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# **WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## ***Student Government Association Constitution***

### **PREAMBLE**

We, the students of Wayne Community College, in order to foster a spirit of cooperation and sense of community among students, faculty, staff, and other community residents; coordinate and regulate student activities; maintain a high standard for the college by upholding high standards of personal conduct; and develop good citizens through practical experiences, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Student Government Association of Wayne Community College.

### **ARTICLE I**

**Name** - The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Wayne Community College.

### **ARTICLE II**

**Purpose** - The Student Government Association of Wayne Community College shall serve as the official organization conducting the affairs of its members. The Student Government Association shall provide forums for students to engage in out-of-class student development activities and shall serve as direct liaison to the administration of the college.

### **ARTICLE III**

**Principles and Policies** - The Student Government Association shall at all times uphold the principles and policies of Wayne Community College.

### **ARTICLE IV**

**Membership** - The membership shall consist of all students who pay the student activity fee.

### **ARTICLE V**

**Administration** - The Student Government Association shall be divided into two branches: Legislative and Executive.

Section A. The Student Council shall serve as the legislative branch of the Student Government Association.

Section B. The Executive Board shall serve as the executive branch of the Student Government Association.

### **ARTICLE VI**

**Business and Finance** - All business and financial affairs of the Student Government Association shall be conducted through the two branches as provided for within this constitution and bylaws or within the policy manual adopted and maintained by the Legislative branch.

### **ARTICLE VII**

**Meetings** - The branches of the Student Government Association shall hold meetings as set forth in the bylaws or as necessary to discharge the duties assigned to it. Such meetings shall be announced by generally accepted means at least forty-eight hours in advance. Robert's Rules of Order will be used and all questions of order shall be decided by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

**Advisors** - The advisors to the Student Government Association shall be the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services and the Coordinator of Student Activities or each one's designated faculty or staff representative. Advisors will have access to and speaking privileges at all legislative and executive functions of the Student Government Association but will not be allowed to vote.

### **ARTICLE IX**

**Amendments** - This constitution and bylaws and its accompanying policy manual may be amended

through action by the Student Council; also, this constitution and bylaws must be in conformity with state and school policies, and any conflict will be construed in favor of the state and/or school policy. Any amendments or revisions must be approved by a majority of those attending a Student Council meeting except in cases as otherwise stipulated.

## **BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (STUDENT COUNCIL)**

- A. MEMBERSHIP** - Full voting membership in the Student Council is offered to all representatives of curricular departments and approved student clubs. These representatives shall have their names recorded and participation noted. These representatives shall have full voting privileges on the Student Council. Their names shall be submitted to the Student Government Association (SGA) secretary at the first meeting of the Fall Semester and as often as necessary.
1. Department Representatives - Two representatives will be selected or appointed from each academic department listed in the Organizational Chart of the college. New students (students who have completed less than one semester) may be selected or appointed to the Student Council and will be considered a student in good standing by the Student Government Association (see ARTICLE I, Section G, entitled "Grade Point Average" of the Bylaws.)
  2. Club Representatives - Three representatives will be selected or appointed from each approved student club that is within good standing. New students (those who have never been previously enrolled at WCC) may not represent clubs.
  3. Term of Office - One term is to be considered one academic calendar year. No Student Council member can be in office more than three consecutive terms.
- B. ATTENDANCE** - Members of the Student Council must maintain regular attendance at all Student Council meetings. Any Student Council member who misses three or more Student Council meetings in a given semester shall be suspended from the Council except under extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include but are not limited to illness, death in immediate family, work conflict, or class conflicts. The Student Council, at its regularly scheduled meetings, shall determine legitimacy of excuses for absences for its voting membership.
- All activity fee-paying students retain their rights to attend Student Council meetings and may express their ideas but will not have voting privileges on any matter before the Council unless they are a representative or an executive officer.
- C. MEETINGS** - The Student Council shall meet monthly (September - May) to adequately conduct the business of the SGA.
- D. VACANCIES** - Vacancies may occur automatically under the following conditions:
1. Failure to register as a student.
  2. Voluntary withdrawal from the college.
  3. Suspension from the college.
  4. Written resignation.
  5. Resigning from office.
  6. Student not in good standing.
- All vacancies should be filled within thirty days of the announcement of the vacancy or at the next regularly scheduled Student Council meeting.
- E. GRADE POINT AVERAGE** - All Student Council members shall maintain a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.25 with no semester GPA falling below 2.00. If a cumulative GPA falls below 2.25, the individual is automatically placed on probation by the advisor(s) of the SGA. After one semester of probation, if the individual's GPA is not above 2.25, the individual is then automatically removed from office and the vacancy is filled (see ARTICLE I, Section A of the Bylaws). If the GPA (cumulative or semester) falls below 2.00 at any point, the individual

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is immediately removed from office. The advisor(s) will be responsible for obtaining and keeping abreast of all GPA averages of all voting delegates of the SGA. Any new student (students completing less than one semester) seeking an office on the Student Council will be considered to have adequate GPA but will be placed on compulsory probation. If this GPA is no above 2.25 after the first semester, they will be removed from office. New students are not allowed to seek Executive Office.

