

Judicial Branch By-Laws

1. Composition
 - 1.1 The University of Iowa Judicial Branch shall consist of the Student Judicial Court (SJC), which is a joint committee between the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS). Policies and procedures salient to the functioning of SJC are outlined in full within the SJC Operations Manual.
2. Membership
 - 2.1 The SJC shall be comprised of seven Justices. The Justices shall serve one-year terms, with no more than six justices appointed within one academic year. Justices may be re-appointed for any number of terms.
 - 2.2 At least two of the seven available justice positions on the SJC must be filled annually by graduate and/or professional students.
 - 2.3 Members of the UISG Executive Branch, UISG Student Senate, ECGPS Executive Council, and ECGPS Delegates are not eligible to serve on the SJC.
 - 2.4 Appointment of justices shall be delegated to the power of the joint committee for UISG and ECGPS, Nominations Committee
 - 2.4.1 They shall appoint the justices under the proper authority given
 - 2.4.2 Duties of advertising positions, collecting applications, and interview candidates for justice positions shall be within the by-laws of the Nominations committee
 - 2.5 Qualifications
 - 2.5.1 Justices on the SJC must be registered undergraduate, graduate, or professional students in accordance with the Office of the Registrar.
 - 2.5.2 Chief Justice
 - 2.5.2.1 The SJC shall elect at its first meeting a Chief Justice from among the currently seated Justices, who shall act as chair and administrative officer of the SJC. The Chief Justice shall serve for one year.
 - 2.5.3 Impeachment
 - 2.5.4 Any member of the SJC may be impeached and removed from office if that member fails to perform his/her duties.
 - 2.5.5 Calls for impeachment may be originated from either a UISG Senator or ECGPS Delegate and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of representatives of both UISG and ECGPS.
 - 2.5.6 Once impeached, an individual may not be reappointed.
3. Student Judicial Court
 - 3.1 Jurisdiction
 - 3.1.1 The SJC shall have original jurisdiction over:
 - 3.1.1.1 Interpretation of the UISG Constitution, its by-laws, actions, and any amendments hereto
 - 3.1.1.2 Interpretation of the ECGPS Constitution, its by-laws, actions, and any amendments hereto.
 - 3.1.1.3 Interpretation of the constitutions, by-laws, actions of all other recognized student organizations at the University of Iowa.
 - 3.1.1.3.1 The SJC shall have appellate jurisdiction over the Student Elections Board Commissioner
 - 3.1.1.3.1.1 Student Elections Board Commissioner Duties
 - 3.1.1.3.1.1.1 The conduct, certification, and announcement of the results of undergraduate student referenda

- 3.1.1.3.1.1.2 The conduct, certification, and announcement of the results of any elections authorized by UISG in accordance that body's respective by-laws
- 3.1.1.3.1.1.3 Infractions of election rules or procedures.
- 3.1.1.3.1.1.4 Review of contested ballots.
- 3.1.1.3.1.1.5 Development of rules and procedures to ensure fair, equitable and accessible elections, including the ability of independent candidates to vie effectively with group or party-affiliated candidates.
- 3.1.1.4 The SJC shall render advisory opinions upon the request of the UISG President, member of the UISG Executive Board or any UISG Senator.
- 3.1.1.5 The SJC shall render advisory opinions upon the request of the ECGPS President, member of the ECGPS Executive Council, or any ECGPS Delegate or who currently represents a member government.
- 3.1.1.6 The SJC shall render advisory opinions upon the request of any recognized student organization presidents and/or its elected student leadership.

