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Preamble

Statement of Purpose:

The Xavier University Student Government Association exists to continuously improve the University and develop all students--undergraduate and graduate, part-time and full-time, traditional and nontraditional alike--as responsible and involved members and leaders of society.

The Xavier University Student Government Association provides a forum for civic training and student participation in University governance and strives to preserve the rights and freedoms of all students.

The Xavier University Student Government Association promotes and encourages students' consciousness of their ability for the betterment of themselves, the University, and the larger community.

To this end, the students of Xavier University do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

Article I General Provisions

Section 1.

This organization, including all parts authorized herein, shall be entitled the Xavier University Student Government Association, hereinafter Association. This Constitution will supersede all other student organization Constitutions, charters, and by-laws. The primary organizational affiliation of any student group organized under this Constitution will be to the Association; relations with other University entities or off-campus groups will be secondary.

Section 2.

The Association will serve the University community under the sponsorship of the Associate Provost for Student Life and Leadership; all Association decisions are subject to that Associate Provost's approval. The Dean of Students will normally act as that Associate Provost's representative.

Section 3.

The branches of the Student Government Association shall include an Association Executive, a Student Senate and a Student Activities Council, hereinafter SAC. The Association shall establish any subordinate bodies, organizations, groups, or clubs it deems necessary.

Section 4.

All students shall be members of the Association by virtue of their enrollment and are entitled to vote in all Association Elections. Active membership in any of its branches, bodies, organizations, groups, or clubs shall require the student-member to maintain good academic and social standing as defined in the University's official Student Handbook. Election or appointment to offices established under this Constitution shall have the same requirement in addition to those imposed herein.

Article II Association Executive

Section 1a.

There shall be an Association President, a Legislative Vice President, hereinafter LVP, and an Administrative Vice President, hereinafter AVP, who together will comprise the Association Executive, hereinafter Executive. The Executive shall be elected before the Student Senate and serve a one-year term beginning with the start of the new Student Senate term.

Section 1b.

No person shall be elected Association President who has not been a student of the University for at least three semesters and who does not have at least enough time remaining to complete the term. No person shall be elected Legislative Vice President or Administrative Vice President who has not been a student of the University for at least one semester and who does not have at least enough time remaining to complete the term.

Section 2a.

The Association President shall be the official student government representative to the University administration, faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, alumni and the larger community. The Association President shall keep in contact with all branches, bodies, and organizations of

the Association as may be authorized and shall advise them in the course of their responsibilities. These duties may be delegated to other qualified students as needed.

Section 2b.

The Association President shall recommend to the Student Senate all students for appointment to University committees. The Association President will prepare and distribute information packets with applications before the beginning of the spring elections to all interested students. The Association President will review these applications after the start of the new term. Students will be given the opportunity to be interviewed for recommendation. With the Student Senate's confirmation, the names of these students will be forwarded to the Academic Vice President and Provost who will make appointments on behalf of the University President. These recommendations must be presented to the Student Senate within a month of the first Student Senate meeting. The Association President will keep in contact with and advise the student members of the University committees during their terms in office.

Section 3a.

The Association President may appoint any temporary committees or commissions to investigate issues, propose courses of action, or execute policy as may be necessary. These appointments are not subject to prior Student Senate approval but must be reported to the Student Senate in a timely manner. The report must include the names of the students participating, the purpose of the group and its projected completion date.

Section 3b.

The Association President, with the Financial Affairs Committee, will decide who has spending authority on all lines within the annual Association Budget during the process of making the budget. Spending authority will provide that body/individual with the right to vote on any expenditure from that line in the Association Budget. All money spent from these funds should be overseen by that body and reported by that body to the Association President.

Section 3c.

The Association President shall propose an Association budget, after consultation with the Financial Affairs Committee, to the Student Senate and the SAC. This budget shall request spending for specific events or activities of the Association and provide for separate accounts for the three branches. There shall be reserve funds for unanticipated expenses and other organizations.

