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Republic of the Philippines
West Visayas State University

2025 FEDERATED CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the students of West Visayas State University, invoking the guidance of Almighty God and upholding the principles of democracy, academic freedom, and societal progress, do hereby establish this Constitution to promote a culture of active student involvement, academic excellence, community service, and nation-building through the bodies that are governed by this framework. This Constitution shall ensure the principles of fairness, democracy, and representative governance, safeguarding the freedoms and liberties of all. In pursuit of these ideals, we ordain and promulgate this Constitution.

Article 1: Name and Domicile

Section 1

This document shall officially be known as the 2025 Federated Constitution.

Section 2

The highest governing student body of the West Visayas State University shall officially be referred to as the "Federated Student Council" and manifested as such in all formal and legal documents that pertain to the organization.

For the purpose of formal and legal documents of the above-said organization, all official student councils representing the respective campuses of the university shall be referred to as the "University Student Council" and be followed by its campus name.

Section 3

The main office of the Federated Student Council shall be located at the campus of its elected Chairperson.

Article 2: Declaration of Principles and Objectives

Section 1

The governing bodies of this Constitution give credence to the value of education as a right to all for the actualization of students' holistic development on the enrichment of knowledge, self-actualization, and socio-civic involvement as global citizens.





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Section 2

Equitable representation shall at all times be of primary significance in ensuring that the interest of the general welfare be realized by the governing bodies of this Constitution.

Section 3

Jurisdiction shall be respected in accordance with the bounds set by the rules of this constitution and of the West Visayas State University.

Section 4

The governing bodies and their respective duties, functions, and limitations governed by this constitution shall at all times be upheld while prudent on the general will of the student body.

Section 5

The governing bodies, in accordance with their respective duties shall:

1. Represent the students of West Visayas State University with utmost dignity, duty, and respect;
2. Develop and safeguard academic freedom and students' rights and welfare;
3. Develop and uphold a healthy environment for learning, expression, articulation of ideas, and engagement;
4. Cultivate an environment of fairness, equality, justice, and respect for due process.
5. Foster a culture of active participation and involvement in community development and global citizenship.

Article 3: Definition of Terms

Section 1

The West Visayas State University shall refer to the public normal research university in accordance with Presidential Decree 2019, consisting the main campus in La Paz, Iloilo City, and the six external campuses that includes the College of Agriculture and Forestry, Calinog campus, Janiway campus, Lambunao campus, Pototan campus, and the Himamaylan City Campus. For the purpose of this Constitution, it shall also be referred to as the University.

Section 2

The student body shall refer to all bona fide Integrated Laboratory School, undergraduate regular and irregular, and graduate regular and irregular students duly enrolled on the current semester or academic year of West Visayas State University.



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Section 3

The governing bodies shall refer to the Federated Student Council and other established directive student groups and committees, each with their respective functions, duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and limitations as governed and set by this Constitution.

Section 4

Academic Year shall refer to the completion of two consecutive academic semesters of the University. This shall be the basis for residence in the University.

Article 4: Students' Rights

Section 1

The rights of the students stated shall refer to those within the bounds prescribed by the Philippine Constitution, Executive Orders, Presidential Decrees, national legislation enacted by Congress and other similar instrument providing for legally demandable and enforceable rights for students such as the University Code, University Student Handbook, and other governing policies and regulations of the campuses of the West Visayas State University.

Section 2

Every student shall have the right:

1. To access quality education that is free from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, academic standing, special needs, religion, or political beliefs, and in alignment with national objectives, educational standards, and the goals of the university;
2. To participate in the formulation, deliberation, and implementation of policies of the university affecting them;
3. To the enjoyment of free speech, expression, publication, and access to information and records, most especially those affecting them;
4. To participate in non-academic activities, organizations, alliance, federation and movement, provided they are within the bounds of national laws;
5. To seek redress and avail due process against any wrong or injustice committed against them by any member in the university with the defined channels of authority and grievance mechanism;
6. To pursue knowledge under an environment that nurtures their physical, social, moral, and intellectual growth, and provided with the conditions and opportunities necessary for healthy and holistic development without unwarranted disruption and undue influence; and
7. To exercise all other rights, privileges, and protections available to them through inherent, constitutional, and statutory rights, as well as those provided in the



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University's Student Handbook, or any other University and campus regulations.

