of concern.
- B. The President may appoint an Executive Cabinet which shall consist of, but is not limited to, the Chief of Staff, the Secretary of State, and the Public Relations Director.
- C. Executive Cabinet appointments shall be presented to the Senate one (1) week prior to the vote for ratification.
- D. Cabinet appointments shall be subject to the consent of a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the Senate.
- E. Additional cabinet positions may be appointed at the discretion of the President with the consent of a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the Senate.

Section 3 – Executive Branch Qualifications

- A. The President shall:
 - a. Be of at least junior standing at the start of the fall semester after their election.
 - b. Be a full-time or co-op student of the University.
 - c. Have served in SGA for at least one (1) year prior to their election.
 - d. Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater during their term of office.
- B. The Vice President shall:

- a. Be of at least junior standing at the start of the fall semester after their election.
 - b. Be a full-time or co-op student of the University.
 - c. Have served in SGA for at least one (1) year prior to their election.
 - d. Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater during their term of office.
- C. The Secretary shall:
- a. Be of at least sophomore standing at the start of the fall semester after their election.
 - b. Be a full-time or co-op student of the University.
 - c. Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater during their term of office.
- D. The Treasurer shall:
- a. Be of at least sophomore standing at the start of the fall semester after their election.
 - b. Be a full-time or co-op student of the University.
 - c. Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater during their term of office.

Section 4 – Executive Branch Term of Office

- A. The term of office for members of the Executive Council shall begin once they are sworn in within the final two weeks of each academic year and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.
- B. The term of office for members of the Executive Cabinet shall begin after they are confirmed by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.

Section 5 – Executive Capacity

No member of the executive branch shall be eligible to serve concurrently in any other office within the Student Government Association.

Section 6 – Executive Officer Academic Requirement

All members of the Executive Branch shall maintain a 2.75 cumulative grade point average throughout their term of office.

ARTICLE V: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – Name

The Legislative Branch shall consist of a unicameral body known as the SGA Senate.

Section 2 – Purpose

The general purpose of the SGA Senate is to represent the student body through legislation, to work towards enhancing the experience of students on and off campus, and to oversee the responsible allocation of funds under its direct control.

Section 3 – Membership

- A. The Senate shall consist of the following types of members:
 - 1. Senators
 - i. Academic Senators

- ii. Freshman Senators
 - iii. Special Interest Senators
 - iv. Transfer Senators
 - 2. Non-voting *ex officio* members
- B. Senators
- 1. Academic Senators
 - i. Academic Senators shall represent the views and interests of their home college/school within the Senate.
 - ii. Academic Senators shall be elected by the constituents of their home college/school to serve during the upcoming academic year.
 - iii. The following constituencies are entitled to elect Senators to the Senate:
 - 1. College of Agriculture and Human Ecology
 - 2. College of Arts and Sciences
 - 3. College of Business
 - 4. College of Education
 - 5. College of Engineering
 - 6. College of Fine Arts
 - 7. College of Graduate Studies
 - 8. College of Interdisciplinary Studies
 - 9. Whitson-Hester School of Nursing
 - iv. There shall be one (1) Academic Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) students, with a minimum of two (2) Senators per college/school, based on the official enrollment numbers from the previous fall semester.
 - 2. Freshman Senators
 - i. Freshmen Senators shall represent the views and interests of first-year freshmen at Tennessee Technological University.
 - ii. Freshmen Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises.
 - 1. Prospective senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President's choosing before their appointment to the Senate.
 - iii. Freshmen Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate.
 - iv. There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Freshman Senators, with one (1) additional Freshmen Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) entering freshmen beyond seven hundred (700) students.
 - 3. Special Interest Senators
 - i. Special Interest Senators shall represent the views and interests of a particular group of the student body within the Senate.
 - ii. The following constituencies are entitled to appoint Senators to the Senate:
 - 1. Accessible Education Center (AEC) – 1 Senator
 - 2. Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) – 1 Senator

3. Residence Hall Association (RHA) – 2 Senators
 4. Office of International Education (OIE) – 1 Senator
 5. Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) – 2 Senators
4. Transfer Senators
 - i. Transfer Senators shall represent the views and interests of members of the student body who have transferred to Tennessee Technological University from another college or school.
 - ii. Transfer Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises.
 1. Prospective Transfer Senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President’s choosing before their appointment to the Senate.
 - iii. Transfer Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate.
 - iv. There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Transfer Senators, with one (1) additional Transfer Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) transfers beyond seven hundred (700) students.
- C. Non-voting *ex officio* members
 1. Non-voting *ex officio* members of the Senate shall possess the following rights while the Senate is in session:
 - i. Calling for orders of the day
 - ii. Raising points of order, points of personal privilege, points of information, and points of parliamentary inquiry
 - iii. Speaking during meetings
 - iv. Serving in standing, special, and ad-hoc committees of the Senate
 2. The following shall be non-voting *ex officio* members of the Senate:
 - i. The SGA Secretary
 - ii. The SGA Treasurer
 - iii. Members of the Executive Cabinet

