

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARIST COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

We the Students of Marist College in order to form a more perfect Educational Institution, establish academia, ensure school spirit, provide leadership for the student body, promote campus involvement, and work toward the betterment of our college and community, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the Marist College Student Government Association.

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ARTICLE I THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- SECTION 1** The Student Government Association is the group responsible for advocating on behalf of the student body in decisions which transcend the jurisdiction of the students and have taken on extreme significance, or which involve serious issues with faculty, staff. Or administration of the college.
- SECTION 2** The Student Government Association is responsible for the giving guidance to other student groups, clubs, and organizations. It further maintains the authority to charter clubs and organizations.
- SECTION 3** The Student Government Association is a conduit for information from the administration and faculty to students and student groups. It is also a conduit for information from students and student groups to the administration and faculty.
- SECTION 4** Members of the Student Government Association will follow all guidelines and procedures regarding the conduct of business as outlined in the Bylaws for the Marist College Student Government Association.
- SECTION 5** The Student Government Association shall consist of three branches of government: The Executive Branch, The Legislative Branch, and The Judicial Branch.
- SECTION 6** The Student Government Association shall hold semi-annual elections for all electable positions as outline in The Bylaws of the Student Government Association, with the exception of the Judicial Board, whose term will run concurrent with the academic year.

ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- SECTION 1** The members of the Executive Branch shall make up the President's Cabinet (Cabinet) of the Student Body President. The Cabinet is responsible for advising the Student Body President on issues relevant to the operation of the Student Government Association, as well as passing Executive Legislation.
- SECTION 2** **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**
- A. Shall serve as the chief administrator of the Student Government Association.
 - B. Shall convey the interests of the Cabinet before the Senate, when necessary.
 - C. Shall act as campus ombudsman, and is responsible for investigating problems and issues affecting students, and for hearing student complaints.
 - D. Shall serve as the student representative on the Board of Trustees, and shall attend the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee meeting.
 - E. Shall reserve the right to appoint student representatives to all college-wide administrative, faculty, and student committees.
 - F. Shall be empowered to form Presidential ad-hoc committees and positions for the purpose of investigating issues concerning the student body.
 - G. Shall have the exclusive power to veto legislation passed by the Senate.
 - H. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.
- SECTION 3** **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

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- A. As Chief of Staff, the Executive Vice President is responsible for coordinating, organizing, and supervising all Student Government Association activity delegated by the Student Body President, with special attention paid to Executive positions.
- B. Shall perform duties delegated by the Student Body President.
- C. Shall attend weekly meetings with the Student Body and the Dean of Student Affairs,
- D. In the case of a vacancy left by the Student Body President, the Executive Vice President shall become the Student Body President until the next February Election. The President will then appoint a new Executive Vice President to be confirmed by the Senate.
- E. Shall directly oversee the Chief Finance Officer and the Director of Public Relations.
- F. Shall attend all meetings of the Cabinet and Senate.
- G. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.
- H. Shall set the Student Government Association calendar and manage office.
- I. Shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie in the Senate.

SECTION 4

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

- A. Shall work closely with the Student Body President to ensure the smooth operation of the Student Government Association.
- B. Shall assist with the Student Body President in preparing the agenda for all meetings.
- C. Shall be in charge of recording accurate minutes at all sessions, whether open or closed, of the Cabinet and Senate, and shall prepare minutes so that they may be approved at the Branches' next scheduled meeting.
- D. Shall keep accurate roll at all meetings.
- E. Shall make meeting minutes and non-confidential Student Government Association records public domain as soon as reasonably possible following the meeting.
- F. Shall attend all meetings of the Cabinet and Senate.

SECTION 5

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Chief Financial Officer and all the functions enumerated in the Financial Board Guidelines.
- B. Shall work closely with the Director of Student Activities.
- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- D. Shall, in conjunction with the Senate, be responsible for overseeing the fair and equitable allocation of Student Activity fee funds to the student clubs and branches of the Student Government Association.
- E. Shall provide SGA with regular updates on current balance of the Student Government Association account and cash flow statements.
- F. Shall be responsible for maintenance of Financial Board funds.
- G. Shall be responsible for the appointment of Financial Board Representatives, contingent upon approval of the Senate.
- H. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours a week.

