

THE BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Preamble

We, the Board of Governors of the Student Bar Association of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, do establish these Bylaws to govern the Association and its members, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Student Bar Association.

Title 1. Organization

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Student Bar Association of the Oklahoma City University School of Law. The governing body of the Student Bar Association of the Oklahoma City University School of Law shall be known as the Student Bar Association Board of Governors.

Section 2. The membership of the Student Bar Association shall consist of degree candidate students enrolled in Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Section 3. To be recognized by the Student Bar Association Board of Governors, an independent organization must present to the SBA Secretary a petition with signatures of fifteen interested student, a copy of the organization's constitution, and a schedule of regular meetings no later than the second meeting of each semester, and present to the Board of Governors at any regular SBA meeting the reasons for the organization's usefulness in its membership. All petitions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Governors.

- a) A vote to recognize a new organization or a formerly recognized organization that lost recognition shall occur only at the first or final meeting of the Fall or Spring semesters.
- b) A vote to restore an existing organization that either is not in good standing or is in Inactive Status, as defined in Title 9, Section 2 of these Bylaws—but has not lost recognition—may occur at any SBA regular meeting.

Section 4. An organization recognized pursuant to Section 3 of this Title shall remain so fully recognized until the organization is no longer in good standing as defined in Title 8 of these Bylaws for more than one complete semester, voluntarily enters Inactive Status pursuant to Title 9 of these Bylaws, or is otherwise removed pursuant to the Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution.

Title 2. Elections

Section 1. Elections Committee

- a) An Elections Committee shall have authority to manage, operate, and complete elections for Class Officers and the SBA Executive Committee. The Elections Committee shall be bound by this Title.
- b) No member of the Elections Committee who is a candidate may participate in any election procedure supervised by the Elections Committee of the Student Bar Association.
- c) No members of the Elections Committee shall campaign for or otherwise endorse a candidate, including in races for the SBA Executive Committee.

Section 2. Each candidate for a class officer or SBA executive committee member position is charged with the duty to conduct a fair, open, and respectful campaign.

Section 3. Procedure

- a) In class officer elections, the electorate shall be limited to enrolled students of the Oklahoma City University School of Law. In SBA Executive Committee elections, the electorate shall be limited to the Board of Governors.
- b) A paper ballot or an electronic voting system will be decided upon at the Elections Committee's discretion.
- c) Any candidate found to be in violation of any provision of this Title shall be disqualified from the election at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

Section 4. Paper Ballot Voting

- a) Each voter's name shall be checked against a master listing provided by Law Student Services to ensure the status of a student.
- b) Each eligible voter shall be required to sign the class list next to their name after presenting a valid student identification card.
- c) Each eligible voter shall receive one ballot to be completed and deposited in the ballot box. Any Elections Committee member shall initial each ballot ahead of time before it is distributed at the polls.
- d) Any individual whose name does not appear on the class listing shall be verified by Law Student Services before their vote is taken.
- e) Ballots shall remain secret.
- f) Campaigning is prohibited within twenty feet of the polls, including the discussion of a candidate's name, the display of any candidate's poster, or the distribution of fliers.

Section 5. Digital Voting

- a) Each student shall be entered into the Oklahoma City University computer network by the OCU Webmaster, or his equivalent, and entered into an aggregate list based upon the student's classification. A method to communicate with a class in the aggregate shall be available to the Elections Committee.
- b) Each voter shall use a secure website to access the digital ballot.
- c) Each voter shall provide their name and OCU email address on their digital ballot.
- d) Any individual who cannot log in, is incorrectly classified, or has other technical issues shall report the issue to the Elections Committee, and the individual's vote may be discarded at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

- 1) In the necessary alternative, a paper vote may be cast at the Elections Committee's discretion and shall not be subject to Title 2 of these Bylaws.

Section 6. Counting of Ballots.