**F. CODE OF CONDUCT** - Because Student Council members are in a leadership capacity, they should conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times. Any action that would bring discredit to the Student Council, student body, faculty, staff, administration or Wayne Community College in general, whether he or she is serving in an official capacity of the SGA or not, could result in impeachment action being brought before the executive officers, advisors, and WCC Administration.

## **ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE BOARD (OFFICERS)**

**A. MEMBERSHIP** - The Executive Board is made up of the president, vice president, secretary, standing committee chairpersons, and advisors. These officers and advisors are considered the Executive Board of the full SGA and ex-officio members of all committees. The term of office will be first day of Fall Semester until graduation.

**B. ATTENDANCE** - Executive Board is expected to attend all Executive Board and Student Council meetings. Officers must have all absences approved by the SGA advisors. Executive officers will meet all conditions set forth in ARTICLE I, Section C of the Bylaws.

## **C. DUTIES, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, PRIVILEGES**

1. President - The president shall:

- a. be the official spokesperson for the SGA.
- b. preside over all meetings of the Student Council and Executive Board.
- c. serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees of Wayne Community College.
- d. appoint all committee chairpersons except chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
- e. meet with the advisor(s) of the SGA on a regular basis.
- f. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.
- g. not vote in either the Student Council or Executive Board meetings unless to break a tie vote.
- h. attend all state and district SGA meetings.
- i. be responsible for items appearing on the agenda to come before the Executive Board and Student Council.
- j. be responsible to assume all deadlines are being met by all committee chairpersons.
- k. foster a spirit of unity among the Student Council and Executive Board, committees, and the student body in general.
- l. perform all other duties assigned by the Student Council and/or Executive Board.
- m. not serve as an officer of any other organization on campus while in office.

2. Vice President - The vice president shall:

- a. serve in any capacity the president is unable to attend.
- b. serve as parliamentarian for the Student Council and Executive Board.
- c. assume all duties, responsibilities, powers, and privileges of the president, if the president's office is vacated.
- d. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include student activity fees.
- e. assist the president in his or her duties and responsibilities.
- f. be ex-officio member of all standing committees.
- g. be responsible for all physical arrangements at all Student Council and Executive Board meetings.
- h. meet with the president and advisor(s) on a regular basis.
- i. attend all state and district SGA meetings.

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- j. foster a spirit of unity among the Student Council and Executive Board, committees, and student body in general.
  - k. perform all other duties assigned by the Student Council, Executive Board, and/or president of SGA.
3. Secretary - The secretary shall:
    - a. be responsible for all written communication and maintenance of records for the Student Council and the Executive Board as well as for the Executive Officers.
    - b. record attendance and minutes at both Student Council and Executive Sessions.
    - c. attend all state and district SGA meetings.
    - d. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.
    - e. foster a spirit of unity among Student Council and Executive Board, committees, and the student body in general.
    - f. meet with the president, vice president and advisor(s) on a regular basis.
    - g. perform all other duties assigned by the Student Council and Executive Board and president of SGA.
  4. Treasurer - The treasurer shall:
    - a. keep accurate and daily financial records for the SGA.
    - b. compile and report the financial transactions to the Executive Board and Student Council.
    - c. meet with the Executive Board on a regular basis.
    - d. attend all state and district SGA meetings.
    - e. foster a spirit of unity among the Student Council and Executive Board.
    - f. perform all other duties assigned by the Student Council and Executive Board of the SGA.
    - g. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.
- NOTE: Advisor to the SGA acts in the capacity of treasurer.