The Association President shall oversee the collection and subsequent reallocation of any Association Rollover. Any revenue generated through concert ticket sales shall rollover into the same fund. All other Association Rollover shall be received by the Executive Project Fund, and the Association President is expected to present his or her plan for this fund to both the Student Senate and the SAC in an informal manner, after which a straw poll of approval shall be taken.

Section 3d.

The Association President may propose contracts to the Association Advisors on behalf of the Association with individuals, organizations, or companies for goods or services within the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 3e.

The Association President, in accordance with the SAC Rules of Order and with the agreement of the Student Senate, shall approve all appointed members of the SAC from candidates who have submitted applications for vacant seats.

Section 4.

The LVP shall preside at all meetings of the Student Senate at which he or she is present and shall be allowed to vote only if a decision is tied. The LVP shall report on his or her duties to the SAC as necessary. The LVP will appoint the members and Chairs of the Student Senate standing committees, with the Student Senate approval. The LVP shall assist the Association President in the execution of that officer's duties.

Section 5.

The AVP shall preside at all meetings of the SAC at which he or she is present and shall be allowed to vote only if a decision is tied. The AVP shall report on his or her duties to the Student Senate as necessary. The AVP shall assist the President in the execution of that officer's duties.

Section 6.

Members of the Executive shall be compensated for their services while in office at a rate determined by the Financial Affairs Committee and approved by a majority vote within the Student Senate. The rate may not change during any one person's tenure in the same office. Members of the Executive will be compensated by stipend payments every two weeks during the academic year in accordance with the current university policies. The Student Senate, with a majority vote, after consultation with the Financial Affairs Committee, may provide for additional compensation for these officeholders for services provided during the summer. Each member of the Executive shall establish and maintain certain office hours of at least four hours per week to perform Association duties and meet with officeholders and students.

In the event that an Executive cannot accept the stipend due to scholarship conflict or personal decision, the allocated amount will be automatically added to the Executive fund.

Section 7.

There shall be a midyear and an annual report of the Executive. The reports shall be written documents submitted to the Student Senate, the SAC, and selected members of the administration at the conclusion of Fall semester, and again at the conclusion of the Executive term.

The report shall consist of, but is not limited to, the initial goals of the Executive, performance summary of their term in office (including met and unmet goals), and a recommendation assessing the future of the Association.

Section 8.

Any member of the Executive may be removed from office by both the Student Senate and the SAC for negligence, dereliction of duty, gross incompetence in the performance of position, or actions that tend to discredit or reflect poorly on the Association. The board from which the motion for impeachment originates must pass the motion with three-fourths vote and the other board must approve the passing of this motion with a two-thirds majority vote.

In the event that the President resigns his or her position or is impeached, the Student Senate will vote between the AVP and LVP to decide who will fill the vacancy during a special meeting outside of the regular meeting time. This special meeting will follow all aspects of the Rules of Order. This meeting shall be publicized as open to the entire University community to attend, and speak during Public Forum.

In the event that the LVP resigns his or her position, be impeached, or move into the Presidency, the Senate Coordinator will assume the LVP's role and responsibilities.

In the event that the AVP resigns his or her position, be impeached, or move into the Presidency, the SAC Chair will assume the AVP's role and responsibilities.

Should the Senate Coordinator resign his or her position, be impeached, or move into a higher position due to an office vacancy, the Student Senate will vote on a new Senate Coordinator per the Senate Rules of Order.

Should the SAC Chair resign his or her position, be impeached, or move into a higher position due to an office vacancy, the SAC will vote on a new SAC Chair per the SAC Rules of order.

Article III Financial Affairs Committee

Section 1.

The Financial Affairs Committee, hereinafter FAC, will consist of a total of eight members. There will be two co-chairs of this committee, one from the Student Senate and the other from the SAC. The remaining members will be evenly distributed from a selection process within the Student Senate and the SAC. The Student Senate and the SAC will both select their representatives to the FAC according to their own Rules of Order, respectively. The term of office for the FAC will be from the first Monday of April until the following first Monday of April. In the event that the SAC has not selected their FAC representatives by the first Monday of April, the previous members will hold their position until the new members are selected and rotated into the current term of the FAC according to the SAC Rules of Order.