3.2 Rules and Procedures

- 3.2.1 The SJC shall maintain rules and procedures for the conduct of fair and expeditious hearings at all times of the year. These rules and procedures shall include the following:
 - 3.2.1.1 Any member of the UISG or the ECGPS may bring a case to the SJC, subject to the provisions above.
 - 3.2.1.2 Any party to a case before the SJC may be assisted or represented by counsel at that party's expense.
 - 3.2.1.3 In cases involving the UISG Executive Branch, ECGPS Executive Council, UISG Senator(s), ECGPS Delegate(s), and/or student organizations, the SJC shall have the power to request that that group defend itself in court.
 - 3.2.1.4 Appeals: Decisions of the SJC may be appealed to the President of the University or to his/her designated representative.
 - 3.2.1.4.1 Meetings. The Judicial Boards shall meet within two weeks after appointment of new Justices and shall elect the Chief Justice of the SJC. Meetings will be held n 7pm on Tuesday evenings. The SJC court will attend one UISG meeting a month and meet as a court once monthly. Additional meetings will be at the discretion of the Chief Justice
 - 3.2.1.5 Attendance. All Judicial Branch Members are required to attend all official meetings of the respective board or court. Members who miss two meetings in a semester without an approved excuse and a proxy of their votes will forfeit their membership on the Judicial Branch and are ineligible for re-appointment until the next academic year.
- ## 4. Student Elections Board Commissioner (SEBC)
- ### 4.1 Jurisdiction.
- 4.1.1 The SEB Commissioner shall have jurisdiction over the following:
 - 4.1.1.1 The conduct, certification, and announcement of the results of undergraduate student referenda.

- 4.1.1.2 The conduct, certification, and announcement of the results of any elections authorized by UISG in accordance that body's respective by-laws.
 - 4.1.1.3 Infractions of election rules or procedures.
 - 4.1.1.4 Review of contested ballots.
 - 4.1.1.5 Development of rules and procedures to ensure fair, equitable and accessible elections, including the ability of independent candidates to vie effectively with group or party-affiliated candidates.
 - 4.2 Appeals
 - 4.2.1 The Student Judicial Court shall hear any forms of appeals that deal with the Student Elections Board Commissioner and elections in accordance of SJC appeals and hearings processes.
 - 4.2.1.1 Appeals process must be presented with all evidence in a timely manner.
 - 4.2.1.2 Appeals must hear affirmative and dissenting opinions with equity.
 - 4.2.1.3 A timely decision must be granted.
 - 4.3 Election Code.
 - 4.3.1 The SEBC shall maintain an Election Code for conducting fair and equitable elections. The Code must be reviewed and updated every year at the first meeting of the SEB. The Senate must approve the code before it may be used in any election.
- 5. Rules and Administration of UISG Senate
 - 5.1.1 SJC shall be charged with the following:
 - 5.1.1.1 Reviewing the UISG Constitution and UISG By-Laws annually
 - 5.1.1.2 Overseeing the legality of Senate Resolutions, Bills, and Executive Orders.
 - 5.1.1.3 Be the court of petition for any actions taken by the UISG Speaker or UISG President which puts a Senator or Executive members membership into question which in the form malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, impeachment, removal, loss of privileges, censure, and ethical conduct for, but not limited to, findings of the aforementioned.
 - 5.1.1.3.1 Appeal of Actions taken process:
 - 5.1.1.3.1.1 Appeals process must be presented with all evidence in a timely manner.
 - 5.1.1.3.1.2 Appeals must hear affirmative and dissenting opinions with equity.
 - 5.1.1.3.1.3 A timely decision must be granted.
 - 5.1.1.3.1.4
 - 5.1.1.4 SJC shall have the power to investigate, and indict any officer of UISG.
- 6. Student Parking Appeals
 - 6.1.1 SJC shall be charged with addressing parking ticket appeals of University of Iowa students (undergraduates and graduates) and shall be responsible for improving parking on campus and addressing reoccurring parking ticket issues.
 - 6.1.2 This committee shall work with the Parking and Transportation Department and meet monthly to address written parking ticket appeals and appearance parking ticket appeals.
 - 6.1.3 Quorum of parking appeals review shall be set at five members in order to address parking ticket appeals.

6.1.4 In the summer time, UISG Executive Board members shall hear parking appeals