Section 4 – Qualifications

- A. Senators shall be full-time students during their term of office.
- B. Senators shall maintain a 2.75 cumulative grade point average throughout their term of office.
- C. Senators from colleges and schools shall maintain a major within the college or school from which they were elected.
- D. Failure of any Senator to maintain these minimum requirements shall, upon notification by the Speaker of the Senate, result in disciplinary action up to and including the initiation of impeachment proceedings if the Senator fails to resign.

Section 5 – Duties and Powers

- A. Duties of the Senate:
 1. Hold regular meetings.

2. Enact legislation consistent with the letter and spirit of the SGA Constitution and By-laws.
 3. Consider and act on all decisions made by standing and ad-hoc committees of the Senate.
 4. Act as representatives of the student body to the faculty, staff, and administration of Tennessee Technological University.
 5. Appropriate and approve the expenditures of all funds under the direct control of SGA.
 6. Appoint a Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate.
 7. Approve or reject, through individual supermajority votes, those nominated to the Executive Cabinet, the SGA Supreme Court, and to other appointed positions.
- B. Powers of the Senate:
1. Appoint a Parliamentarian and a Sergeant-at-Arms.
 2. Initiate impeachment proceedings against those who violate the letter and/or spirit of the SGA Constitution and By-laws
 3. Remove a member of the Election Commission.
 4. Override, by a supermajority vote, a presidential veto of Senate legislation.

Section 6 – Committees

- A. Each Senator shall be a member of exactly one (1) Senate Standing Committee, notwithstanding service on the Constitutional Committee.
- B. The voting membership of SGA Senate Standing Committees shall solely consist of the Senators assigned to that committee.
- C. The size and composition of each Senate Standing Committee shall be determined by the Speaker of the Senate, taking into account the preferences expressed by members of the Senate and the advice of the chairpersons of each Senate Standing Committee.
- D. Senators shall serve on any special committee of the Student Government Association as directed by the Speaker of the Senate or through a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Section 7 – Senate Capacity

- A. No Senator shall be eligible to serve concurrently in any other office within the Student Government Association.

Section 8 – Senate Terms of Office

- A. Academic Senators:
 1. The term of office for Academic Senators shall begin once they are sworn in within the final two weeks of each academic year and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.
- B. Freshman Senators:
 1. The term of office for Freshman Senators shall begin once they are sworn in following their confirmation by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.
- C. Special Interest Senators:

1. The term of office for Special Interest Senators shall begin at the first regular meeting following their appointment and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.
- D. Transfer Senators:
1. The term of office for Transfer Senators shall begin once they are sworn in following their confirmation by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI: JUDICIARY BRANCH

Section 1 – General Provisions

- A. All judicial powers granted to the Student Government Association shall be vested in the SGA Supreme Court.

Section 2 – Duties and Powers of the Supreme Court

- A. Duties of the SGA Supreme Court:
 - a. Render decisions on all cases involving appeals of traffic tickets by members of the student body.
 - b. Adopt its own rules and regulations under which to function.
 - c. Hold impeachment hearings on charges against any elected or appointed official of the Student Government Association following the initiation of impeachment proceedings.
- B. Powers of the SGA Supreme Court:
 - a. Present an opinion to the President of the Tennessee Tech or representative thereof regarding Tennessee Tech policy that is vague, ambiguous, and/or contrary to state or federal law and make requests for clarification or remediation
 - b. Issue opinions regarding the proper interpretation of the governing documents of the Student Government Association after referral by the President or their designee.
 - c. Hear appeals from the Senate regarding the constitutionality of legislation.

Section 3 – Membership

- A. The SGA Supreme Court shall have the following members, all of whom must be approved by a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the Senate after selection by the Judiciary Selection Committee:
 - a. Chief Justice
 - b. Associate Chief Justice
 - c. Seven Associate Justices
 - d. Two (2) Alternate Associate Justices that only vote in the absent of an Associate Justice

Section 4 – Judiciary Selection Committee

- A. The Judiciary Selection Committee shall have the following membership:
 1. The President of the Student Government Association

- 2. One (1) additional member of the Executive Council
 - 3. Three (3) representatives from the Legislative Branch appointed by the Executive Council
- B. A chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its membership.
 - C. The Judiciary Selection Committee shall meet when necessary for the purpose of selecting the Justices whenever necessary.
 - D. The Judiciary Selection Committee shall make additional appointments to fill an unexpected vacancy during a term of office.
 - E. All members shall be eligible for reappointment.
 - F. The chairperson shall call all meetings.