Section 2. The FAC shall review the annual SGA Budget with the Association President and shall assist in preparing and presenting this budget to both the Student Senate and the SAC for approval by a majority vote of both boards by the end of the Executive term. The FAC shall also assist the Association President in any Rollover review and allocations. The FAC will authorize Club Budgets and Special Request Funding under the provisions of the Association budget, and propose an authorization for funding to Student Senate and/or the SAC according to the FAC Constitution. The FAC will perform all duties expressed in the Financial Affairs Committee Constitution. Any deviation from this manual must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Senate and the SAC with final approval from the Association President.

Article IV Student Senate

Section 1a.

There shall be a Student Senate, hereinafter the Senate, elected from and by the student body each year under the provisions of the Elections Code. It shall be the policy-making board for the

Association. It shall consist of sixteen Senators elected during the spring semester from the students who have completed at least one semester and have at least two semesters remaining. It shall also consist of four Senators elected during the fall semester from the students in their first semester at the University.

Section 1b.

Each Senator elected in the spring shall serve from the first Monday of April of that year until the first Monday of the following April. Each Senator elected in the fall shall serve from the beginning of the next Senate meeting after the announcement of the results of the election until the first Monday of the following April. Senators elected in the fall may choose to seek a new term at the next spring elections. The majority of the Senate currently in office shall have final authority in all matters pertaining to the elections for any of its members.

Section 1c.

No person shall hold a seat in the Senate while serving as a member of the SAC, or a voting member on any subordinate body as authorized by this Constitution.

Section 2a.

The Senate shall meet throughout the academic year, at least once each full week except finals weeks, and at the call of its Presiding Officer or a majority of its members. These meetings should be promoted as open to the student body.

Section 2b.

Two-thirds of its members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet to discuss issues and receive reports. The Senate may determine its own Rules of Order. The LVP shall serve as the Presiding Officer during the Senate meetings when present and shall have no vote unless the members are tied in a decision. Each Senator present shall have one vote on the Senate floor and in its committees. Members must be present to vote. In the event of an absence, if the Senator has been previously excused by the Presiding Officer, he or she still maintains this right. No votes taken outside of a meeting shall be official. Decisions of the Senate and official statements of the Senate opinion shall be made by a simple majority except in cases where a higher number is required. Two members must agree to discuss an issue before a question on the matter may be introduced.

Section 2c.

The Senate shall establish standing committees to conduct its business. Special committees may be formed as necessary. When any item of business is referred to any committee, the Senate shall specify what the committee is authorized to do. Committees may be instructed to research a question and recommend a course of action to the full Senate. Committees may be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Senate without further approval within certain limits set by the Senate at the time of referral. Committees may be authorized or instructed to perform the actions necessary to implement Senate policy.

Section 2d.

The Senate may create any offices for itself that it might find necessary or beneficial. The Senate shall elect from among its members immediately following the start of each new Senate term a Senate Coordinator to serve as Acting Chair in the absence or inability of the LVP and to

perform any other tasks the Senate may provide for in its rules. To be eligible for election as Senate Coordinator, a candidate must have completed at least one term as a Senator.

Section 2e.

The Senate shall have sole power to discipline its members for disorderly conduct for actions that tend to discredit or reflect poorly upon the Association at any time, or for failure to complete any duties of their office. With the agreement of three-fourths of its total membership at the time it may expel a member. Formal reprimand short of removal requires the agreement of two-thirds of the total current membership. It shall have the power to impeach and try members of the Executive.

No disciplinary proceedings such as reviews of impeachment or censure can occur until formal written notice is given to the member in question at least five days before proceedings. The letter, given first to the Chair of Association Affairs for preview, must outline the alleged charges against the member in question, as well as specify justification for the charges and propose a motion to take suggested disciplinary action. After the five day period, the motion will be proposed to the board for approval.

Section 3a.

