

Quincy University Student Government Association Constitution

Preamble

The Quincy University Student Senate, seeking to further the mission, Catholic and Franciscan values, educational goals, enhance the social and community opportunities, and promote the general welfare of the University, do hereby establish the Quincy University Student Government Association as the self-governing representative body of all Quincy University students. The purpose of the Student Senate shall be to provide a forum for student opinion and to promote student involvement in the affairs of the University. Furthermore, the Student Government shall serve to facilitate communication between students, faculty, and administrative staff and act as the official representatives of the Quincy University student body. The Student Government shall also act as a protector of student rights and as a promoter of qualitative improvements in all areas of student life. Finally, the Student Senate shall take all measures necessary to provide for its own continuance which are consistent with its stated purpose and with the policies of the University.

Article I. Name

The name of the student self-governing body of Quincy University shall be the Quincy University Student Senate or the Student Government Association, also referred to as QU SGA.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the association shall be to represent the student population at Quincy University by addressing the needs, problems, and concerns of the student body and to promote student involvement and community formation. In addition, the association shall act as a liaison between the student body and the administration of the University. Additionally, the association will hold fiduciary responsibility of Student Government financial accounts.

Article III. Members

- A. All students attending Quincy University shall be non-voting members of the association.
- B. Senate
 - 1. Sixteen (12) voting senators shall be elected at-large from the student body.
- C. Executive Officers
 - 1. President: the president shall convene and preside over meetings of the senate. The president may approve or veto measures passed by the senate.

2. Vice-President: the vice-president will be elected on a single ticket with the president. The vice-president may preside over meetings of the senate when the president is unable. The vice-president may vote only in the event of a tie.
3. Other Cabinet Officers: other officers may be appointed by the president and approved by the senate. Senators may concurrently serve in a cabinet position.

D. Committees

1. Committees, standing and temporary, may be formed by a simple majority vote of the senate.

E. Qualifications

1. All members of the association (officers and senators) must be in good standing with the University.

F. Vacancies and Removal

1. In the event of a vacancy in the senate, a replacement may be appointed by the president and approved by the senate.
2. Any member may be removed from office by a seven-eighths ($3/4$) majority vote (9 out of 12 votes in favor).

G. Elections

1. Members shall be elected by a simple majority of ballots cast.
2. The president and vice-president shall be elected on a single ticket by a simple majority of ballots cast.
3. Elections shall be held two weeks prior to Thanksgiving Break. Polling stations will be open for up to (3) three days with the results announced on the third day.
4. Transfer of power shall occur two weeks prior to Spring Break with the Inauguration of new officers taking place at the final meeting of the prior administration.
5. Graduating members shall retain voting power until commencement.

Article IV. Motions

- A. Motions may only be passed at a scheduled meeting of the association.
- B. A motion must receive a second in order to be considered.
- C. A simple majority may pass ordinary motions.

- D. A quorum of senators must be present to pass a binding motion. A quorum is defined as nine (9) senators.
- E. Amendments to this Constitution and removal of members must have at least a seven-eighths (3/4) majority vote (9 out of 12 votes in favor).
- F. Special guidelines for motions to disburse association funds:
 - 1. All disbursements of funds must be in accordance with University financial policies.
 - 2. Disbursements may only be made to registered student organizations (RSOs) in good standing with the University.
 - 3. Disbursements may not cover travel or lodging expenses.
 - 4. Proof of purchase (receipt, invoice, etc.) must be provided for all disbursements.

Article V. Ethics Statement

All members of the Quincy University Student Government shall value honesty, fairness, flexibility, responsibility, communication, responsiveness, collaboration, commitment, professionalism, commitment to diversity, and service. Guided by the Catholic and Franciscan values of Quincy University, these ideals will shape the work of the Student Senate and of its individual members.