Section 5 – Qualifications of Justices

- A. All Justices of the Supreme Court shall have and maintain throughout their terms a minimum overall quality point average of 2.50.
- B. All Justices shall be full time students throughout their terms.
- C. Failure of any justice to maintain these minimum requirements shall necessitate resignation or the initiation of impeachment proceedings.
- D. The Chief Justice and the Associate Chief Justice shall be of at least junior classification beginning in the fall semester of their selection and shall be affirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the SGA Supreme Court.

Section 6 – Duties and Powers of the Chief Justice

- A. Supervise the functioning of the Judicial Branch and its members.
- B. Administer the Oath of Office to newly elected or appointed officers and justices of the Student Government Association
- C. In the event the Chief Justice is unable to perform their duties, the Associate Chief Justice shall perform their duties.

Section 7 – Duties and Powers of the Justices

- A. Serve on the Judicial Council for student conduct cases as appointed
- B. Serve on College and University level academic misconduct committees as appointed

Section 8 – Period of Service

All justices of the Supreme Court shall serve for a period of one (1) year and may not serve for more than four (4) years in succession.

Section 9 – Vacancies in Office

Vacancies on the Supreme Court shall be filled within thirty (30) days by the Judiciary Selection Committee.

Section 10 – Judicial Capacity

No member of the Judiciary Branch shall be eligible to serve concurrently in any other office within the Student Government Association.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Frequency

- A. Executive and legislative branch elections shall be held in each spring semester following spring break.
- B. The Elections Commission shall be responsible for setting the date for each election.
- C. Run-off elections will be held within seven (7) days after a regularly scheduled election.
- D. If deemed necessary by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Elections Commission, elections may be held at any time during a semester.

Section 2 – Voting

All students enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour shall have the right to vote for candidates in any election provided that Senators be elected by students in their respective constituencies.

Section 3 – Executive Council Elections

- A. All executive officers shall be elected by a majority vote.
- B. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the largest portion of the votes. The candidate that receives the most votes in the run-off shall be elected.

Section 4 – Senator Elections

All Senators shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Section 5 – Candidate Requirements

- A. Each candidate shall be required to sign a release of academic records (grade point average and hours earned) in order for the SGA Advisor or designee to verify their eligibility to run for office. Candidate GPA or hours earned will not be shared by the SGA Advisor or designee.
- B. Candidates' legal names as indicated on their student record shall be placed on the ballot. If a candidate wishes to run under a name that differs from their legal name, they may submit a written request to the Election Commission for consideration and determination. The decision of the Election Commission is final.
- C. Executive Council and Senate election rules shall be determined by Election Commission.

Section 6 – Election Commission

- A. The Election Commission shall consist of seven members: three (3) SGA Senators, the SGA President, one (1) SGA Supreme Court Justice, and two (2) students at large that are not currently affiliated with SGA.
- B. The students at large shall be those deemed most qualified among applications solicited from the student body.
- C. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be the sitting SGA President.
- D. No member of the Election Commission may be a candidate for SGA Executive office while serving as a member of the Commission. Commission members may be candidates for SGA Senate during their term in office, but they shall not oversee the election from the college or school from which they are a candidate.
- E. The Election Commission shall determine and enforce all rules regarding SGA elections.
- F. The Election Commission shall inform the SGA Senate of all rule revisions at least one (1) week prior to each election.

ARTICLE VIII: OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office shall be administered to all elected officials by the SGA Supreme Court Chief Justice, or their Associate Chief Justice, as follows:

I, _____, having been duly elected/appointed as _____ (insert office or title here) of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Tech University, and ever mindful of the public trust invested in me, do hereby swear to uphold the Constitutional rights, the SGA Constitution and By-Laws, and the liberties of the students.

ARTICLE IX: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1 – Executive Officer Vacancy

- A. When a vacancy occurs in any elected SGA office other than that of the President, a special committee will be formed consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Chief Justice, and four (4) Members of the Senate chosen by the Executive Council.
- B. The appointment(s) shall be presented to the Senate and ratified by a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the Senate.
- C. Appointment(s) shall be effective until the following spring semester election.