Section 3

Every student shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To abide to the provisions of the Philippine Constitution, Executive Orders, Presidential Decrees, national legislation enacted by Congress and other similar instruments such as the University Code, University Student Handbook, and other governing policies and regulations of the campuses of the West Visayas State University;
2. To uphold the good name of the University by observing a high level of ethical standard and discipline agreeable to general public;
3. To respect the customs and traditions of the Filipino people, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of the land and the principles of democracy;
4. To help in the observance of individual and social rights, the strengthening of freedom, and the fostering of cooperation in the pursuit of progress and prosperity;
5. To exercise his/her rights responsibly with due regard for the rights of others; and
6. To strive to live an upright, virtuous, and productive life.

Article 5: Federated Student Council

Section 1

The Federated Student Council, hereinafter referred to as the FSC, is the duly authorized and recognized highest student governing body of West Visayas State University, representing the entire student body across its campuses and exercising jurisdiction over them.

Section 2

The powers of the FSC are the following:

1. Exercise executive, administrative, and legislative functions as defined provided by this Constitution;
2. Represent the students and its interests in all policy-making bodies of the University when so provided by law and the University Code on all occasions and events where representation is needed;
3. Adopt its own Administrative Code that will provide its internal rules of government as enacted by the FSC Legislature;
4. Oversee the budgeting, disbursement, and accountability of the FSC Fund, as automatically allocated pursuant to the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017 (RA 10931).



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5. Formulate and submit recommendations and proposals to the appropriate authorities concerning student affairs and activities.;
6. Assume general supervision over all University Student Councils on matters affecting the FSC and the entire student body;
7. Organize and facilitate student activities designed to improve the general welfare of students;
8. Exercise ministrant function of rendering services and assistance for the rights, interests and welfare of the student body; and
9. Exercise any additional powers and responsibilities that may be assigned or delegated by the University authorities, in alignment with its defined powers, duties, and goals.

Article 6: Membership, Representation, and Term of Office

Section 1

The members of the FSC shall exclusively come from the respective University Student Councils from the different campuses of the University. The said councils shall elect among its officers to determine their representatives in the FSC.

Section 2

There shall be one (1) representative for every 750 students from the campuses as referenced to its previous semester preceding the start of term of the FSC. If the excess population shall exceed 375, an additional seat shall be given. Two (2) seats in the FSC shall automatically be reserved per campus.

Section 3

The FSC shall hold office for the term of one (1) academic year, the succeeding summer, and the first fourteen (14) days of the following Academic Year, given that a new set of FSC have been established. Their term will commence immediately after their proclamation and oath into office.

Article 7: Organization of the Federated Student Council

Section 1. The Executive Body of the Federated Student Council

The executive body of the Federated Student Council shall exercise executive power among the student councils and shall be composed of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Auditor, Assistant Auditor, Business



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Manager, Assistant Business Manager, Public Information Officer - Internal, and Public Information Officer - External elected among the representatives to the FSC.

1.1 Powers and Duties of the Executive Body

a. The Chairperson:

1. Shall be the chief administrative officer of the FSC;
2. Shall have the power to issue orders subject to the approval of the 2/3 vote of the legislative body;
3. Shall preside over all administrative meetings of the FSC, and have the power to call for an emergency meeting if necessary;
4. Call for emergency and special legislative meetings for matters that require urgent action;
5. Shall sign all resolutions, ordinances, documents, and communications of the FSC;
6. Shall represent the student body in his capacity as the Chairperson on all occasions and events that the council needs representation;
7. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees;
8. Shall have the power to endorse or appoint a person to any of the related bodies under the FSC subject to the screening and approval of the Committee on Appointments;
9. Shall have the power to accept or reject the resignation of any member of the FSC;
10. May assign duties and responsibilities to any member of the FSC;
11. Shall assume powers implied by his/her position as the Chairperson of the FSC in any affair of the Student Body; and
12. May call for a joint Administrative Assembly.

b. The Vice Chairperson shall:

1. Assist the Chairperson in all matters where his/her assistance is required;
2. Preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson;



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3. Take over the functions of the Chairperson whenever his/her office is vacant by reason of death, removal, illness, impeachment, resignation, absence, and physical or mental incapacity;
4. Serve as the Presiding Officer of the Legislative Body of the FSC; and
5. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

c. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep a record of all the records and minutes of the meeting of the council;
2. Keep a copy of all the correspondence of the council;
3. Keep a record of all resolutions, ordinances, and other agreements passed by the FSC;
4. Certify all official acts of the executive and legislative body;
5. Be the head of the Secretariat and Documentation Committee; and
6. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.
7. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses

d. The Assistant Secretary shall:

1. Assist the Secretary in all documentation and correspondence;
2. Assist the Secretary in organizing and maintaining all FSC communications, records, and other archives;
3. Take over the Secretary's duties in his/her absence;
4. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
5. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.



