The Constitution of the University of Connecticut Student Union Board of Governors

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# Articles of Organization

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Article I

Name of Organization

Section One: Name

1) The name of this student organization shall be the University of Connecticut Student Union Board of Governors.
Article II

Function and Jurisdiction

Section One: Function

1) The Student Union Board of Governors shall represent and communicate the best interests of the undergraduate student body, and to the University, including, but not limited to its committees, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as any and all external bodies.

2) The Student Union Board of Governors shall serve the best interests of its constituency through the implementation and review of policies, guidelines, and procedures adopted by the University of Connecticut as they apply within the realm of the social, cultural and recreational health of its constituencies.

3) The Student Union Board of Governors shall serve the best interests of its constituency through the enhancement of the educational, social, cultural, and recreational environment at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus, and shall execute programs and events to fulfill this function.

4) The Student Union Board of Governors shall serve the best interests of its constituency through outreach and connection with the undergraduate student body in order to understand and fulfill its needs.

Section Two: Jurisdiction

1) The Student Union Board of Governors shall recognize all undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus, as its constituents and shall serve in the best interests of the entire undergraduate student body.

2) The Student Union Board of Governors shall oversee the allocation of the Student Activity Student Union (SUBOG) Fee and make recommendations to the University of Connecticut Associate Director of Student Activities concerning its use on behalf of the undergraduate student body.

3) The Student Union Board of Governors shall have the power to recommend programs and events to be executed on campus, as well as off campus, to the University of Connecticut Associate Director of Student Activities.
Article III
Membership

Section One: General Membership

1) Membership within the Student Union Board of Governors shall include all Executive Committee, Committee Chairpersons, and those serving in all boards and committees of the organization.

2) Membership within the Student Union Board of Governors shall be open only to registered full-time undergraduate students at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

3) Offices of the Student Union Board of Governors shall be open only to those who are in good standing with the University of Connecticut, in regards to both academic and community standards, as outlined in the Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code.

4) Voting members include members of the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairpersons of the Student Union Board of Governors. The President shall not vote unless the event of a tie occurs.

Section Two: Function & Jurisdiction of Voting Members

1) The Student Union Board of Governors shall serve as a representative programming board to the undergraduate student body at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

2) The Student Union Board of Governors Executive Committee shall have the power to draft policies & procedures, issue statements, and take action on behalf of the Student Union Board of Governors.

3) The Student Union Board of Governors shall have the power to approve all appointments made by the President, including non-voting ex officio appointments.

Section 3: Delegation & Authority of Members

1) The Student Union Board of Governors shall have the power to delegate authority not herein delegated to Committee Chairpersons or the Executive Committee and shall supervise this authority, as well as hold the power to overrule or remove this authority from the persons or bodies to which it has been entrusted.
Article IV

Executive Committee

Section One: Membership

1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Membership Development and the Vice President of Finance.

Section Two: Function

1) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the execution of all the daily operations of the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The Executive Committee shall promote communication, cooperation, and coordination between all members of the organization and its entities.

Section Three: The President

1) The President shall be the official spokesperson of the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee.

3) The President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Student Union Board of Governors.

4) The President shall have the power to appoint non-voting ex officio members to the Student Union Board of Governors with the confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

5) The President shall have the power to make appointments to external committees with the confirmation of a majority vote of the Student Union Board of Governors.

6) The President shall have the power to create ad hoc committees with a written charge and finite timeline.

7) The President shall have the power to call an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee or the Student Union Board of Governors, provided that twenty-four hours’ notice is given to each voting member.

8) The President shall oversee the operation of the Outreach Committee.

9) The President shall oversee the daily operation of the Student Union Board of Governors and its office.

Section Four: The Vice President of Administration

1) The Vice President of Administration shall serve as the historian for the Student Union Board of Governors.
2) The Vice President of Administration shall oversee the distribution of the agendas and minutes of the Student Union Board of Governors.

3) The Vice President of Administration shall oversee the enforcement of the Constitution, By-Laws, policies, and procedures of the Student Union Board of Governors.

Section Five: The Vice President of Programming

1) The Vice President of Programming shall oversee the operation of the Committee Chairpersons and their respective committees.

2) The Vice President of Programming shall maintain and implement program assessments and critiques.

3) The Vice President of Programming shall oversee the execution of all campus-wide programs and events.

4) The Vice President of Programming shall succeed the President in the event of resignation, incapacitation, death, or removal from office.

Section Six: The Vice President of Finance

1) The Vice President of Finance shall oversee all financial matters and ensure that all expenditures are in accordance with all relevant policies, procedures, and are in the best interests of the constituency.

2) The Vice President of Finance shall develop and present a budget, with the assistance of the President, to the Student Union Board of Governors and the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee.