As the legislature, the Senate shall have power to grant and revoke charters, letters of recognition, and budgets for student clubs and organizations. The Senate shall establish rules for the regulation and improvement of clubs. The Senate may establish subordinate bodies as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Association and provide rules for their regulation. The Senate may terminate any such bodies when they are no longer necessary or beneficial to the student body.

Section 3b.

The Senate may approve or not approve all appointments, nominations, and contracts with individual students or student organizations proposed by the Association President or the SAC. Decisions made by the SAC will only be reviewed when a matter of serious consequence is involved.

Section 3c.

The Senate may establish and enforce rules for the conduct of all elections and appointment proceedings to any office of the Association.

Section 4a.

The Senate shall have authority to speak on behalf of the student body on issues that impact the quality of student life. The Senate may do so by the adoption of resolutions/statements of opinion or policy. The Senate may take any reasonable action not herein prohibited that seems beneficial to the student body.

Section 4b.

The Senate Coordinator shall be compensated for his or her services while in office at a rate determined by the Association Budget and approved with a majority vote from the Senate and the SAC. The rate may not change during any one person's tenure in office. The Senate Coordinator will be compensated by stipend payments every two weeks during the academic

year in accordance with the current university policies. Additional compensation for Summer stipends may be included in the Association Budget.

Section 4c.

The Senate may not provide compensation for its members, with the exception of the Senate Coordinator, other than reimbursements for approved, official functions or reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to an approved activity.

Section 5a.

Each Senator, individually, shall establish and maintain certain office hours of at least two hours per week to respond to student concern. Each Senator, except the Senate Coordinator, shall serve as a member or chair of one standing committee. Each Senator, acting as an individual student, may undertake any personal correspondence or public discussion of issues before the student body. Such correspondence must be made as personal expression unless backed by a majority decision of the Senate. Each Senator shall participate in the activities of the Senate and attend training workshops, as the majority decides those activities.

Section 5b.

Each Senator shall identify at least one area of student life at the University for his or her special emphasis. This senate project or initiative shall be expressed as an idea or set of ideas that would enhance current student life as affected by University policy or the activities of the Association. It may address a policy that the University might be encouraged to adopt or change or an activity that the Association might be encouraged to provide or improve. The project or initiative should be designed as to be accomplished during that term. The project or initiative may involve other students or other Senators or be pursued by that Senator alone. Each project or initiative shall be reported to the Senate in a regular meeting for each member's general information. Reports shall be made at the beginning of any project or initiative and as developments arise. The Senate must approve all funds necessary to pursue the project or initiative from its budget or from other Association funds. The mission of the University as a Jesuit Catholic institution, and the best interests of the student body shall be considered during all stages of the project or initiative. Upon completion of the project or initiative, or its sponsor's term of office, a final report that includes any information necessary to repeat or understand the project or initiative shall be prepared and entered into the Association's historical record. Duties common to all Senators will not be considered personal projects or initiatives.

Section 6.

Decisions of the Senate that address issues beyond the Senate itself, its activities, or funds must be presented to the Association President within two business days for consideration. If the Association President concurs with the action, he or she will sign it, and it will enter into force. If the Association President does not concur, he or she shall veto it by writing out his or her objections and returning it to its sponsor for reconsideration. If it is not returned within three working days of the Association President's having received it, or if two-thirds of the Senators present at the meeting at which it is reconsidered approve it above the objections, it shall enter into force. The Association President may veto a specific part or item of the Senate decision by the same procedure. If the Association President does, the Senate may reconsider that part and approve it over the objections by a two-thirds majority. Decisions will be binding on all students seven days after entering force.

Section 7.

If a vacancy should occur in the Senate, an appointment process shall take place at the discretion of the Association President. After the first vacancy of a term, if there is any, the President will announce and circulate applications to the student body. Subsequent vacancies may be filled from the candidates for the first vacancy or from among candidates found during a new application period.

This application must include the signature of the LVP to verify the attendance of the individual seeking appointment at one Senate meeting, as well as a petition of one hundred current student signatures in support of the candidate, in addition to application requirements deemed necessary by the President.