- a) Ballots shall be counted only in the presence of a quorum of the Elections Committee and the SBA President. However, where the SBA President is a second-year law student for a contested position in the active election, the SBA President shall not be present for the counting of ballots, and the quorum of the Elections Committee shall then include the president of the third-year class.
- b) The Committee shall count and verify the ballots and compile a list of the results.
- c) In the event of a tie in an Executive Committee election, the sitting SBA President shall cast the tie-breaking vote. However, where the sitting SBA President is a second-year student running for the tied position, the sitting SBA Vice-President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.
- d) Any candidate may demand a recount of the election in which they participated. The candidate must make such a demand by written notice to the SBA President no later than forty-eight hours after the results are posted. Upon proper demand, the Elections Committee shall inform candidates of the contested election, recount the ballots cast in the election, confirm the result of the vote, and inform the candidates of the result of the recount. Candidates of the contested election shall be entitled to be present for the recount but are prohibited from observing the contents of the ballots.
- e) The SBA Secretary shall secure and maintain ballots from all elections for a period of one year.

Section 7. Declaration of Winners of Elections

- a) A candidate that receives a simple majority of the votes cast for that office shall be declared winner of the office.

- b) The Committee shall notify the candidates of the result as soon as results are verified. Notice to the membership of the Student Bar Association shall be issued no later than five business days following the result verification or the conclusion of a recount, whichever is later.
- c) In the event a simple majority is not obtained by a candidate for the office, a runoff election shall occur the following business day between the two candidates that received the highest vote count. The runoff election shall be governed by this Title.
- d) The actual number of votes cast for, against, or otherwise for races not including candidates for elected office shall be posted with the results of such a vote.
- e) The total number of votes cast and votes disqualified for every election shall be disclosed to any interested party in a timely manner.
- f) Any questions concerning election results should be addressed to the SBA President.

Section 8. SBA Executive Committee

- a) Elections for the Student Bar Association Executive Committee shall be held during the final SBA regular meeting of the Spring Semester.
- b) Votes shall be cast by all sitting members of the Board of Governors, subject to this Title and Article V of the SBA Constitution.
- c) Notice of the election shall be posted one week prior to the meeting.
- d) A candidate for an Executive Committee position may cast a vote for themselves at the last SBA regular meeting in their capacity as a sitting member of the Board of Governors.
- e) Where a voter represents more than one member of the Board of Governors, such as a student who is both a Class Officer and an organization's chief executive office simultaneously, the

voter shall cast a ballot for each member of the Board of Governors—one as Class Officer, and one as the organization. Provided that: each member of the Board of Governors shall cast only one vote.

Section 9. First-Year Class Officers and Upper-Class Vacancies

- a) An election for the first-year officers shall be held before the last day of September. The SBA President shall determine the date of the election. Notice of such election shall be posted during the first week of the Fall Semester.
- b) Where a second-year or third-year upper class officer position is vacant by the start of the Fall Semester, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held simultaneously with the election pursuant to subsection (a) and subject to Section 13.

Section 10. Student Organizations

- a) Organizations shall hold elections for their executive boards during the Spring Semester before the final SBA regular meeting.
- b) If an organization's election is not completed by the final SBA regular meeting, any candidates for SBA Executive Committee whose candidacy is based solely on membership in that organization's executive board shall be prohibited from running for a position on the Student Bar Association Executive Committee.
- c) Organizations shall report the winners of their elections to the SBA Secretary no later than the final SBA regular meeting of the Spring Semester.
- d) Newly elected chief executive officers of student organizations shall immediately be authorized to vote in the final SBA regular meeting on behalf of their respective recognized organizations. Former chief executive officers of organizations shall not cast a ballot for that organization.

Section 11. Second-Year and Third-Year Class Officers

- a) An election for the second-year and third-year class officers shall occur in the Spring Semester before the first week of April or before the last SBA regular meeting, whichever is earlier. The SBA President shall determine the date of the election. Notice of such election shall be posted during the first week of February.