SECTION 6

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Bylaws regarding the Chief Information Officer and those of the Information Technology Council.
- B. Shall work closely with the Marist College Information Technology Office.

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- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- D. Shall oversee that all clubs and organizations adhere fully to the club website rules and regulations of the Student Government Association.
- E. Shall chair and administer all meetings of the Information Technology Council.
- F. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours a week.

SECTION 7

CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Chief of Public Affairs and all the functions enumerated in the Guidelines of the Student Government Association Public Affairs Committee.
- B. Shall act as liaison for all communication efforts between the Student Government Association and the Marist College Community.
- C. Shall inform students about current and upcoming Student Government Association legislation and meetings through the use of campus media.
- D. Shall have all publicity approved by the Student Body President, or the Executive Vice President, prior to its release.
- E. Shall be responsible for appointing the Student Government Association Public Affairs Committee.
- F. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.

SECTION 8

ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

- A. Shall be appointed by the Student Body President and approved by the Senate no later than the third Wednesday in April of each year. If the Commissioner vacates the position, the new Commissioner must be appointed by the Student Body President and approved by the Senate.
- B. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Elections Commissioner and all functions enumerated in the Elections Guidelines for the Student Government Association.
- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.

SECTION 9

PARLIAMENTARIAN

- A. Shall ensure that the proper procedures are adhered to as enumerated in this constitution.
- B. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- C. Shall attend both Cabinet and Senate meetings.
- D. When cause arises, shall act as general counsel to the Student Body President.
- E. Shall interpret parliamentary rules as contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and shall advise the Student Body President of all questioned procedures during any Student Government Association meeting.
- F. Shall not be a candidate for membership or an active member on any Student Government Association ad-hoc or standing committees.
- G. Shall oversee proper execution of all legislation.
- H. Shall annually oversee the revisions to be made to the Constitution of the Marist College Student Government Association, and the Bylaws of the Marist College Student Government Association.

SECTION 10

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Vice President of Academic Affairs and all functions enumerated in the Bylaws of the Student Academic Council (SAC).
- B. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.

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- C. Shall be the student representative on the Academic Advisory Council (AAC). If the Vice President for Academics is unable to attend an AAC meeting a SAC representative may be appointed by the Vice President for Academics, in accordance with the process stated in the SAC bylaws.
- D. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.

SECTION 11

VICE PRESIDENT OF ATHLETIC AFFAIRS

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Vice President of Athletic Affairs and all the functions enumerated in the Bylaws of the Athletic Affairs Committee (AAC).
- B. The Vice President of Athletic Affairs will act as a liaison between Marist College Athletics and the Student Government Association.
- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- D. Shall be a voting member of the Standing Committee on Athletics Meeting (SCA). If the Vice-President for Athletics is unable to attend an SCA meeting an AAC representative may be appointed by the Vice-President for Athletics, in accordance with the process stated in the AAC bylaws.
- E. Shall act as the Student Director of the Intramural Program.
- F. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.

SECTION 12

VICE PRESIDENT OF CLUB AFFAIRS

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Bylaws regarding the Vice President of Club Affairs.
- B. Shall work closely with the Marist College Activities Office.
- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- D. Shall update and report the progress and operations of all Councils and Club activities at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Government Association.
- E. Shall oversee that all clubs and organizations adhere fully to the rules and regulations of the Student Government Association.
- F. Shall oversee and regulate the chartering of new clubs, as well as the removal of club charters.
- G. Shall procure and maintain club records, including but not limited to as attendance, club activities, disciplinary sanctions, etc.
- H. Shall formulate recommendations for the Club of the Year, Class of the Year, and Social/Service Club of the Year. These recommendations will be presented to a joint meeting of the Cabinet and Senate, where a vote of consensus will take place.
- I. Shall organize all Council of Club Conferences, Activities Fairs, and Leadership Conferences.
- J. Shall maintain and upgrade the Marist College Club Officer Handbook.
- K. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours a week.