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e. The Treasurer shall:

1. Act as the custodian of all the funds of the FSC;
2. Keep the records of the fund of the FSC;
3. Disburse funds in accordance with the appropriations of the FSC;
4. Submit a financial report to the student body at the end of every semester;
5. Be the Head of the Finance and Appropriations Committee;
6. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
7. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

f. The Assistant Treasurer shall:

1. Assist the Treasurer in managing the finances of the FSC;
2. Take over the duties of the Treasurer's duties in his/her absence;
3. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
4. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

g. The Auditor shall:

1. Audit the Book of Account of the FSC every semester;
2. Examine all disbursements of the FSC;
3. Submit a report to the student body at the end of every semester;
4. Ensure compliance with financial policies and procedures according to the law and university guidelines;



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5. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and

6. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

h. The Assistant Auditor shall:

1. Assist the Auditor in conducting financial audits;
2. Take over the Auditor's duties in his/her absence;
3. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
4. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

i. The Business Manager shall:

1. Keep an inventory and take charge of all FSC properties;
2. Supervise all business and fund raising activities of the FSC;
3. Be the Head of the Ways and Means Committee;
4. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
5. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

j. The Assistant Business Manager shall:

1. Assist the Business Manager in all matters concerning FSC properties;
2. Take over the Business Manager's duties in his/her absence;
3. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances



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affecting students across all campuses; and

4. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

k. The Public Information Officer Internal shall:

1. Oversee internal communication and information dissemination within the members of the FSC;
2. Maintain an active communication network within the FSC and the campus student councils to facilitate effective information exchange;
3. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
4. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

l. The Public Information Officer External shall:

1. Manage FSC`s public relations, social media platforms, and other information outlets to ensure student engagement;
2. Oversee the creation of press releases, public statements, announcements and other information to be publicly disseminated;
3. Coordinate with student publications and other student organizations to facilitate effective information exchange;
4. Be the Head of the Media and Information Committee;
5. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses; and
6. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

Section 2. The Legislative Body of the Federated Student Council

The Legislative Body of the Federated Student Council shall be the primary policy making body of the FSC and shall be composed of the Presiding Officer which shall be the Vice



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Chairperson of the FSC and the Board Members, who upon becoming the representative of their respective campus student councils, shall automatically qualify as such.

Section 2.1: Roles and Responsibilities of the Members of the Legislative Body

a. The Presiding Officer shall:

1. Facilitate and moderate discussions, ensuring orderly deliberations;
2. Shall be impartial and break tie votes only when necessary;
3. Call and preside over regular and special legislative meetings;
4. Ensure proper documentation of proceedings, resolutions, ordinances, and other agreements passed by the body; and
5. Coordinate with the Executive Body to ensure the implementation of legislative decisions.

b. The Board Member shall:

1. Propose, deliberate, and vote on policies, resolutions, and ordinances affecting students across all campuses;
2. Have the power to pass appropriations for the FSC;
3. Prepare the financial statement of the FSC;
4. Gather concerns and feedback from each respective campus student councils and bring them to the FSC for discussion;
5. Become the head or a member of a standing or ad-hoc committee;
6. Have the power to call for emergency and special legislative meetings, upon the request of at least 2/3 of all members of the body, for matters that require urgent action;
7. Ensure transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in all legislative functions; and
8. Perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign him/her from time to time.

Section 3. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees



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To ensure the smooth handling of student activities, the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees are stipulated.

3.1. Standing Committee

There shall be a Standing Committee composed of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected among the legislative members of the FSC and those stipulated in the preceding Article. The duties and jurisdiction of the committees are as defined:

1. Correspondence and Documentation Committee
 - a. Receives and formulates all letters, communications, and other correspondence and refers it to appropriate Committees for proper action;
 - b. Receives and formulates all resolutions, ordinances, and other agreements of the council; and
 - c. Takes charge of all FSC documents.
2. Finance and Appropriations Committee
 - a. Prepares the Budget and Appropriations of the FSC; and
 - b. Prepares, disburses, and collects all vouchers and receipts
3. Ways and Means Committee
 - a. Takes charge of the inventory of the Council's property; and
 - b. Takes charge of the procurement, accommodation, booths, and logistics.
4. Information and Media Committee
 - a. Releases all information regarding the activities of the Council; and
 - b. Distributes all communications.
5. Committee on Rules and Discipline
 - a. Takes charge of all disciplinary proceedings at the FSC including warning and impeachment; and
 - b. Initiates the proceedings for the impeachment and passes it to the Federated Supreme Student Court.
6. External Affairs Committee
 - a. Takes charge of all external transactions of the USC.
7. Creatives Committee
 - a. Establishes the overall creative vision, tone, and direction for branding



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- and projects of the FSC;
- b. Creates high quality creative outputs for public release; and
- c. Members shall be appointed based on skills essential and relevant for creative outputs.

