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Student Constitution Revised

The Student Association Constitution has been revised to better deal with the present and future student/faculty/administration situation of the College. The complexity of this College is ever increasing as we grow and re-orient our goals and direction, and the Student Association must change accordingly to assure worthy service to the students as well as to the College as a whole.

In light of this fact, the Constitution Revision Committee carried out a thorough re-evaluation of the role of the Student Association and the Student Council, and has submitted the following Constitution for acceptance by Members of the Student Association. The basic elements, we feel, can be explained precisely as follows:

1) That it is necessary and desirable for the Student Council to become more involved in the advocating of student sentiment, as expressed in the Preamble, in relations with the administration and the faculty, and to manage more effectively the activities of the students, and

2) That the implementation of these activities can only be effective if representation on the Council is decided on a "one man - one vote" basis.

It is to this end that the Council representation guidelines have been changed.

It is in the hope that the Student Association through its representatives on the Council will, in fact, become more active in all facets of student activity at the College, that we have made this re-evaluation of the Constitution and the subsequent revisions, and it is for this same reason that we urge you to give full consideration to both the spirit and the letter of this Constitution.

Voting on the Constitution will take place at spring registration. We urge you to vote "yes."

The following representatives of the student body were instrumental in writing the new Constitution:

1) Jim Goulet .........................................................Senior
2) Jeff Stucker .......................................................Senior
3) Justin Culkowski ...............................................Junior
4) Bob Loveless .....................................................Sophomore
5) Robin Wall .........................................................Freshman
6) Jim Welsh ........................................................Grad. Student
7) David Joslyn ......................................................Grad. Student

Valuable advice was obtained from Dr. John Bennett, President Palmer, Vice President Payne, and Professor Lalor.

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PREAMBLE

The basic goals of the Student Association are to unite in strong community those students who have a deep interest in promoting the social, academic, cultural, and professional interests of the members; to build an intimate relationship with other institutions of higher learning and to secure unity of action and cooperation in matters of mutual interest; to maintain a close relationship between students, faculty, and administration; and to make the Association a vital factor in College activities.

To meet these goals, the Association seeks to foster a true professional spirit among the student body; to promote the individual welfare of every Member; promote the interests of the College through its activities; and to use its collective resources and organizational power to assure that the student body is allowed both the privilege of and the responsibility for involvement in all aspects of the College that are relevant to the students.

To this end, the following CONSTITUTION of the Student Association of the College, by virtue of permission from this institution, is hereby ordained and established.

Constitution of
The Student Association of
State University of New York
College of Forestry

Article I--Name

Section 1.
The name of the organization shall be the Student Association.

Article II--Membership

Section 1.
All full-time, matriculated students, graduates and undergraduates, of the College shall be Members. All other registered students of the College shall be Associates.

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Article III--Officers
Section 1.
The officers of the Student Association shall be Members of the Association and shall consist of the following:

1. President (1)
2. Vice Presidents (2)
3. Secretary (1)
4. Treasurer (1)
5. Social Chairman (1)

Article IV--Duties of Officers
Section 1.
The President shall:

a. be vested with all executive powers of the Association unless these shall be specifically delegated otherwise in this Constitution.
b. preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Council as hereinafter described.
c. see that all officers of the Association perform duties assigned to them in an efficient manner.
d. maintain a president's file, which shall contain statements of previous policy to serve as a guide for the execution of his duties.
e. appoint all committees deemed necessary and not provided for in this constitution.

Section 2.
The Vice Presidents shall:

a. assist the president in his executive duties at all times during his term of office.
b. the First Vice President shall serve as chairman of the steering committee for the Student Leaders Conference and shall preside at meetings of the Association or Council in the absence of the president.
c. the Second Vice President will be responsible for keeping a record of reservations of the Eustace B. Nifkin Lounge, shall serve as Parliamentarian of the Association and of the Council, shall be in charge of Student Association sales, and shall serve as one of the student members of the Faculty Student Relations Committee.

Section 3.
The Secretary shall:

a. keep a permanent record of all Council and Association meetings.
b. conduct all correspondence of the Association and keep a file of all letters sent and received.
c. notify all members of the Association of Association meetings, and meetings of the Student Council.

