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A University-Wide Special Order to Place a Constitutional Amendment on the
Spring Election Ballot

Introduced by: Senator Lakhani
Sponsor(s): President Gray
Date Introduced: 02/08/18

WHEREAS, the Student Judicial Board needs to move their operational details from the Constitution to the
bylaws,

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT
Section 1: The following constitutional amendment be placed on the Spring Election Ballot.

Section 2: In order for the Judicial Branch of SGA to be able to adjust their operating practices in a timely
manner without a university-wide referendum, a YES vote will allow Article 7 of the Constitution, “Judicial
Branch” to be amended by removing sections 7.1 – 7.4 and relocating them to the SGA Bylaws.

Section 3: The language in Article 7 will remain as ratified previously and provided below.

Article 7 – Judicial Branch
The authority of the judicial branch of the SGA shall be vested in the Student Judicial Board,
hereinafter referred to as the SJB. The SJB will adhere to confidentiality as it pertains to the
Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regarding all student conduct matters. All
procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the student conduct process and operation
of the SJB which are not contained directly herein shall be incorporated in the SJB Bylaws,
Student Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct (the Code) and other University policies.

Section 4: If the above constitutional amendment passes, the of sections 7.1 – 7.4 will be added to the
bylaws with a new “Title III – The Judicial Branch” that will be added and the current “Title III – Attendance
Policy” will become “Title IV and all subsequent titles will be renumbered accordingly” and
as follows:

Title III – The Judicial Branch
Article 1: Composition
A. Atlanta Campus:
a. The SJB shall consist of one Chief Justice, two Associate Chief Justices, nine Student Justices and three
Alternate Student Justices.
b. The hearing panel shall consist of no less than three Justices.
c. The SJB Executive Board shall consist of the Chief Justice, two Associate Chief Justices and the
Board’s Advisor.
d. A selection Committee, composed of the SJB, shall screen applicants who are seeking membership to
the SJB.

B. Perimeter College Campuses:
a. The SJB on each campus shall consist of one Chief Justice, two Associate Chief Justices and two
Alternate Student Justices. b. A selection Committee, composed of the SJB and the Assistant Dean of
Students/Designee/Board Advisor (per respective campus), shall screen applicants who are seeking
membership to SJB. Section

Article 2: Eligibility and Terms of Service
A. To be eligible to serve as a Justice on the Atlanta Campus, a student must:
a. Have completed thirty semester hours to be eligible for appointment and once in office shall serve
until they graduate, unless they resign or are removed.
b. Be enrolled with a minimum of six credits as an undergraduate or three credits as a graduate
student during fall and spring semesters.
c. Must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

B. To be eligible to serve as a Justice on the Perimeter College Campuses, a student must:
a. Be currently enrolled at the Perimeter College Campus of appointment.
b. Have completed a minimum of twelve credit hours.
c. Must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (inclusive of Learning Support Courses).

C. Members must have good standing, academically and judicially, with the University.

D. In upholding checks and balances within the organization, no student may hold office concurrently
on the SJB and any other branch of the SGA.

Article 3: Authority and Responsibility of the SJB
A. The SJB shall have the responsibility of reviewing all violations of the Code when selected by the
referred student, student organization, or student fee-funded organization.

B. The SJB shall provide a fair, supportive, and timely hearing process to address instances of alleged
violations of University rules and policies.

C. The SJB shall recommend solutions to the Dean of Students in case of disputes between student
organizations.

D. The SJB shall recommend solutions to the Dean of Students in case of disputes between a student
fee-funded organization and students who are not members of said organization.
E. The SJB shall hold regular Board and Committee meetings.

F. The SJB shall review and make decisions on all referred campus parking appeals.

G. The SJB shall adopt appropriate rules and procedures for the hearing of cases within its jurisdiction, including rules respecting pleadings, hearing procedures and the rights of parties and witnesses.

H. The SJB shall educate and inform the student body of the Code as well as their rights and responsibilities as university students.

I. The SJB shall have the authority to interpret the meaning and intent of this Constitution, its Amendments and the Bylaws of the SGA.

J. The SJB Bylaws Committee shall hear all appeals of Election Commission decisions and to affirm or reverse such decisions. Section 4:

Article 4: Chief Justice, Associate Chief Justices, and Student Justices

A. Chief Justice:

a. The Chief Justice shall have the ability to remain on the Student Judicial Board as a justice following the expiration of their term as Chief Justice.

b. A Chief Justice may serve more than one term.

c. The Chief Justice shall serve as spokesperson for the SJB on their respective campuses.

d. The Chief Justice shall organize regular meetings of the SJB members on their respective campuses.

e. The Chief Justice shall organize campus wide recruiting process for new SJB members on their respective campuses.

f. The Chief Justice (Atlanta Campus) shall appoint an Executive Board.

g. The Chief Justice shall communicate with the Dean of Students in matters of student conduct concerns.

h. The Chief Justice (Atlanta Campus) shall preside over the impeachment hearings of the SGA Senate. i.

The Chief Justice(s) shall serve as an ex-officio member(s) of the Campus Executive Council.

j. The Chief Justice (Perimeter College Campuses) shall preside over judicial hearings as related to student conduct and traffic violations on their respective campuses.

k. The Chief Justice (Perimeter College Campuses) shall work a minimum of three office hours per week.

B. Associate Chief Justices:

a. An Associate Chief Justice may serve more than one term.

b. Associate Chief Justices shall organize and operate regular meetings of the SJB members in the absence of the Chief Justice.

c. The Associate Chief Justice shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.
d. The Associate Chief Justice shall serve on SJB and other committees as designated by the Chief Justice.

e. The Associate Chief Justices (Perimeter College Campuses) shall work a minimum of two office hours per week.

C. Student Justices:
a. Student Justices shall arrange their schedule to assure attendance of mandatory board meetings, committee meetings, and all scheduled hearing proceedings.
b. Student Justices shall be familiar with the resources required to perform position duties (i.e. Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, SGA Constitution, etc.).
c. Student Justices shall ensure a fair and impartial deliberation on cases presented at the hearing.
d. Student Justices shall serve on the SJB until they graduate, unless they resign or are removed.
e. Student Justices must provide a written two-week notice of resignation from the SJB to the Chief Justice and the SJB Advisor on their campus.

Article 5: Chief and Student Justice Reductions and Removal from Position:
a. Failure to adequately meet and fulfill position responsibilities may result in removal from position.
b. Any Student Justice may be removed from a position through an impeachment process as defined by the SJB Bylaws.
c. Any Student Justice may resign from a position according to the process defined by the SJB Bylaws.

Section 5: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

VOTE for _20_ against _0_ abstentions _1_

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature [Signature] Date 02/14/18