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**THE BOARD OF ELDERS
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**Supreme SOP for Strategic Oversight, Rule
Modification, and Institutional
Accountability**

*The Definitive Manual for the Council's Supreme Judiciary:
Orchestrating Long-term Expansion, Executing Institutional Reform, and
Safeguarding the 10-Year Legacy.*

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1 ARTICLE I: FOUNDATIONAL MISSION AND SCOPE

1.1 The "Guardians of Continuity" Mandate

The Board of Elders is established as the supreme advisory and judicial body of the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). Comprised exclusively of retired Presidents and Team Heads, their mission is to provide high-level strategic direction and ensure that the Council does not drift from its 10-year legacy. They are the "Elders" who possess the historical context required to make high-stakes decisions, resolve deep-seated conflicts, and manage the Council's long-term expansion.

1.2 The "Supreme Oversight" Rule

While the current President and Team Heads manage daily execution, the Board of Elders manages the **Vision**. They are the final check and balance, authorized to step in when institutional integrity is at risk, when rules need fundamental reform, or when a "Grade-A" crisis occurs.

2 ARTICLE II: TRANSITION, ELIGIBILITY & TENURE

2.1 Automatic Transition

The path to the Board is a reward for successful leadership:

1. **The Presidential Transition:** Upon completion of their term, the Student President automatically ascends to the Board of Elders.
2. **The Head Transition:** Any Team Head (R&D, Tech, PR, etc.) who has served a full tenure with a "90% Execution Rating" is eligible to be elected to the Board by the outgoing Board.

2.2 Tenure of the Board

- Board Membership is a lifetime (institutional) position as long as the member is an active student or alumnus of STES.
- Active Board Service is typically 1–2 academic years post-retirement to ensure fresh mentorship for the current leadership.

3 ARTICLE III: HIGH-LEVEL DECISION AUTHORITY

3.1 Sovereign Legislative Power

The Board of Elders holds the exclusive power to modify the Council's foundation:

- **Rule Modification:** The Board can amend any SOP or Article in the IIC Legacy Constitution if it is deemed outdated or inefficient for modern technical needs.

- **Duration and Deadlines:** The Board has the authority to change term lengths, project timelines, and operational cycles for the entire Council.
- **Expansion Approval:** Any plan to launch a new department (e.g., AI Research or Patent Cell) or a new campus chapter requires a "Sovereign Board Resolution."

4 ARTICLE IV: THE COMMITTEE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY (CFA)

4.1 Accountability & Inquiry

The Board acts as the internal investigation wing. If a "Mega-Goal" fails or a department collapses:

1. **Formation of Committee:** The Board forms a 3-member committee to investigate the failure.
2. **The Summons:** The Board can summon any current Head or member to provide a "Statement of Accountability."
3. **The Verdict:** The Board issues a "Corrective Action Plan" which the current President **must** execute. Failure to follow Board directives is grounds for a "Board-Initiated Leadership Change."

5 ARTICLE V: STRATEGIC EXPANSION & ACTION PLANS

5.1 Engineering the Future

While the President plans the "Year," the Board plans the "Decade."

- **Action Plans (APs):** The Board drafts long-term "Action Plans" for high-impact goals (e.g., "5-Year Patent Strategy" or "State-wide Innovation Networking").
- **Resource Brokering:** Board members use their alumnus status and industry connections to "Fight" for external funding or corporate sponsorships that current students cannot access.

6 ARTICLE VI: CONFLICT RESOLUTION & STALEMATES

6.1 The Final Verdict

If the Student President and Vice President reach a stalemate that threatens operations:

- The Board of Elders intervenes as a neutral judicial body.
- A "Board Hearing" is conducted where both sides present their logic.
- The Board's decision is final and unappealable within the student hierarchy.

7 ARTICLE VII: RULE ENFORCEMENT & PENAL SCRUTINY

7.1 Oversight of the Judiciary

The Documentation team executes penalties, but the Board **scrutinizes** them.

- **Penalty Audits:** The Board reviews the "Penal Log" monthly to ensure fines are not being used to target specific individuals and are being applied fairly.
- **Amnesty Power:** The Board holds the "Power of Amnesty"—the ability to waive any fine or penalty if a member can prove "Extenuating Technical Circumstances."

8 ARTICLE VIII: REAL-WORLD SCENARIO HANDLING

8.1 Scenario A: The "Leadership Crisis"

If the Student President resigns or is incapacitated mid-term:

- **Board Action:** The Board immediately takes temporary command, appoints an "Interim President," and organizes an emergency election within 7 days.

8.2 Scenario B: Massive Institutional Failure

If IIC SIT Lonavala falls below a 3-star rating in the MoE national ranking:

- **Board Action:** The Board declares a "State of Institutional Emergency," suspends all routine maintenance, and assumes direct control of the R&D and Documentation departments to fix the data gap.

9 ARTICLE IX: STEWARDSHIP AND THE LEGACY HDD

9.1 The Wisdom Vault

- **The Board HDD:** A master archive of the "Highest Classification." It contains past mistakes, failed prototypes, and "Lessons Learned" reports that are never shared with general members.
- **Mentorship Mandate:** Each Board member is assigned to mentor one current Team Head, meeting once a month to "spoon-feed" operational wisdom.

10 ARTICLE X: SIGNATORIES OF THE SOVEREIGN BOARD

Board Chairperson

Retired Student President

Dean R&D (STES)

11 ARTICLE XI: BOARD MEMBER OATH OF SOVEREIGNTY

OATH OF THE SOVEREIGN ELDER
Board of Elders - IIC SIT Lonavala

I, _____, having served the IIC with honor, do solemnly swear:

- ☐ To guard the Council’s 10-year legacy with neutral, data-driven wisdom.
- ☐ To hold the current leadership to the highest standard of accountability.
- ☐ To "Fight" for the Council’s expansion and resource sovereignty.
- ☐ To place institutional integrity above personal friendships with current members.
- ☐ To ensure that the Council remains a sanctuary of technical and professional excellence.

Signature of Elder

Date