Section 12. Eligibility

- a) Any member of the Student Bar Association may be eligible to run for any class officer position, subject to the mandates of this Section; provided that, candidates for section representative positions must be members of the respective class section, such that only students in Section One may be eligible to run for Section One Representative and vice-versa for Section Two Representative.
- b) A member of the Student Bar Association may be eligible to run for any SBA Executive Committee position, subject to the mandates of this Section, if and only if they are a:
 - 1) sitting Class Officer;
 - 2) Class Officer-elect, provided that the officer is administered the Oath of Office prior to the SBA Executive Committee election; or
 - 3) member of the executive board of a student organization in good standing. For the purposes of this subsection, the meaning of “executive board” is limited to the organization’s:
 - i) chief executive officer;
 - ii) secondary executive officer, such as a vice-president or vice-magistrate;
 - iii) secretary; and
 - iv) treasurer.
- c) Prospective candidates shall notify the SBA President of their position of interest two weeks prior to the respective election.

Positions for election shall be available pursuant to Article IV of the SBA Constitution.

- d) Prospective candidates shall meet with any member of the Elections Committee. The committee member shall provide relevant election regulations to the prospective candidate, which the prospective candidate must read, and inform the prospective candidate of general provisions.
- e) Prospective candidates, after designating a position of interest and attending the meeting with an Elections Committee member pursuant to subsection (d), shall affirm in writing to the SBA President that the prospective candidate has read this Title and has an intent to run for the designated position.
- f) Where there is no candidate for an office, that position shall remain open until filled either by appointment, succession pursuant to Title 7 of these Bylaws, or until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 13. Class Officer Appointments

- a) If a Class Officer position is vacant after the Fall Semester election, the SBA Executive Committee may appoint a member from the respective class to the position.
- b) The appointed member shall be determined based on the written or verbal recommendation of sitting officers of the respective class.
- c) Notice shall be posted no later than one week following verification of the vacancy or conclusion of an election whereby the position is not filled, whichever is later. Notice of the appointment shall be posted no later than one week after administering the Oath of Office to the appointed member.

Section 14. The Elections Committee may promulgate regulations necessary to fully execute this Title.

Title 3. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as the SBA President shall designate provided that a regular meeting of the

Board of Governors be held at least once every month of the academic school year.

Section 2. Notice of the chosen regular meeting dates shall be posted at least six weeks before the respective semesters.

Section 3. All regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be open to all enrolled students. School of Law staff and faculty shall not be entitled to participate or be present for any SBA meeting except at the discretion of the SBA Executive Committee.

Section 4. Absence from Meetings

- a) Pursuant to Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution, any student organization member of the Board of Governors that is absent from more than three regular meetings in one semester shall lose recognition, and the Board of Governors may remove any class officer or SBA Executive Committee member after the officer or member's absence from three meetings in one semester.
- b) The SBA President shall have sole discretion to make exceptions to subsection (a).

Section 5. Authorities

- a) All matters before the Board of Governors shall be governed by the following sources in respective order in case of conflicts or ambiguities, where applicable:
 - 1) the SBA Constitution;
 - 2) these bylaws;
 - 3) the SBA Budget Guidelines;
 - 4) Robert's Rules of Order Revised; and
 - 5) the determination of the SBA Executive Committee by simple majority.

Section 6. The SBA President shall have authority to call special meetings pursuant to Title 4 of these Bylaws. Special meetings may also be

called upon written notice signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Governors; such a meeting shall occur no less than one week following posting of notice to the membership of the SBA.