Article V
Student Activities Council

Section 1a.

There shall be a SAC. The SAC shall serve the student body and University community in partnership with the Senate and the Executive. The SAC shall be the primary social programming group for the Association. It shall consist of not less than twenty or no more than thirty members selected from the student body as provided for in this Constitution. In the event of a vacancy, the position will be filled by one of two alternates designated from the previous pool of applicants. Once both these alternates are exhausted, new applications will be circulated.

Section 1b.

No person shall serve as a member of the SAC while holding a seat in the Senate, or serve as a voting member on any subordinate body as authorized by this Constitution.

Section 2a.

The SAC shall meet in a regular place and at a regular time throughout the academic year, at least once during each full week except finals weeks, and at the call of its Presiding Officer or a majority of its members. These meetings should be promoted as open to the student body.

Section 2b.

Two-thirds of its members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet to discuss issues and receive reports. It may determine its own Rules of Order. The AVP shall serve as Presiding Officer during the SAC meetings when present and shall have no vote unless the members are tied in a decision. Members must be present to vote. Each member of the SAC present shall have one vote on the SAC floor and in its committees. Members must be present to vote. In the event of an absence, if the member has been previously excused by the Presiding Officer, he or she still maintains this right. No votes taken outside of a meeting shall be official, except when the SAC rules specifically allow for them. A simple majority except in cases where a higher number is specifically called for shall make decisions of the SAC. Two members must agree to discuss an issue before a question on the matter may be introduced.

Section 2c.

The SAC shall establish standing committees to conduct its business and determine the membership and chair of each. Special committees may be formed as necessary. When any item of business is referred to any committee, the SAC shall specify what the committee is authorized

to do. Committees may be instructed to research a question and recommend a course of action to the SAC. Committees may be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the SAC without further approval within certain limits. Committees may be authorized or instructed to perform the actions necessary to implement the SAC decisions.

Section 2d.

The Presiding Officer shall have one vote in the event of a tie. In the AVP's absence, the SAC Chair, shall preside over the SAC meetings, voting only in the event of a tie. The SAC shall choose a SAC Chair from among its members immediately following the Spring Semester selections after open nominations from the floor. The SAC may choose any other officers it might find necessary or beneficial. The SAC may choose an acting SAC Chair in the absence of the SAC Chair.

Section 2e.

The permanent SAC Chair shall be compensated for his or her services while in office at a rate determined by the Association Budget and approved with a majority vote from the Senate and the SAC. The rate may not change during any one person's tenure in office. The SAC Chair will be compensated by stipend payments every two weeks during the academic year in accordance with the current university policies. Additional compensation for Summer stipends may be included in the Association Budget.

Section 2f.

The SAC shall have sole power to discipline its members for disorderly conduct during a meeting, for actions that tend to discredit or reflect poorly on the Association at any time, or for failure to complete any duties of their office. With the agreement of three-fourths of its total membership at the time it may expel a member. Censure requires the agreement of two-thirds of the total current membership.

No disciplinary proceedings such as reviews of impeachment or censure can occur until formal written notice is given to the member in question at least five days before proceedings. The letter, given first to the Chair of Association Affairs for preview, must outline the alleged charges against the member in question, as well as specify justification for the charges and propose a motion to take suggested disciplinary action. After the five-day period, the motion will be proposed to the board for approval.

Section 3.

As the programming body, the SAC shall strive to provide meaningful and enjoyable social, cultural, and educational programs that appeal to and are accessible to the widest group of students possible. Activities may be co-sponsored with other groups, within and outside of the Association. The SAC will develop guidelines for other groups wishing to program activities and will follow standard policies for co-sponsorship.

Section 4.

Each SAC member, individually, shall establish and maintain certain office hours of at least two hours per week to perform SAC duties and shall serve as a member or chair of at least one standing committee. Each member shall participate in the activities of the SAC and attend training workshops, as the majority decides those activities.

Article VI Other Groups

Section 1.