8. Students' Rights and Welfare Committee

- a. Receives, investigates, and assists on resolving concerns of students related to violations of students' rights and welfare;
- b. Initiates services and interventions to promote students' rights and welfare; and
- c. Coordinates with other related bodies for achieving the same foregoing purpose

3.2. Ad Hoc Committee

The FSC may form an Ad Hoc Committee as the need arises whose composition shall be one chairperson and two members selected among the legislative members of the body.

Section 4. The Committee on Appointments

The committee shall be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) members elected among the members of the legislative body. The committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Handles all appointments of related bodies under the jurisdiction of this constitution other than the FSC;
- b. Responsible for the screening and approval of all appointments;
- c. May declare a person disqualified from an appointed position as prescribed by the university and of this constitution;
- d. May determine its own internal rules.

Section 5. Quorum and Meeting

1. All meetings of the FSC shall require a quorum to transact business. The quorum shall be an absolute majority, which is more than half of the total number of the officers of the FSC.
2. A majority of votes cast by the FSC members present shall be sufficient to accord a decision of the FSC. Any decision or resolution arrived at shall be considered a valid act.



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3. The FSC shall meet at least once a month at a manner, place, day and time designated by themselves. Special and emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson or majority of the officers anytime as it deems necessary.
4. The FSC shall use the parliamentary or business-like procedure in conducting a meeting.

Section 6. Vacancy

Any vacancy in the FSC shall be filled upon by appointment of the FSC Chairperson, provided that the person shall come from the same campus as the representative that he/she will replace and was agreed upon by the FSC officers by a majority vote.

In case of a permanent vacancy in the elected office of the Chairperson due to death, impeachment, expulsion, or mental or physical incapacity, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the office of the former and upon a majority vote, the Board Members shall elect among themselves the Vice Chairperson.

Section 7. Qualifications and Impeachment of FSC Officers

1. He/ She must be an officer and an official representative of their respective campus student council
2. A member of the FSC may be impeached on the grounds of more than three unexcused absences in regular meetings resulting to negligence, bribery to members of the FSC and other governing bodies of this constitution, graft and corruption, falsification, culpable violation of this Constitution, and betrayal of public trust.
3. An impeached member shall be removed from office and will be perpetually disqualified to hold the same office.

Section 8. Election

1. The officers of the FSC shall be elected by the official representatives of each campus student council. The number of representatives shall depend upon the population of each campus from the preceding semester as mentioned in the Article VI, Section 2.
2. The election will be held in the second week of July.
3. The election of the FSC officers shall be in the form of secret balloting.
4. Only the Chairperson of each campus student council can be nominated as FSC Chairperson.
5. The election shall be facilitated by an electoral body, constituted for its purpose and shall be composed of representatives from the different campuses of the WVSU.



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Section 9. The FSC Adviser

The FSC shall elect one (1) adviser, through a resolution, from among the WVSU full time faculty members who shall render technical guidance or assistance to the FSC. A week after the election, the adviser shall be recommended in writing to the University President.

Article 8: The Federated Student Electoral Committee

Section 1.

The Federated Student Electoral Committee (FSEC) shall be the independent body responsible for overseeing, managing, and ensuring the fair, transparent and democratic conduct of elections within the Federated Student Council.

Section 2. Composition

Every University Student Electoral Committee of each campus of the WVSU system shall send two (2) representatives to the FSEC subject to the approval of the Committee on Appointments. All members must be independent and shall not hold any position in the FSC or be a member of any elected council position in their respective campuses, and any political organization within the university.

The approved representatives shall elect among themselves the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Commissioners.