Section 7. Procedure

- a) Procedures to be followed in SBA regular meetings each semester shall be determined by the discretion of the SBA Executive Committee, provided that:
 - 1) The SBA President shall call meetings to order and adjourn meetings of the Board of Governors;
 - 2) The SBA Vice President shall report to the Board of Governors on the officer's duties;
 - 3) The SBA Secretary shall record attendance and absences of members of the Board of Governors;
 - 4) The SBA Secretary shall record results of every vote held and report to the Board results of every vote;
 - 5) The SBA Treasurer shall report to the Board on recommendations from the SBA Budget Committee; and
 - 6) The SBA Treasurer shall report to the Board the status of the balance of the SBA Budget.
- b) The SBA Executive Committee may consult Robert's Rule of Order Revised for guidance on procedure.

Title 4. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Student Bar Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a) The President of the Student Bar Association shall:
 - 1) represent the Student Bar Association of the Oklahoma City University School of Law as its advocate and spokesperson;

- 2) schedule regular meetings of the Board of Governors pursuant to Title 3 of these Bylaws;
- 3) call special meetings where deemed necessary, provided that notice is posted no later than one week prior to the meeting;
- 4) preside over at all meetings of the Board of Governors;
- 5) report to the Board of Governors at all meetings on the state of the SBA;
- 6) be an ex-officio member of all SBA committees;
- 7) appoint chairpersons of all standing and select committees no later than the second regular SBA meeting of the Fall semester;
- 8) at their discretion, remove any chairperson or member of any committee for any reason;
- 9) assist the SBA Treasurer and Budget Committee in preparing the Annual Budget and assist in presenting the budget to the Board;
- 10) vote during Board of Governors meetings if and only if necessary to resolve a tie;
- 11) have veto power over any action of the Board of Governors, provided that the veto is made at the time of the action;
 - i) The SBA President's veto may be overridden only by a two-thirds vote by the Board of Governors.
- 12) delegate such duties to SBA Vice President as may be necessary to the administration of the responsibilities of the office of the SBA President;
- 13) properly execute of all provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Bar Association;

- 14) have such powers as are necessary and proper to conduct the responsibilities of the office and to coordinate the committees; and
- 15) perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

b) The Vice President of the Student Bar Association shall:

- 1) In the absence or inability of the SBA President to perform his or her duties as such, the same shall be performed by the SBA Vice President, who shall have all powers and be subject to all responsibilities imposed upon the SBA President;
 - i) Such an absence or inability shall be established in a written finding by the Vice President and presented to the Executive Committee. Where the SBA President objects to the finding, no transfer of power shall be permitted.
- 2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the SBA President, the SBA Vice President shall succeed to such office;
- 3) Assist the SBA President as directed by the SBA President or by the Board of Governors in their duties;
- 4) Be chairperson of the SBA Planning Committee; and
- 5) Perform such other duties as may be necessary and proper to the exercise of the foregoing powers.

c) The Secretary of the Student Bar Association shall:

- 1) Have authority over all correspondence to and from the Board of Governors;
- 2) Ensure the publication of the SBA Constitution and Bylaws;
- 3) Keep a record of attendance of the members of the Board of Governors at all meetings; and

- 4) Perform such other duties as are necessary and proper to the performance of the foregoing powers.

d) The Treasurer of the Student Bar Association shall:

- 1) Administer the financial affairs of the Board of Governors, receive and expend all monies of the Board of Governors, maintain an accurate set of records showing all receipts and disbursements of funds, and indicate the source of all income and the purpose of all disbursements;
- 2) Be the chairperson of the Budget Committee;
- 3) Present recommendations of the Budget Committee to the Board of Governors;
- 4) With the assistance of the President and the Budget Committee, prepare the SBA's annual budget and present the proposed budget to the Board of Governors for approval no later than the third regularly scheduled meeting of the Fall Semester;
- 5) Report on the status of the balance of the SBA account to the Board of Governors at each regular meeting;
- 6) Advise the President and the Board of Governors on financial matters;
- 7) Perform an audit prior to each Fall Semester and present the findings of such audit to the Board of Governors at the first meeting of the Fall Semester; and
 - i) The audit shall include:
 - A) A balance of each organization's school accounts at the beginning of the preceding Fall Semester;
 - B) A list of each organization's deposits and expenditures for the preceding semester; and
 - C) A balance of each organization's account at the end of the preceding Spring Semester.