A club is a group of 10 or more current students who have joined together for a common social, educational, religious, or cultural purpose. A charter granted by the Senate and the Association President establishes clubs. Clubs are under the supervision and guidance of the Senate and the Association President. Clubs select for themselves faculty or staff advisor(s) that are employees of the University, operate for and by student members or officers, and plan and conduct their own activities within the guidelines set by the Senate and the University. They are entitled to receive Association funding, but are not guaranteed to be completely financed by the Association.

Section 1b.

All Clubs shall be guaranteed their rights to exist and be recognized so long as they maintain an active membership, are sufficiently different from all other Clubs, are consistent with the goals and mission of the University as a Jesuit, Catholic institution, and are of merit under the provisions of this Constitution. Members of the faculty, staff and administration may be members of clubs but are not eligible to vote on Club matters or hold office.

Section 2.

A subordinate body of the Association is a group of students that is either elected or appointed that serves an official student function but is not named in the Association Constitution. Subordinate bodies are primarily programming or advisory groups and must have a faculty or staff advisor chosen by them or appointed by the University. They are responsible to the Senate and the Association President for their areas of attention and are eligible to receive Association funding. They have only the authority that is specifically granted to them by the Senate and the Association President when they are established.

Section 2b.

A Club or Organization petitioning to be a Subordinate Body must complete the Subordinate Body Recognition Process. The completed application must then be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

Section 3.

Recognized Student Organizations, hereinafter RSOs, are those student activities or groups whose functions are important to the student body, and whom the Senate and the Association President should protect from undue University influence. Primarily, they are student publications and performing arts groups. They are eligible for Association funding, but are not guaranteed to be completely financed by the Association. The Senate and the Association President together determine a group's status as an RSO. RSOs are not subject to control by the Association, but they are expected to cooperate with the Association.

Section 4.

Student working groups of the University are those organizations with student, and possibly non-student, members that exist to implement common goals or determine or enforce University policies. They are not subordinate groups within the Association, but may work in connection with Association bodies. They are eligible, but never guaranteed to receive special appropriations

of Association funds. As institutions they are not bound by Association decisions, but may agree to them for their own purposes. The Association President is the primary official contact between them and the Association, but the Senate may determine Association policy regarding them.

Section 5.

A club that is of merit of the University is an organization with student members that exists to meet the needs of students with regard to areas that are not met through other clubs, organizations, or other resources within the University.

Section 6a.

The Association and each of its branches, bodies, organizations, and clubs shall have an advisor. The members of the organization and the Dean of Students together must accept and approve of the advisor. The advisor will assist the students in the group with their own development as individuals and the development of the group as an institution. The advisor will serve as an ethical counselor to the organization and inform the members of University policy that may apply to their activities or decisions.

Section 6b.

The senior student officeholder of each branch, body, organization, and club of the Association will certify in writing the name of that group's advisor. This certification shall include a statement that the advisor has been informed of the provisions of the Association Constitution concerning advisors and that the advisor and the members of the group agree to the relationship between them. A copy of this certification shall be forwarded to the Senate, who will include it in the standing committee records. A new certification will be made annually.

Section 7.

Revocation of the charter of any branch of the Association (including clubs, subordinate bodies, and organizations) due to failure to complete the requirements outlined in the Club Advisor Handbook, or because of actions that reflect poorly on the University, or that are not in accordance with policies in the University's official Student Handbook, shall be recommended by the Club Relations Committee. The motion for official charter revocation will come from Club Relations, and will be voted on by the majority of the Senate.

Article VII Bill of Rights

Section 1.

If a member of the student body petitions for any initiative, and receives signatures from more than five percent of the student body, then the Association body to which the petition is presented must consider, debate, and discuss the issue.

Section 2.

Every student has the right to express a complaint, concern, or suggestion to any Senator, SAC member, or member of the Executive. If valid, that officeholder shall then act on the expressed issue.

Section 3.

The Senate and the Association President shall share responsibility for creating and maintaining an Office of the Student Rights Representative. The Student Rights Representative will perform

all duties expressed in the Student Rights Representative Policies and Procedures Manual. Any deviations from this manual must be approved by the Association President.