#### **D. STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Public Information chairperson shall:
  - a. solicit help and support from other members of the SGA and student body to create posters and informative literature for upcoming events.
  - b. alert the news media of any events that are deemed necessary and advantageous to the student body by the SGA.
  - c. submit for publication all necessary SGA news to be printed on the CamNet in a timely manner.
  - d. submit information to the Campus Voice for publication.
  - e. communicate with WCC public information officer to develop effective media releases before submission to media sources.
  - f. chair any committee meeting deemed to be a public information related project.
  - g. give a report at all SGA meetings on committee activities.
  - h. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.
2. Special Populations chairperson shall:
  - a. recongize all special populations on the WCC campus, and give a report at all meetings related to the status of special needs students.
  - b. reaffirm, through planning of student activities, WCC's policy related to equal opportunities: (Wayne Community College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action College and accommodates the needs of individuals with disabilities.)
  - c. chair any committee meeting deemed to be a special populations concern.
  - d. relay any information to the public information officer that is deemed necessary to report to the student body of WCC related to special populations.
  - e. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.

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3. Local Interactions chairperson shall:
    - a. chair any committee meeting deemed to be a local interaction concern.
    - b. be aware of and report on situations and opportunities available both on campus and in the community at large that are deemed advantageous or of importance to the student body of WCC.
    - c. maintain communication with the Greater Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce related to identifying service opportunities in the Goldsboro/Wayne County area.
    - d. identify, plan, and organize participation in events on and off campus that are related to the service of the community population as well as the WCC student body. (service projects)
    - e. relay any local interactions information to the public information officer that is deemed necessary to report to the student body.
    - f. receive a stipend equal to one-fifth of the in-state tuition for each semester in office. This amount does not include activity fee.

**E. VACANCIES** - Vacancies may occur automatically under the following conditions:

1. Failure to register as a student.
2. Voluntary withdrawal from the college.
3. Suspension from the college.
4. Written resignation.
5. Student is not in good standing.

All vacancies should be filled within thirty days of the announcement of the vacancy or at the next regularly scheduled Student Council meeting.

**F. GRADE POINT AVERAGE** - All Executive officers shall maintain a cumulative and semesterly in-major quality point average of 2.50.

1. If the semesterly in-major GPA falls below 2.50, scholarship will not be awarded for the next semester.
2. If the semesterly in-major GPA falls below 2.00, for any given semester while in office, the officer(s) will be placed on probation.
3. If the semesterly in-major GPA falls below 2.00, two semesters; consecutively, the officer(s) must be removed from office.
4. All officers shall maintain a minimum of nine semester hours each semester. If an officer drops below nine hours, the officer should resign from office immediately.

**G. CODE OF CONDUCT** - Because Executive officers are in a leadership position, they must conduct themselves in a proper and acceptable manner at all times. If an Executive Officer commits any action(s) that would bring discredit to the student body, Student Council, Executive Board, faculty, staff, administration, or to Wayne Community College in general, whether serving in an official capacity or not, this could result in impeachment.

**H. CANDIDATES, FILING PROCEDURES, ELECTION**

1. Candidates
  - a. All Executive Officer candidates must have a 2.75 cumulative in major grade point average at the time of petitioning for an office.
  - b. All candidates must have been enrolled as curriculum students at least one semester prior to date of petition.
2. Filing Procedures
  - a. Candidates must submit a petition containing a minimum of 100 names of activity fee-paying students to demonstrate sufficient support to actively seek office.
  - b. Petition to seek office can be acquired from the advisor(s) and must be submitted two weeks prior to elections. No petition will be accepted after the two-week deadline.
  - c. Candidates must present in writing to the advisor(s) reasons why he/she wants to seek office. These must be made public during the running for office by some approved forum.
3. Elections
  - a. Advisor(s) will determine eligibility of all candidates and assure no guidelines have been breached. Any breach will result in the ineligibility of the candidate.

- b. Advisor(s) of the SGA will determine the date for the election. Elections must be completed by the end of the last week of April in case a runoff election is required.
- c. Results will be announced by 10 a.m. the following school day.
- d. A runoff election may be called for by an unsuccessful candidate, if they are within five percent of the winning candidate in relation to the number of votes and only if there are three or more candidates seeking the same office. Advisor(s) will notify an unsuccessful candidate if they are qualified for a runoff election prior to posting the results of the election.

**I. OATH OF OFFICE**

- 1. Executive Officers - Executive officers shall take their oath of office prior to the last day of classes during Spring Semester.
- 2. Student Council Members - Student Council members shall take their oath of office as they fill Student Council vacancies.
- 3. The oath of office shall be as follows: I pledge to uphold the Student Government Association's Constitution and Bylaws and to abide by the regulations and policies as prescribed by the Trustees and Administration of Wayne Community College.

I pledge to be fair in all my endeavors and to promote goodwill for Wayne Community College.

I pledge to carry out the responsibilities for my office to the best of my ability and to promote harmony among all segments of the student body.

**2006 SPRING FLING PHOTOS**