- 8) Implement such procedures and practices as may be necessary and proper to exercise the foregoing powers.

Title 5. Committees

Section 1. Committees

- a) The standing committees of the Student Bar Association Board of Governors shall be:
 - 1) a budget committee;
 - 2) a constitution committee;
 - 3) an elections committee; and
 - 4) an events planning committee.
- b) The SBA President may establish select committees where they deem necessary. Such committee shall dissolve at the conclusion of the present school year unless a majority vote of the Board of Governors determines the select committee is necessary to maintain for a subsequent year.

Section 2. Budget Committee

- a) The Budget Committee Chair shall be the sitting SBA Treasurer.
- b) The Budget Committee shall consist of the SBA Executive Officers and the Treasurer of each class.
- c) The Budget Committee shall be responsible for establishing and regulating the budget of the Student Bar Association each academic year.
- d) The Budget Committee shall have authority to approve, alter, reject, or make recommendations to the Board of Governors on requests for funds by members of the Board of Governors, subject to subsection (e).
- e) Requests for Funds

- 1) The Budget Committee may unilaterally approve, alter, or reject any request for funds of one hundred dollars or less.
 - 2) The Budget Committee shall recommend to the Board of Governors whether to approve or reject the specific request. The SBA Treasurer shall report recommendations to the Board of Governors. The Budget Committee may alter the amount requested in its discretion.
- f) In the event of a tied vote on issues within the Budget Committee, the highest-ranking class officer of the 3L or 2L class, based on seniority, who is not also on the Budget Committee, shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

Section 3. Constitution Committee

- a) The president of each class shall serve on the Constitution Committee with any other student appointed by the SBA President.
- b) The SBA President shall appoint the chairperson of the Constitution Committee.
- c) The Constitution Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and updating the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Bar Association.
- d) The SBA Executive Committee may propose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Board of Governors in the same manner as the Constitution Committee.

Section 4. Elections Committee

- a) The third-year class officers shall serve on the Elections Committee with any other person appointed by the SBA President. Members must be from among the Board of Governors.
- b) The SBA President shall appoint the chairperson of the Elections Committee.

- c) The Elections Committee shall be responsible for organizing and operating elections, pursuant to Title 2 of these Bylaws.

Section 5. Planning Committee

- a) The SBA Vice President shall be chairperson of the Planning Committee and shall nominate to the SBA President six students to be members of the committee. The students need not be members of the Board of Governors.
- b) The SBA President shall appoint six students to serve on the Planning Committee. At least four appointments must be made prior to the Fall Semester.
- c) The Planning Committee shall be responsible for planning and organizing the annual Barrister's Ball and all other student events of the SBA. The committee shall report its budget to the Budget Committee, which may approve or alter the budget.
- d) The SBA Vice President shall report regularly to the SBA President on the actions of the committee and shall determine duties and responsibilities of the members of the committee.
- e) The members of the committee shall competently
 - 1) present event ideas to the chairperson;
 - 2) participate in planning chosen events; and
 - 3) contribute to coordination and management of events.

Title 6. Voting

Section 1. A simple majority of votes cast for and against a measure shall be required to pass any measure, provided that a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to:

- a) impeach an SBA Executive Committee member or Class Officer;
- b) amend the SBA Constitution;
- c) repeal the Budget Guidelines; or

d) override a veto by the SBA President.

Section 2. In the event of a tie, the SBA President shall cast a vote to break the tie.

Section 3. There shall be no voting by proxy, except where a member of the Board of Governors, not including a Class Officer or Executive Committee member, is represented by duly selected representative. Organizations may select an SBA representative in a manner of their choosing.