Section 4.
The Treasurer shall:

a. direct the payment of money by the Association cashier only on written orders properly certified by both himself, the President of the Association and the Faculty Advisor for the Student Council.
b. keep an account of all receipts and disbursements.
c. present a financial report at every Council meeting.
c. submit an itemized written report to the Council of all financial transactions at the end of his term of office.

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Section 5.
The Social Chairman shall:
   a. be responsible for all social affairs of the Association.
   b. present a written report of the year's activities to the Council at the end of his term of office.

Article V—Election of Officers
Section 1.
The officers of the Association shall be elected annually during the spring semester by a plurality vote of the Student Association Members, the date being set at the discretion of the Council, but prior to the College's banquet. All voting shall be done by secret ballot. Write-in ballots during the election will not be considered. The original copy of the ballot record of the voting for the Council and Class Officers shall be kept in the Council files, with a second copy for the Office of Student Affairs. The newly elected officers of the Association shall assume their office immediately after certification of their election, and the old officers shall act in advisory capacity for the remainder of the semester.

Section 2.
Nomination of Officers.
   a. Nominee qualifications:
      (1) President—in order to accept a nomination for this office, a student must have a 2.2/4.0 cumulative average at the end of the semester preceding elections.
      (2) The remaining Association officers as shown in Article III, Section 1, shall be in good academic standing with the College.
   b. Nominations for officers of the Association shall be solicited in the following ways:
      (1) By the Nominations Committee as specified by Student Council.
      (2) Nominations from the Members of the Association will be taken by the Nominations Committee during a time specified by the President.

Section 3.
Vice Presidents of the Association.
   a. Vice Presidents--The First Vice President shall be the First Runner-up in the Presidential election.
   b. Second Vice President--The Second Vice President shall be the candidate with the most votes in the Vice Presidential election.

Article VI—Vacancies of Office
Section 1.
In the event that an Association Office becomes vacant, said vacancy shall be filled by the first runner-up in the previous election with Council approval; or, if the runner-up cannot or will not serve, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the Council.

Section 2.
All class officers vacancies shall be filled by the first runner-up in the previous election; or, if the runner-up cannot or will not serve, through nominations to the Council by the officers of the class for which a vacancy exists. The nominees are subject to approval by the Council, or shall be elected in a special election if called for by the remaining class officers.

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Article VII--Class Officers

Section 1.

The officers of each undergraduate class shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Social Chairman. The Graduate class shall organize the Graduate Student Organization which shall select three officers to serve as members of the Forestry Council and such other officers as it deems desirable.

Section 2.

To be eligible for office, the nominee must be in good academic standing with the College.

Section 3.

Class officers shall be subject to all aspects of Article V and Article VI of this Constitution.

Article VIII--Impeachment of Officers

Section 1.

A petition stating the charges against an officer, and signed by at least one-third of the membership of the Council shall be required to bring charges against an officer of the Association.

Section 2.

A vote to dismiss an officer shall be held at a referendum two weeks after the submission of the petition described in Section 1 of this Article. A three-fourths vote of the total membership of the Association shall be necessary to dismiss an officer of the Association.

Section 3.

The officer facing the charge shall have the opportunity of defending his case before the voting is held.

Article IX--Enforced Resignation

Section 1.

Any Association Officer, Class Officer, or member of the Council who fails to remain in acceptable academic standing with the College must resign his office.

Section 2.

Any Association Officer, Class Officer, or member of the Council who fails to meet the attendance requirement established by the Council must resign his office.

Article X--Student Council

Section 1.

The governing body of the Student Association shall be known as the Student Council.

Section 2.

The Student Council shall be composed of the following members:

Student Association Officers........................................(6)
Undergraduate Class Officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer)..................................................(12)
Graduate Student Association Officers..................................(3)

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At-Large Class Representatives: Each class shall elect at-large representatives and shall have one such representative per one hundred full-time matriculated students in the class. In determining the total number of at-large representatives a class is entitled to, the number of full-time matriculated students in a class shall be rounded to the nearest hundred by standard rounding procedures.

Section 3.
Two-thirds of the total membership, less excused absences, shall constitute a quorum for the Council if the resulting number is at least one-half of the total membership.

Section 4.
To permit effective application of this constitution, Bylaws shall become effective by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council.