Section 7: The Vice President of Membership Development

1) The Vice President of Membership Development shall oversee retention related activities for the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The Vice President of Membership Development shall develop and present constructive informal meetings that foster the development of programming and leadership skills.

3) The Vice President of Membership Development shall oversee and present mandatory trainings to the Student Union Board of Governors.
Article V
Standing Committees

Section One: Programming Committees

1) The Programming Committees shall develop and execute programs and events, within the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus and abroad that best represent the interests and best wishes of the constituency of the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The Programming Committees shall strive to enhance the educational, social, cultural, and recreation environment at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

Section Two: Outreach Committee

1) The Outreach Committee shall ensure the interests and best wishes of the undergraduate student body is heard concerning matters of the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The Outreach Committee shall promote, market, and advertise for the Student Union Board of Governors, including but not limited to, its programs and events, and the organization as a whole.

3) The Outreach Committee shall promote all collaborative initiatives with other student organizations and University departments, of the Student Union Board of Governors.

Section Three: Committee Chairpersons

1) The Committee Chairpersons shall serve as the presiding chair of their respective committee.

2) The Committee Chairpersons shall have the power to appoint a Vice Chairperson to their respective committee.

3) The Committee Chairpersons shall oversee the operations of all activities and projects of their respective committee.

4) The Committee Chairpersons shall report the activities of their respective committee to the Student Union Board of Governors.

5) The Committee Vice Chairperson shall serve as the presiding chair of their respective committee in the absence of the Committee Chairperson.
Article VI
Appointment and Vacancy of Office

Section One: Selection Committee

1) The outgoing President shall be the presiding officer of the Selection Committee or appoint a presiding officer to be the chairperson to the Selection Committee.

2) The Chairperson shall have the power to appoint members to the Selection Committee.

3) The Chairperson shall have the power to appoint one ex officio member to the Selection Committee.

4) The Selection Committee shall have the power to appoint the Executive Committee and Committee Chairpersons to the Student Union Board of Governors with the confirmation of approval by the President of the University of Connecticut, or designee.

Section Two: Vacancy

1) The President shall have the power to appoint a full-time undergraduate student to a vacant office with the confirmation of a majority vote of the Student Union Board of Governors.

2) The Student Union Board of Governors shall have the power to appoint a new President, in the event of the vacancy of office of both the President and the Vice President of Programming.
Article VII
Impeachment and Removal from Office

Section One: Impeachment

1) Any member of the Student Union Board of Governors shall have the power to submit articles of impeachment to the Executive Committee.

2) The Executive Committee shall consider all evidence of the malfeasance of duties or the violation of the Constitution and/or By-Laws by any member of the Student Union Board of Governors.

3) The Executive Committee shall have the power to impeach a member, by a majority vote, affirming that the charges presented warrant the consideration of removal of the member.

4) The accused member shall be notified in writing one week before the Executive Committee convenes to take action so that they may prepare a defense against all charges made.

Section Two: Removal

1) The member filing charges shall present these charges to the Student Union Board of Governors following impeachment by the Executive Committee.

2) The Student Union Board of Governors shall remove an impeached member with a two-thirds affirmative vote and reserves the right to bar future membership of the removed member.

3) An impeached member shall be acquitted of all charges if the Student Union Board of Governors does not obtain a two-thirds vote to remove the member facing charges.
Article VIII
Parliamentary Authority

Section One: Robert’s Rules of Order

1) The Student Union Board of Governors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote may alter or amend its rules, and in the absence of any rules or procedures, the most current available version of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will be the Student Union Board of Governors’ parliamentary authority.
Article IX
Amendments and By-Laws to the Constitution

Section One: Amendment to the Constitution
1) Any proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Student Union Board of Governors shall first be approved by a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Student Union Board of Governors prior to consideration by student referendum.
2) Upon approval by the Student Union Board of Governors, the amendment shall be presented to the undergraduate student body for a referendum.
3) Upon approval by the undergraduate student body, the amendment shall be presented to the University of Connecticut Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee.
4) Upon approval by the University of Connecticut Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, the amendment shall be immediately enacted.

Section Two: By-Laws to the Constitution
1) Any proposed By-Law to the Constitution of the Student Union Board of Governors shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Student Union Board of Governors and immediately enacted upon approval.
Article X

Enabling Clause of the Student Union Board of Governors

Section One: Enabling Clause

1) The provisions of this Constitution and its By-Laws related to appointment shall immediately replace the existing Constitution of the Student Union Board of Governors upon approval of the University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Body and the Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee. All remaining provisions shall replace the existing Constitution and By-Laws upon appointment of the succeeding officers of the Student Union Board of Governors, by the Selection Committee.