SECTION 13

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Vice President of Student Life and Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Bylaws of the Student Life Association (SLA)
- B. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- C. Shall report the progress and operations of the SLA at regularly scheduled meetings of Cabinet, and at all other Student Government Association meetings which require a report.

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- D. Shall act as a facilitator in matters pertaining to the well-being and interests of all resident and commuter students.
- E. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours each week.

SECTION 14

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT PROGRAMMING

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Vice President of Student Programming.
- B. Shall work closely with the Marist College Activities Office.
- C. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- D. Shall update and report the progress and operations of student programming at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Cabinet, and at all other Student Government Association meetings which require a report.
- E. Shall maintain confidentiality when negotiating with agents in regards to programming services for the College.
- F. Shall maintain confidentiality of fiscal management of programming funds.
- G. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours a week.

SECTION 15

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- A. Shall perform all the functions enumerated in the Student Government Association Bylaws regarding the Director of Community Outreach.
- B. Shall act as the Chair of the Marist College Civility Campaign.
- C. Shall work closely with the Marist College Activities Office.
- D. Shall report directly to the Student Body President.
- E. Shall update and report the progress and operations of the Marist College Civility Campaign at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Cabinet, and at all other Student Government Association meetings which require a report.
- F. Shall maintain confidentiality when working with sensitive issues that may arise with the position. .
- G. Shall keep a minimum of six posted office hours a week.

SECTION 16

HISTORIAN

- A. Shall act as the archivist of the Marist College Student Government Association past, gathering and recording the present to preserve records for the future.
- B. Will handle all archiving tasks involving the Student Government Association at the request of the Student Body President.
- C. He/She will systematically organize and collect all Student Government Association material during the administration to submit to the Student Body President for archiving at the end of each semester.
- D. Shall coordinate with the Chief Information Officer to update content of the Student Government Association website.
- E. Attend regularly scheduled Student Government meetings.

ARTICLE III LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1

The Legislative Branch shall also be referred to as the Senate. The Senate is responsible for making decisions that may affect campus issues and Student Government Association operations. All decisions of the Senate will be in the best interests of the student body and will be the representation of student opinion on important issues.

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- SECTION 2** The Senate is the voting body of the Student Government Association. Although any Marist College student may propose legislation to the Student Government Association, all legislation must be sponsored or co-sponsored by a Senator if it is to be voted upon by the Senate.
- SECTION 3** All bills and resolutions voted in favor of by a majority of the Senate shall become the official policy of the Student Government Association once signed by the Student Body President, unless otherwise stipulated by the Constitution or Bylaws. All decisions of the Senate are subject to review by the Judicial Board.
- SECTION 4** The Senate shall consist of eleven (11) voting members (Senators):
- A. The President of each class shall be granted a legislative seat upon qualified election by his or her respective class.
 - 1. The Freshman Class President seat shall remain vacant until the election of the Freshman class officers, which is to be held in the Fall semester.
 - 2. Freshman officers shall be exempt from the 2.50 cumulative G.P.A. requirements until the end of the Fall semester of their first academic year.
 - B. Five (5) legislative seats shall be granted to five (5) resident students upon qualified campus-wide election. Resident Senator seats shall be granted to those resident students receiving the five (5) highest totals of the popular vote.
 - C. Two (2) legislative seats shall be granted to two (2) full-time commuter students upon qualified campus-wide election. Commuter Senator seats shall be granted to those commuter students receiving the two (2) highest totals of the popular vote.
- SECTION 5 THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**
- A. Shall be elected by the Senate, by secret ballot vote.
 - B. Shall convey the interests of the Senate before the Cabinet and Marist College Administration when necessary.
 - C. Shall be responsible for the administration and organization of all ad-hoc Senate committees.
 - D. Shall chair all Senate meetings.
 - E. Shall meet at weekly with the Student Body President and Chief Justice to discuss Student Government Association matters.
 - F. Should a permanent vacancy occur in the offices of the Student Body President and Executive Vice President, the Speaker of the Senate shall become Student Body President of the Student Government Association, and remain in the position until the next regularly scheduled election.
 - G. Should a permanent vacancy occur in the office of the Speaker of the Senate, the election of a new speaker will be held at the next Senate meeting.
- SECTION 6** Each time a new Speaker of the Senate is elected, a Speaker Pro Tempore will be elected to serve as the chair of Senate meetings in the temporary absence of the Speaker of the Senate. The Speaker Pro Tempore acquires no additional senatorial privileges or duties as a result of his or her election.
- SECTION 7** The Senate may override a Presidential veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided quorum exists.
- SECTION 8** The President of the Senior Class shall remain a member of the Senate following transition of the Student Government Association during the Spring semester until the commencement ceremony of the college.