Section 4. Upon request by a member of the Board of Governors, the SBA Secretary shall call the roll of the vote. Roll call votes shall be recorded by the SBA Secretary and reported in the minutes of the meeting.

Section 5. If any SBA meeting is to include a vote to:

- a) impeach an Executive Committee member or Class Officer;
- b) amend the SBA Constitution;
- c) amend the Budget Guidelines; or
- d) override a veto by the SBA President;

an agenda that includes and describes the item to be determined must be provided in a notice posted at least one week prior to the meeting. Without such adequate notice, such a vote shall be prohibited. Where an SBA meeting includes a vote to amend these Bylaws, three days' notice shall be posted.

Title 7. Termination, Resignation, Removal, and Succession of Offices

Section 1. Termination of membership in the Student Bar Association results when a student is no longer enrolled in Oklahoma City University School of Law. Termination of membership in the Board of Governors shall result when:

- a) a Class Officer or SBA Executive Committee member:
 - 1) is no longer a member of the Student Bar Association;

- 2) resigns; or
- 3) is removed for cause pursuant to Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution; or

b) a Student Organization:

- 1) is not in good standing pursuant to Title 8 of these Bylaws for one complete semester;
- 2) voluntarily resigns from membership;
- 3) is removed for cause pursuant to Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution.

Termination of membership in the Board of Governors shall result in the termination of all powers, rights, and duties, express or implied, which accompany such vacated office.

Section 2. Any member may resign from the Board of Governors at any time by presenting a written resignation of office to any member of the SBA Executive Committee. Such resignation shall be effective when received if no date is specified.

Section 3. Any member of the Board of Governors may be removed for cause subject to Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution and Title 8 of these Bylaws.

Section 4. Succession of Offices

- a) In the event of resignation or removal of any Class Officer or SBA Executive Committee member, appropriate notice shall be posted pursuant to Title 2 of these Bylaws.
- b) In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA President, the SBA Vice President shall succeed to such office.
- c) In the event of vacancy in the office of SBA Vice President, the SBA Secretary shall succeed to such office. Where both the positions of SBA Vice President and SBA Secretary are vacant, the SBA Treasurer shall succeed to office of the Vice President.

- d) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the SBA Secretary, the Board of Governors shall elect a new Secretary from among its members. The SBA President shall post notice two weeks prior to such an election.
- e) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the SBA Treasurer, the Board of Governors shall elect a new Secretary from among its members. The SBA President shall post notice two weeks prior to such an election.
- f) No succession shall occur in vacancies of Class Officer positions.

Title 8. Good Standing of Student Organizations

Section 1. Good Standing

- a) A student organization shall be recognized according to Title 1 of these Bylaws.
- b) For an organization to remain in good standing, the organization must:
 - 1) maintain a copy of the organization's governing documents;
 - 2) file a copy of its governing documents with the sitting SBA Secretary;
 - 3) send its chief executive officer to a mandatory SBA training scheduled by the SBA at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the final SBA regular meeting end of the Fall and Spring semesters;
 - i) The SBA President may grant exceptions to subsection (b)(3), provided that either the secondary chief executive officer, such as a vice-president or vice-magistrate, or the treasurer of the organization must attend the events on behalf of the chief executive officer.

- 4) be absent from no more than three SBA meetings of any kind within one semester, pursuant to Article IX, Section 3 of the SBA Constitution;
- 5) maintain records of all financial transactions and take all the necessary means to insure proper and accurate bookkeeping; and
- 6) maintain a financial account and not overdraw on such account.
 - i) An organization shall remain out of good standing until the overdraft is resolved.
- c) Where a Student Organizations is not compliant with subsection (b) in a manner deemed sufficient by the SBA Executive Committee, the organization shall not be in good standing.
- d) Any Student Organization not in good standing during the duration of one complete semester shall lose recognition and membership within the Board of Governors pursuant to Title 7 of these Bylaws. Such organization shall be subject to Title 1, Section 3(a) of these Bylaws to regain recognition in the Board of Governors.

