CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

OF

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

PREAMBLE:

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to serve its constituents as the supreme student executive, legislative, and judicial body for governing student life at Iowa Wesleyan College. This governing body will coordinate the interests of the student body with the interests of the faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Student Government Association of Iowa Wesleyan College.

ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive power shall be vested on a President and Vice-President who shall hold a term of office for one year, chosen by members of the student body at large. Both shall be subject to impeachment as outlined in the By-Laws of the Constitution.

President:

a. The President shall be a member of the Board of Trustees with full voting power and shall serve as liaison from the Student Senate to the Administration and Student Body.
b. Shall be the official spokesperson for the Student Senate.
c. Shall have the authority to vote in all legislative proposals and initiatives, excluding student appointments.
d. The Student Body President has the authority to author and sponsor Student Senate legislation.
e. Implement subcommittees in coordination with the Student Senate.
f. Nominate Supreme Court Justices and committee appointments with a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting.
g. Shall be subject to impeachment as outlined in the By-Laws.

h. The President is allowed to select a student to fulfill the role of Chief of Staff to assist the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff has no voting authority and does not need to be approved by the Student Senate. The Chief of Staff has the authority by the Student Body President to be a non-voting member of the Executive Council.
i. The Student Government Association President shall also be known as Student Body President.

Vice President:

a. The Vice President shall preside over the Student Senate and run all meetings following Robert's Rules of Order.
b. Shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Student Body President in case of vacancy for the remainder of the original term.
c. Shall have the authority to vote in all legislative proposals and initiatives, excluding student appointments.
d. The Student Body Vice President has the authority to author and sponsor Student Senate legislation.
e. The Vice President will appoint the Student Government Association's Secretary, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
f. The Student Government Association Vice President shall also be known as Student Body Vice President.

ARTICLE III - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1 – Purpose and Powers

The Student Senate shall be the representative government of the Student Body. The Student Senate shall:

a. Uphold the ideals as stated in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Iowa Wesleyan College.
b. Handle all student legislation and appropriation of Senate funds.
c. In addition to the President, the Senate shall have the ability to implement subcommittees and review committee reports.
g. Shall recognize all campus organizations and the use of campus facilities.
h. Approve a budget for the Senate fiscal year.
i. Approve all student appointments by the President with a 2/3 vote.

Section 2 - Membership

The members of the Senate will be representatives from all the organizations that wish to be recognized at Iowa Wesleyan College. Each organization must have a different representative.

a. Each organization must have one person who will serve with the members of the other organizations as Senators in the Student Government Association.
b. It is up to each organization to provide a Senator for that organization to be fully recognized by the Student Government Association.
c. Each representative from all the organizations will comprise the Student Senate.
d. Students will hold the title of Senator will be formerly recognized as a Student Body Senator.

Section 3 - Officers

Treasurer: Will be appointed by the Vice President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Secretary: Will be appointed by the Vice President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Parliamentarian: Will be appointed by the Vice President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Sergeant - at - Arms: Will be appointed by the Vice President with the approval of at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Chief of Staff: Will be appointed by the President, and does not need to be approved by the Senate at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Ex-Official: The Student Senate will determine Ex-Official representatives from various student organizations and councils throughout Iowa Wesleyan College. All appointments must be approved with at least a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate. All Ex-Official representatives must be appointed on an annual basis by the Student Senate.

Section 4 – Standing Committees

The Standing Committees will be as follows:

a. Means and Ways Committee
b. Residential & Student Life Committee
c. Academic Advancement Committee
d. Information & Technology Committee
e. Food Services Committee

f. Student Strategic Planning Committee

The duties of these committees will be as described in the By-Laws. Each Standing Committee must have a Chair appointed by the Vice President and approved by 2/3 of the Student Senate present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

Section 5 – Executive Council

The Executive Council shall consist of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Student Government Association's Chief of Staff.

a. The Executive Council shall have the power to set the agenda for meetings of the Student Senate.
b. The Executive Council shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the Student Senate.
c. The Executive Council shall serve as forum for members to discuss current college issues, develop a student led strategic plan, and develop programs and initiatives to strengthen student leadership campus-wide.
d. All other interested students have access to and privilege of input to the Executive Council.

Section 6 – Meetings

The Student Senate shall meet at least once a month during the regular academic year, at a place designated by the Executive Council.

a. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Council.
b. All meetings will be open to the Student Body.
c. A quorum shall be defined in the By-Laws.
d. Meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV- JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1

The Judiciary Branch shall resolve all writs of charge in which a student's conduct is in conflict with the rules and regulations as defined in the Student Handbook and the Student Government Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2- Supreme Court

The Supreme Court, consists of the chairs of the committees that are appointed by the Student Body Vice President and approved by a 2/3 vote by the Student Senate present at a duly called Senate meeting, shall serve as the final appellate court of the judicial system of the Student Government Association.

a. The Vice President and approved by a 2/3 vote by the Student Senate Supreme will be chosen to be the Court Justices on an annual basis.
b. There shall be one member of the faculty to act as an advisor and facilitator to the Supreme Court, selected by the Justices.
c. Tenure of office will be one Senate year and Justices may hold office more than once if appointed by the Student Body Vice President and reconfirmed by a 2/3 vote by the Student Senate.
d. Procedures for all courts are defined in the By-Laws of the Supreme Court.

Section 3 – Origin of Cases

a. All writs of charge involving students in violation of rules, as defined in the Student Handbook and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Government Association, shall be brought before the Supreme Court by any member of the college community.
b. All student writs of charge involving academic integrity shall be brought before the Supreme Court.

ARTICLE V- BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1

All Iowa Wesleyan College students shall possess the applicable rights listed in the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution.

Section 2

All Iowa Wesleyan College regulations and policies must be clearly stated. All such regulations and policies must be made accessible to all students.

ARTICLE VI- RATIFICATION

This constitution shall replace any previous constitution once it has been proposed and approved by at least 2/3 of the members of the present Student Senate and when it shall have been ratified by a simple majority of the students voting in an all-campus vote, and approval of the President of Iowa Wesleyan College. This constitution shall become operative during the fall semester, 2010.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

An amendment to the Constitution must be brought before the Student Senate, table, and brought up for a vote at the next scheduled meeting of the assembly. An amendment must be approved by at least 2/3 vote of the Student Senate and ratified by a simple majority of the students voting in an all-campus vote, and by approved by the President of Iowa Wesleyan College.

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