Section 2 – Senate Vacancy

- A. When a vacancy occurs in the Senate during the fall semester, the members of the college of the vacating Senator shall convene to nominate a replacement by a majority vote of no less than 50% of the college's Senators.

- B. This nominee shall then be approved by the President for a full floor vote and, if the President rejects a nominee, must provide the College with their reasoning to consider a different nominee.
- C. If the vacating Senator was the sole senator from their college, or the college/school fails to nominate within two (2) weeks of the first business meeting after the resignation, the procedure for executive vacancies shall be followed.
- D. Appointments shall be effective until the spring semester election.
- E. Appointments shall be ratified by a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the Senate.
- F. If vacancies occur during the spring semester following winter break, vacancies will be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 4.

Section 3 – Impeachment

- A. Any elected or appointed officer that has deviated from the qualifications for the office held or neglected their duties in office as described by the Constitution and/or By-laws of SGA, misused their power or position for personal gain, or otherwise deviated from the professional ethics and standards of the SGA, may be impeached and if found responsible, removed from office.
- B. Impeachment proceedings may be initiated in the following ways:
 - 1. A simple majority vote of the SGA Senate.
 - 2. A petition of complaint filed with the Supreme Court. This petition may be filed by any student enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour and must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) signatures of students enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour.
- C. The SGA Supreme Court will convene to determine if impeachment proceeding should continue based on the petition and documentation submitted for impeachment.
- D. If the SGA Supreme Court determines by majority vote that impeachment proceedings should move forward, the Chief Justice shall deliver a notice of impeachment charges, in writing, to the elected or appointed officer subject to impeachment. The written impeachment charges shall include the date, time, and place of the impeachment hearing before the Senate. Such a hearing shall take place no earlier than three (3) business days after receipt of the written notice.
- E. The Senate shall determine based on the preponderance of evidence if there is sufficient information that the elected or appointed official is responsible of misconduct or neglect of office and may vote to impeach by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- F. The decision of the Senate shall be effective immediately upon communication to the impeached elected or appointed officer.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

Section 1 – Frequency

The Senate will meet weekly, absent good cause. A schedule of meetings for a semester shall be created prior to the beginning of the semester and published on the website and social media.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

The SGA President may call special meetings at any time for important matters with forty-eight (48) hours' notice given to all members.

Section 3 – Quorum

Quorum for consideration of business shall consist of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total voting membership of the Senate. If a quorum is not present, voting shall be postponed until the next meeting.

ARTICLE XI: STUDENT ORGANIZATION LIFE OPPORTUNITY (S.O.L.O.) FUND

Section 1 – Purpose and Scope

To enrich and advance the quality of a complete college experience at Tennessee Tech University, by providing funds to any event or program deemed appropriate by the Student Organization Life Opportunity (S.O.L.O.) Fund committee.

The S.O.L.O. Fund shall provide funding for the following:

- A. A major campus event each fall and spring semesters, which shall be supported by the superfund.
- B. Registered student organizations applying for events on campus, to benefit the student life on campus and to recruit new members to their organization, shall come from the general fund.

Section 2 – Fees and Collection

A fee of thirty (\$30) dollars shall be collected from all students enrolled in at least three (3) hours of course credit in the fall and spring semester. No fee will be collected during the summer terms.

Section 3 – Fund Allocations

The S.O.L.O. Fund shall consist of two accounts: a general fund and a superfund.

- A. The general fund shall be a means, which registered student organizations may receive funding for student activities.
- B. The superfund shall provide for at least one major campus event each semester.
- C. Eighty-five percent (85%) of money generated by the student derived S.O.L.O. fund shall go into the superfund, with the remaining fifteen percent (15%) allocated the general operating fund.
- D. All unused funds will roll over to the next fiscal year and stay in the S.O.L.O. fund.

Section 4 – Use of SOLO Funds

This fund shall in no way be considered an operating fund for the Student Government Association.

Section 5 – Procedures for Distribution of SOLO Funds

The procedures for application and distribution of general funds and major campus events funded by the superfund are outlined in the SGA By-laws.

ARTICLE XII: STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The SGA shall comply with all Tennessee Tech, Tennessee Tech Board, and local, state, and federal regulations.

ARTICLE XIII: PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

In the event of a conflict between the governing documents of SGA, the order of precedence shall be: the SGA Constitution, the SGA By-laws, *The Rules of Order of the SGA Senate*, and the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a simple supermajority of the voting membership of the SGA Senate, approval from the President, approval of the SGA Advisor with review and affirmative action by the Student Affairs Committee and Administrative Council.