ARTICLE IV JUDICIAL BRANCH

- SECTION 1** The Judicial Branch shall also be referred to as the Judicial Board. The Judicial Board is responsible for administering all hearings concerning and pertaining to equity and equality of all Student Government Association business and club affairs.
- SECTION 2** The Judicial Board reserves the power to interpret The Constitution of the Marist College Student Government Association, the Bylaws for the Marist College Student Government Association, the bylaws for student organizations, and established Marist College rules and regulations.
- SECTION 3** The Judicial Board has jurisdiction over cases involving student governance, such as removal of certain student officers, determination of Student Government Association and club election validity, and other student governance issues, and reserves the right to review the decisions of the Student Government Association.
- SECTION 4** The Judicial Board shall have jurisdiction over appeals of any parking violations issued to students by the Marist College Office of Safety and Security.
- SECTION 5** The Judicial Board shall make recommendations to the Student Government Association on college norms and procedures as found in the student handbook.

ARTICLE V APPOINTMENTS

- SECTION 1** The Student Body President shall make appointments to the following Positions:
1. Executive Vice President
 2. Chief Financial Officer
 3. Chief Information Officer
 4. Chief of Public Affairs
 5. Vice President of Student Life
 6. Vice President of Student Programming
 7. Vice President of Academic Affairs
 8. Vice President of Athletic Affairs
 9. Vice President of Club Affairs
 10. Director of Community Outreach
 11. Parliamentarian
 12. Elections Commissioner
 13. Historian
 14. Chief Justice
 15. Resident Justices
 16. Commuter Justice
- SECTION 2** Should a vacancy arise after elections, the Student Body President shall make appointments to the positions of Resident Senators and Commuter Senators. These appointments will only be valid until the next regularly scheduled elections.
- SECTION 3** Should a permanent vacancy occur in the position of Class President, the vacancy will be filled by the following order of succession: Class Vice President, Class Treasurer, Class Secretary, and Class Historian. If the vacancy cannot be filled by the current class officers, the Student Body President shall appoint a student of said class to the position of Class President. This appointment shall only be valid until the next regularly scheduled election.

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- SECTION 4** Should a vacancy arise on a class officer's board, the Class President shall appoint a person of said class to that position. This appointment is only valid until the next regularly scheduled election.
- SECTION 5** The Senate shall confirm all appointments made by the Student Body President and Class Presidents with a majority vote. The Chief Justice must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- SECTION 6** In order to ensure that the Senate has a vested interest in the new Administration, all incoming Cabinet appointments shall be confirmed by the outgoing Senate.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