Title 9. Organizational Rights

- Section 1.** A student organization shall be recognized as a self-governing body subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, and regulations of the Student Bar Association. However, any student organizations shall have the unalienable right to:
- a) create, establish, amend, alter, and abolish its own governing documents;
 - b) determine the rights, duties, and obligations of its own members;
 - c) elect any student of OCU the School of Law as an officer pursuant to its own governing documents, given that the student is not a first-year law student;
 - d) determine the length of terms of its officers;

- e) determine the place and manner of its internal elections;
- f) impeach its own officers for good cause if provided for pursuant to its own governing documents;
- g) submit requests for SBA funding, subject to the SBA Budget Guidelines;
- h) submit a written request to the SBA President for any information pertaining to their organization or information from any meeting of the SBA Board of Governors;
 - 1) the SBA President shall respond within two weeks of receipt of the request.
- i) propose and support any amendment to the SBA Constitution or Bylaws, subject to the limitations of the SBA Constitution and Bylaws;
- j) freely assemble; and
- k) respectfully interact with other student organizations.

Section 2. Voluntary Inactive Status

- a) “Inactive Status” is a state of recognition in the Board of Governors where conditions of Title 8 of these Bylaws do not apply, provided that the organization is prohibited from voting in Board of Governors meetings and submitting requests for SBA funding.
- b) “Active Status” is a state of recognition where the organization is not on Inactive Status and shall be subject to Title 8 of these Bylaws.
- c) A student organization has the right to decide for itself, pursuant to its own governing documents, to voluntarily enter Inactive Status. No student organization shall enter Inactive Status involuntarily.
 - 1) The organization shall submit a written intent to enter Inactive Status to the SBA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall notify the organization

within one week that the organization has been designated as Inactive Status.

- 2) The organization may reenter Active Status in the following semester in the method described in Title 1, Section 3(b) of these Bylaws.
- 3) Where an organization remains in Inactive Status for more than two complete semesters, it shall lose recognition in the Board of Governors and be subject to Title 1, Section 3(a) of these Bylaws to again obtain recognition.
- 4) Within one semester of being designated as Inactive Status, the organization may:
 - i) allocate, gift, or loan any non-monetary resources to other organizations as it sees fit; and
 - ii) not access or transfer monies in its account or possession unless to transfer the balance to the SBA operating fund.
- 5) After one complete semester of being designated as Inactive Status or upon loss of recognition, remaining contents of any organization's locker shall be seized or removed by the SBA Executive Committee.

Section 3. School Account Following Loss of Recognition

- a) The SBA Executive Committee shall post notice to any organization upon loss of recognition of that organization within two weeks of such loss.
- b) Student Organizations
 - 1) Where a student organization has not been recognized for three years, the SBA Executive Committee may seize the balance of the organization's account.
 - 2) Where the organization attains recognition in the Board of Governors within three years of the seizure, it may make demand to the SBA Treasurer to return the balance

to the organization. The SBA Treasurer shall notify the Executive Committee, which may deny the demand. If the demand is denied, the organization shall be entitled to petition to the Board of Governors to override the SBA Executive Committee. A vote of two-thirds majority is required to override the Committee's decision. This subsection shall not be construed to empower a general override power of the Board of Governors.

c) Student Class

- 1) Upon the beginning of the Fall semester after the graduation of a Student Class, the SBA Executive Committee may seize the balance of the Student Class's account.

- d) The SBA Treasurer shall maintain a record of the balance of the account seized for at least three years after seizure.

Section 4. Interpretation and other Regulations

- a) The enumeration of rights in this Title shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the student organizations.
- b) Nothing in this Title shall be construed in a manner which allows any organization to violate the School of Law's Civil Rights Act Title IX policy, official school policy, an order or policy put in place by a Dean, and any state, local, or tribal law.