Section 5.
The Council shall serve as advocate for student sentiment and needs by:
a. advising and co-operating with the Administration on all administrative affairs of the College that pertain to students, and by
b. advising and co-operating with the Administration and Faculty on all curriculum and instructional affairs that pertain to students.

Section 6.
The Council shall direct all financial and social activities of the Student Association.

Section 7.
The Council shall organize class elections and Council elections.

Section 8.
The faculty advisor of the Council shall be chosen by the Faculty, subject to approval by two-thirds vote of the Council.

Article XI--Student Organizations
Section 1.
Any organization composed of students of the College of Forestry which is incorporated as an "authorized organization" of the Student Association according to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the Bylaws adopted by the Forestry Council shall be provided with meeting space and a financial appropriation.

Section 2.
Any organization composed of students of the College of Forestry which is incorporated as a "recognized organization" of the Student Association according to such conditions and restrictions set forth in the Bylaws adopted by the Forestry Council shall be provided with meeting space, but no budget.

Article XII--Fees
Section 1.
The Graduate Student officers and Representatives-at-Large shall not vote on any budgetary measures in the Council.

Section 2.
The Graduate Student Association will contribute a share of its budget to the Student Association to cover the participation of Graduate Students in all student affairs.

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Article XIII--Adoption and Amendments

Section 1.
Adoption of this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Association.

Section 2.
Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority of the Student Council and must be approved by two-thirds of the membership of the Student Association to become effective.

Section 3.
Amendment proposals may be filed with the Student Council by petition of one-third of the membership of the Student Association and must be approved by two-thirds vote of the Student Association to become effective. Approval by the Student Council is not necessary.

Section 4.
Possible conflicts in proposed amendments resulting from the two different sources will be resolved by a special committee of the Council.

Section 5.
All proposed amendments to this Constitution must be posted on the public bulletin boards at least two weeks prior to the time the voting is to occur. One week after the proposed amendments are posted, an open meeting of the Student Association may be held to discuss said amendments.

Section 6.
To insure a sufficient turnout, voting on adoptions and Amendments will occur at either fall or spring registration.

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COLLEGE EXCEEDS UNITED FUND GOAL

The College of Forestry United Fund Campaign yielded $8,943, according to a report from fund chairman, Michael C. McCloskey. "This was 154.2 percent of our goal, and the College family is to be congratulated for this fine effort," McCloskey said. "And the campaign would not have been possible without the efforts of the 33 volunteer solicitors who assisted us."

"The College's record of exceeding our goal by more than 50 percent, has not been matched by any campaign unit reporting thus far in the drive," commented President Palmer. "This loyal and public-spirited support by colleagues at the College of Forestry is gratifying to me, and is certain to be recognized widely throughout the community."

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-NOTICES-

CAMP COUNSELOR POSITION--

There are 20 vacancies, in five New York State camps. Pay rates are $1,188 for a nine week session beginning June 26. For more information, please contact Dr. Hanselman in Room 301 Illick Hall.
A REMINDER TO ALL CONTINUING STUDENTS-

You may avoid possible delay in your registration cycle for the spring semester by taking care of any overdue obligations prior to the start of the second semester. Such items as a short-term loan, an unpaid housing or infirmary bill, a chemistry breakage fee, an overdue library book, etc. should be taken care of now to avoid any unnecessary delays later.

The new "STUMPY POWER" T-shirts have arrived and are now available at the Student Council office. College of Forestry and "STUMPY POWER" sweatshirts and T-shirts make a great present, and are available to you at cost. Buy your girl (or guy) an extra large T-shirt and enjoy it together, or buy your mom a sweatshirt to get even for that Christmas she gave you pajamas (which was two years after you started sleeping in your U-trou).

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

The Institute of International Education is administering a 12 week fulltime internship program in environmental disciplines during the summer of 1972. Students can be expected to be involved in such activities as statistical analyses, zoning reviews, project analyses and drafting and graphics with agencies affiliated with the State and the City of New York. To be eligible, the foreign students must have a bachelor degree or its equivalent, must be a fulltime graduate student at an accredited school, have demonstrated an interest or experience in fields of environmental control, have competency in English, and have definite plans to return to his home country. Students selected will receive a stipend of $1,200 tax free. Applications may be obtained from Mr. August in the Graduate Office. The deadline for submitting applications is February 15, 1972. Further information is available from:

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