- SECTION 1** The Cabinet meetings shall be conducted on a weekly basis during the regular semester of the academic year. A quorum shall constitute four Cabinet members other than the Student Body President.
- SECTION 2** The Senate meetings shall be conducted on a weekly basis during the academic year. A quorum shall constitute two-thirds (2/3) of the filled Senate.
- SECTION 3** The Student Body President shall call into session the Cabinet and /or the Senate at anytime in the event of an emergency.
- SECTION 4** Cabinet and Senate meetings are open to the entire Marist Community, unless Executive Session or Legislative Session is involved.
- SECTION 5** The meetings and sessions of the Cabinet, the Senate, and the Judicial Board must be run in accordance with the Constitution of the Marist College Student Government Association, and the Bylaws for the Marist College Student Government Association. Unless a motion to suspend the rules is passed with a two-thirds (2/3) vote, all meetings and sessions of the Cabinet and Senate shall also be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- SECTION 6** The Student Body President shall call a joint meeting of the Cabinet and Senate within the first month following the transition period, and may call further meetings at his/her discretion.
- SECTION 7** The Student Body President or his/her designee shall be given the right to speak at Senate meetings for the purpose of updating the Senate on Cabinet matters.
- SECTION 8** The Speaker of the Senate or his/her designee shall be given the right to speak at Cabinet meetings for the purpose of updating the Cabinet on Senate matters.

ARTICLE VII IMPEACHMENT & REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- SECTION 1** All members of the Student Government Association in any of the three branches, and underlying positions of title therein, are subject to impeachment and removal from office. Any member who violates the entrustment of confidence made by the Student Body or the Student Government Association, by disregarding the responsibilities of office or perpetuates by word or action a specified violation may be removed as a member of the

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Student Government Association and the position held by the individual will become vacant.

SECTION 2

The following shall be considered violations of the entrustment of confidence made by the Student Body or the Student Government Association and are grounds for the impeachment and removal from office:

- A. Malfeasance, which shall be defined as the commission of, or performance of an act, which said member has no explicit or implicit right or authority granted to them by the Student Government Association to transact. This shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Misuse of Student Government Association physical or intellectual property including, but not limited to, money, keys, passwords, and letterhead.
 - 2. Breach of Executive, Legislative, Judicial, or other closed session confidence.
- B. Misfeasance, which shall be defined as the improper performance of an act which by law is not improper, but the performance of said act is done in such a manner that it shall be considered improper or infringes on the rights of others.
- C. Nonfeasance, which shall be defined as the nonperformance of an explicit or implicit duty or responsibility of said member's position, whether or not said member is aware of such duty or responsibility. This shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Unexcused absence from more than three (3) Student Government Association meetings, or mandatory Student Government Association functions, is within the definition of negligence of duty.
 - 2. Excused absence from more than eight (8) Student Government Association meetings or mandatory Student Government Association functions is within the definition of inability to serve one's constituency.
 - 3. Whether an absence is excused or unexcused is solely within the purview of the Speaker of the Senate when a Senator is involved, the Student Body President when an Cabinet member is involved, and the Chief Justice when the Judicial Board is involved.
- D. Violation(s) of the student code of conduct severe enough to warrant disciplinary action by the College, or the conviction of a felony, in regards to any federal, state, or local law.

SECTION 3

Any member of the Student Government Association whose cumulative grade point average falls below a 2.50 or who grossly violates Marist College norms or regulations, shall resign immediately upon becoming aware that this is the case. Any member who does not resign may be summarily removed by the Marist College administration with no further avenue of appeal.

SECTION 4

Cabinet members serve at the request of the Student Body President. The Student Body President may summarily dismiss any member of the Cabinet, with the exception of the Executive Vice President and Parliamentarian, with no further avenue of appeal.

SECTION 5

In order to begin impeachment proceedings against a member of the Executive or Legislative Branches, the Judicial Board must receive, in writing, a petition by the Student Body President or resolution passed by a majority of the Senate detailing the charges against said member. The Judicial Board will notify the accused in writing and in person of the charges, for which the accused will have five (5) normal academic term days to respond in writing. Within seven (7) normal academic term days after receiving the response, the Judicial Board will issue a written determination of whether or not the

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charges have been sufficiently answered. If the response is not deemed sufficient by the Judicial Board, then the accused is considered "impeached", and a Judicial Board hearing shall be held within ten (10) normal academic term days of the decision.