Section 4.

The Senate and the Association President shall share responsibility for creating and maintaining an Office of the Student Director of Diversity. The Student Director of Diversity will perform all duties expressed in the Student Director of Diversity Position Description. Any deviations from this manual must be approved by the Association President.

Section 5.

The Senate and the Association President shall share responsibility for creating and maintaining a Board of Elections. The Board of Elections will perform all duties expressed in the Elections Code. Any deviations from this manual must be approved by the Association President.

**Article VIII
Oath of Office**

Section 1a.

Any student entering into any elected or appointed office authorized under this Constitution shall take this oath:

I swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties of (office) to which I have been elected (or appointed) and to uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association to the best of my ability. I promise to always act in the best interests of the students I represent and to conduct myself in an upstanding and forthright manner. So help me God.

Section 1b.

The group's advisor or any student holding a higher office will administer this oath. It will be made orally and the student and the person administering it shall sign a written copy. The Association President will maintain records of these oaths.

**Article IX
Official and Special Association Documents**

Section 1.

The Association, by approval of two thirds of the Senate, two-thirds of the SAC, and the Association President, as deemed necessary for Association positions or to direct Association actions, will adopt the following official Association Documents: the Xavier University Student Government Association Constitution, the Senate Rules of Order, and the SAC Rules of Order. Amendments to the Senate Rules of Order shall be proposed by a voting member of the Senate and approved by two-thirds of the Senate. Amendments to the SAC Rules of Order shall be proposed by a voting member of the SAC and shall be approved by two-thirds of the SAC. All amendments to the Xavier University Student Government Association Constitution shall be approved by the agreement of the Association in manner of a Constitutional amendment as stated in Article X, Section 1.

Section 2.

Special Association documents will include the Student Rights Representative Policies and Procedures Manual, the Student Director of Diversity Position Description, the Lecture Series Policies and Format, the SGA Elections Code, the Financial Affairs Committee Constitution, and

Article X
Amendments and Interpretations

Section 1.

Whenever three-fourths of the Senators present at a regular meeting agree it may be necessary, the Senate shall propose amendments to this Constitution. Any amendments so proposed must be approved by at least two of the following authorities: the Association President, a majority of the members of the SAC present at a regular meeting, a majority of the club presidents or equivalent present at a public meeting called for that purpose, or a majority of students voting on a ballot referendum on the amendment. The Senate must obtain approval of the two authorities within one semester of the proposal. Amendments approved by the proper student authorities and the Associate Provost of Student Life and Leadership will enter into force seven days after final approval and shall become a permanent change to this Constitution.

Section 2.

Questions of interpretation arising under this Constitution shall be decided by the ballot vote of members of the Executive, the standing committee Chairs of the Senate and the SAC, the SAC Chair, and the Senate Coordinator. These student officeholders shall all meet as soon as it is practical after the question arises and shall vote after a complete review of the positions of the parties involved. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority and shall be binding immediately on all parties. In the event of a tied decision, the balloting will continue until a majority is achieved.

Section 3.

This Constitution shall be reviewed at least at the end of every third year from the date of adoption to ensure that it remains constant with the needs and goals of the student body. This Constitution review should be proposed as amendments as established in Article X, Section I of this Constitution.

Article XI
Adoption

The agreement of two-thirds of the Senators present and voting in a regular meeting, the Association President, and the Vice President for Student Development shall be required to adopt this Constitution. Adoption of this Constitution shall nullify all previous Constitutions, by-laws, and orders which may have been adopted and that are in conflict with any provision herein. Circumstances present during the term in which this Constitution is adopted that prevent any provision herein from being enforced or complied with will not invalidate that provision. Enforcement or compliance with that provision shall be delayed until such circumstances have been alleviated; every effort to do so will be made by the Association President and the Senate. The determination that circumstances do not allow for enforcement or compliance shall be made by a three-fourths majority of the Senate and the Association President and may be made only during the term in which this Constitution is adopted.

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