

Section 18

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

18.1 Functions of the USG

The USG is the highest student governing body in DLSU-D. It has the following functions:

- 18.1.1** It is the official representative of the students of DLSU-D in all activities held within and outside the University.
- 18.1.2** It serves as a mediator between the student body and any sector of the Lasallian community in resolving student-related disputes/differences in lieu of "where there are cases of differences".
- 18.1.3** It is an active agent in promoting national awareness and consciousness among the students of the University.
- 18.1.4** It believes that CSG, HF, CSO, PAG, SCE, collegiate and/or departmental organizations and publications, and other recognized student groups are significant partners in serving, empowering, and protecting the rights of the students.
- 18.1.5** It fosters an atmosphere where critical thinking prevails.
- 18.1.6** It enjoins the students to act as one in advancing their rights and welfare.
- 18.1.7** It regularly conducts consultation with students to properly guide their sentiments.

18.2 Composition of the USG

The USG is composed of the executive and legislative boards, each with distinct functions and membership.

- 18.2.1** The executive board is composed of eight (8) members, namely: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, auditor, business manager, and two (2) public relations officers. These members shall be elected at large by *bona fide* students of DLSU-D.
- 18.2.2** The legislative board is composed of seven (7) members representing the presidents of the seven (7) college student councils. These members shall be elected by *bona fide* students of their respective college.
- 18.2.3** The term of office of all USG officers shall commence on the first day of July and end on the last day of June of the following year. All qualified officers are entitled for reelection.

18.3 College Student Government

- 18.3.1** The CSG is the student government in every college. It is composed of 8 members, namely: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, auditor, business manager, and 2 public relations officers.
- 18.3.1** CSG is officially represented in USG by its president. The CSG president serves as a member of the impeachment committee of USG officers and that of CSG officers.

18.4 Qualifications of USG and CSG officers

Aspiring USG and CSG officers must meet the following qualifications:

- 18.4.1** *bona fide* student of the University
- 18.4.2** carry a minimum load of 15 units. If the load for the semester is lower than 15 units, an appeal may be made to the SCE, certified by the college dean.
- 18.4.3** Have had at least one-year residency in the University upon assumption of office
- 18.4.4** not have been found guilty of any major offense
- 18.4.5** must not have a failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled during the semester immediately preceding the election.

18.5 Disqualification of USG and CSG officers

The following grounds disqualify a USG and CSG officer:

- 18.5.1** a failing grade in any subject enrolled during the semester before his term
- 18.5.2** a failing grade during his term of office
- 18.5.3** commission of a major offense
- 18.5.4** failure to enroll during his term
- 18.5.5** permanent physiological/psychological incapacity