SECTION 6

In order to begin impeachment proceedings against a member of the Judicial Branch, a resolution must be passed by a majority of the Senate detailing the complaint against said member. The Senate will notify the accused in writing and in person of the charges, for which the accused will have five (5) normal academic term days to respond in writing. Within seven (7) normal academic term days after receiving the response, the Senate must issue a resolution, passed by a majority vote, as to whether or not the charges have been sufficiently answered. If the response is not deemed sufficient by the Senate, then the person is considered "impeached", and a Senate hearing, chaired by the Chief Justice, shall be held within ten (10) normal academic term days of the Senate passing the resolution. If the Chief Justice is impeached, the Senate hearing shall be chaired by the Student Body President.

SECTION 7

During the hearing of the Judicial Board/Senate to determine removal of office, the accused shall be permitted to present evidence, bring witnesses, and/or address the Judicial Board/Senate. Any member of the Judicial Board/Senate shall be permitted to question the accused and to present evidence, bring witnesses, and/or address the Judicial Board/Senate, either in behalf of or against the accused. At the close of the presentation of evidence, the Judicial Board/Senate will move into closed session to deliberate without the accused or non-members being present. At the close of deliberation, the Judicial Board/Senate shall, by majority vote, move to reopen discussion on the articles of impeachment, or move to a public roll-call vote. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Judicial Board/Senate shall be required for the accused to be removed from office. The findings of the Judicial Board/Senate shall be announced publicly.

SECTION 8

Any student who is removed from office shall immediately relinquish all documents, keys, passwords, letterhead, and any other Student Government Association property. Failure to surrender the aforementioned will result in a request from the Judicial Board for the college to encumber said student, until compliance is realized.

SECTION 9

Any student impeached and subsequently removed from office shall not be permitted to hold any office or serve in any capacity within the Student Government Association for the remainder of their attendance at Marist College.

SECTION 10

Any student who has been removed from a Student Government Association office has the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Marist College administration on the sole grounds of prejudice or procedure contrary to the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE VIII RATIFICATION, AMENDMENT, AND EFFECT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1

This Student Government Constitution becomes operative upon approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

SECTION 2

Amendments to this Constitution and The Bylaws of the Marist College Student Government Association shall be enacted by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate, or by a majority of students voting in a referendum.

SECTION 3

This Constitution is the highest law for all Student Governments at Marist College. The Bylaws of the Student Government Association shall be the document used to carry out the operations of the Student Government. All clubs and organizations presently

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chartered by the Student Government Association, and all clubs and organizations to be chartered in the future, are mandated to revise and update their bylaws, contingent to any pertinent changes made to this document.

SECTION 4 The Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws will be updated and revised every year. This task will be completed before the Transition Banquet each academic year, and supervised by the Parliamentarian and Speaker of the Senate.

ARTICLE IX LINE OF SUCCESSION

SECTION 1 The Student Body President shall be the highest office of the Student Government Association.

SECTION 2 The following shall be the official Line of Succession to the Office of the Student Body President.

SECTION 3

- Executive Vice President
- Speaker of the Senate
- Speaker Pro Tempore
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Information Officer
- Vice President of Club Affairs
- Vice President of Student Life
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Vice President of Athletic Affairs
- Vice President of Student Programming
- Chief of Public Affairs
- Director of Community Outreach
- Resident Senators (By Seniority)
- Class Presidents (By Seniority)
- Commuter Senators (By Seniority)
- Elections Commissioner
- Historian
- Parliamentarian
- Executive Assistant
- Chief Justice
- Associate Justices (By Seniority)

ARTICLE X STUDENT REFERENDUMS

SECTION 1 A referendum question may be placed on the ballot during any scheduled election.

SECTION 2 Any member of the Student Body may propose a referendum question. The Senate shall vote whether or not to place the question on the ballot. A simple majority vote places the question on the ballot. The vote is not subject to veto.

SECTION 3 A referendum is passed if it receives a simple majority of "yes" votes.

SECTION 4 A referendum, once passed by the Student Body, is not subject to Presidential veto. It can be repealed only if challenged and found unconstitutional by the Judicial Board, or if it is repealed by another referendum.