Section 3. Roles

3.1 The Chairperson shall:

1. Serve as the Chief Election Officer responsible for the overall supervision of the electoral process;
2. Preside over all FSEC meetings;
3. Ensure compliance with election rules and regulations;
4. Oversee the screening and qualification process for candidates;
5. Coordinate with university administration, University Student Electoral Committees (USECs) of each campus, and other relevant bodies to ensure a



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fair election;

6. Sign official election documents, including the final proclamation of winners; and

7. Lead the resolution of election-related disputes and ensure due process.

3.2 The Vice Chairperson shall

1. Assist the Chairperson in all election-related duties;
2. Preside over FSEC meetings in the absence of the Chairperson;
3. Ensure that election materials are secured and properly managed; and
4. Work closely with the Chairperson in resolving election disputes and implementing election rules.

3.3 The Secretary shall:

1. Maintain all official records, minutes of meetings, and election documents;
2. Handle all official communications related to the election process;
3. Keep a record of candidate applications, withdrawals, and final candidate lists; and
4. Assist in preparing the official election report after the election process.

3.4 The Commissioners shall:

1. Serve as the liaison officer between their respective campus and the FSEC;
2. Ensure that campus-level elections are conducted in alignment with FSEC policies;
3. Help facilitate candidate screening, and election monitoring;
4. Oversee the voting and counting process at their campus level and at the FSC level;



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5. Discuss, decide and vote on election related cases and election disputes; and
6. Prepare an election report after the conduct of campus and FSC elections.

Section 4. Faculty Adviser

The FSEC shall elect one (1) adviser, preferably but not necessarily with a legal background, through a resolution endorsed by the legislative body of the FSC, from among the WVSU full time faculty members who shall render technical guidance or assistance to the FSEC. A week after the election, the adviser shall be recommended in writing to the University President.

The adviser shall provide guidance on election rules and dispute resolution, ensuring that the decisions of the FSEC complies with university policies and existing regulations.

Section 5. Powers and Responsibilities

The FSEC shall:

- a. Supervise and administer the FSC elections, including the selection of the Executive and Legislative officers of the FSC;
- b. Shall facilitate the conduct of a referendum and plebiscite if necessary;
- c. Create and enforce an Election Code and other guidelines that will rule the conduct of elections;
- d. Develop an election calendar and timeline;
- e. Create and enforce their own Internal Rules and Regulations;
- f. Oversee voting, counting, and proclamation of election results;
- g. Investigate and resolve election disputes and complaints;
- h. Ensure a free, fair, and impartial election process in accordance with the FSC rules and university policies;
- i. Submit an election report to the student body after the conduct of each election.

Section 6. Election Process, Protests and Dispute Resolution



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1. The FSEC shall convene at least one (1) month before the scheduled election to organize and plan the election process;
2. The FSEC shall strictly enforce the rules and guidelines, and election timeline;
3. The election results shall be announced immediately once the results has been verified but no more than 48 hours after the voting period has ended;
4. Election protests must be filed in writing within 48 hours after the proclamation of winners; and
5. The FSEC shall resolve election disputes within five (5) working days

Article 9: The Federated Supreme Student Court

Section 1.

The Federated Supreme Student Court (FSSC) shall serve as the judicial body of the Federated Student Council. It shall ensure the fair interpretation and enforcement of the FSC Constitution, resolve disputes, and uphold justice in student governance.

Section 2. Qualifications, Powers and Responsibilities

Each campus-level student court of WVSU shall send one (1) representative to the FSSC. For every vacant representative for appointment, the FSC Chairperson shall endorse a name for the available slot. All representatives shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Appointments.

Members of the FSSC shall not be a member of any student council, student publication, or electoral committees in the University. He/she shall not be a current member of any political organization and must have an educational background or training on any law-related fields or statutory construction.

The approved representatives shall elect among themselves the Chief Justice and six (6) Associate Justices.

A Clerk of Court shall be selected and endorsed by the FSC Legislative Body, pending approval of the Chief Justice.

2.1 The Chief Justice shall:

1. Preside over all judicial proceedings of the FSSC;
2. Ensure the proper interpretation of the FSC Constitution and related



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policies;

3. Issue rulings and resolutions on cases involving FSC elections, referendum, impeachment, and other disputes submitted by student councils and other bodies from different campuses;

4. Call and lead judicial meetings and deliberations; and

5. Sign all official court decisions and rulings.

2.2 The Associate Justice shall:

1. Participate in deliberations, hearings, and rulings on cases;

2. Conduct legal research and interpret constitutional provisions as needed;

3. Vote on cases presented before the FSSC; and

4. Assist in reviewing appeals from Campus Student Councils and other student bodies.

2.3 The Clerk of Court shall:

1. Maintain all judicial records, case files, and official rulings;

2. Assist in scheduling hearings and notifying involved parties;

3. Ensure the proper documentation of all court proceedings; and

4. Handle the communication between the FSSC and other FSC bodies.

Section 3. Jurisdiction

The FSSC shall exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction on the following cases:

1. Those involving the constitutionality of orders, ordinances, resolutions, appropriations passed by the FSC;
2. Any questions of construction or interpretation of this Constitution;
3. Any questions of construction or interpretation of a University Student Council constitution in the absence of a functioning campus level student court or judicial body;
4. Impeachment cases of all officers governed by this Constitution;
5. Petitions for quo warranto and writs like prohibition, certiorari, and mandamus against any body governed by this Constitution;
6. Cases involving inter-campus disputes between or among University Student Councils under this Constitution; and



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7. Other matters as may be expressly provided for by this Constitution

The FSSC shall exercise appellate jurisdiction on the following cases:

1. Appeals concerning decisions on student rights and welfare that transcend a single campus or involve inter-campus implications;
2. Electoral protests or disputes that will affect federated positions or the integrity of federation-wide electoral processes; and
3. Appeals from the Federated Student Electoral Committee provided that all administrative remedies have been exhausted

Appeals to the FSSC must be filed within seven (7) working days from the issuance of the decision of a lower court or quasi-judicial body.

Section 4. Powers

The FSSC shall have the authority and powers to formulate their own Rules of Court that will govern procedures, pleadings, and practice for the protection and enforcement of the rights provided in this Constitution. Such rules shall provide a simplified procedure for speedy disposition of cases.

Section 5. Decision-Making Process

1. A quorum of absolute majority shall be required for the court to hear and try cases;
2. Decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the justices present; and
3. All rulings shall be final and executory.

Section 6. Term and Removal

1. Justices shall serve a one-year term, subject to reappointment; and
2. A justice may be removed through impeachment by the Legislative Body seating as an impeachment court for negligence, corruption, and betrayal of public trust.

Article 10: Funds and Dues

Section 1

The FSC shall set and propose a fixed amount for the Federated Student Council Fund, in consultation with the WVSU Administration, the Local Finance Committee, Campus Administrations, and the respective Campus Student Councils. The proposed amount shall be incorporated under the supplemental fees covered by the Free Higher Education Act.



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Section 2

The FSC shall maintain a Book of Accounts established under the University system, and shall establish and manage Recuentos and Syncbudplus accounts, with assistance and guidance from the Management Information Systems Office, Finance Division, and Procurement Division.

Section 3

All accounts and any disbursements shall comply with existing university policies and government budgeting and accounting rules and regulations.

Section 4

The funds of the FSC shall be appropriated by its Legislative Body through an ordinance.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall prepare and impart a copy of the FSC's financial statement for every semester. The financial statement shall be approved by the FSC Chairperson, noted by the FSC Adviser and audited by the Auditor. A copy of the financial statement shall be provided to the members of the FSC and the Office of Student Affairs.

Article 11: Amendments and Revision

Section 1

No amendment or revision to this Constitution shall be made after two (2) years of its effectivity upon ratification.

Section 2

Any proposed amendment or revision to this Constitution shall be approved for plebiscite upon a two-third ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Legislative Body of the FSC.

Section 3

A Constitution Committee shall be established by the Legislative Body for the purpose of drafting proposed amendments or revisions to the existing Constitution. The composition and qualifications of the said committee shall be determined through an ordinance duly



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enacted by the Legislative Body; provided, however, that a minimum of two (2) representative seats from each campus of the university shall be allocated within the committee.

The Constitution Committee shall have full discretion on their proceedings for the formulation of proposed amendments or revision of the constitution.

Section 4

Any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution shall be valid when ratified by a majority vote cast in a plebiscite which shall be held not earlier than twelve (12) days nor later than thirty (30) days after the approval of the proposed amendment or revision.

Article 12: Effectivity

Section 1

This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication on the Federated Student Council Facebook page and all campus-based publications.

Article 13: Transitory Provision

Section 1

The initial election of the FSC under this Constitution shall follow the practices and procedures established by the 2014 Federated Student Council Constitution, due to the absence of a functioning FSEC to oversee the process.

Section 2

All existing orders and issuances that are not inconsistent with this Constitution shall remain in effect until they are amended, repealed, or revoked.

Section 3

Positions in the FSEC and FSSC shall be filled immediately upon the commencement of the term of the first FSC governed by this Constitution.