



Constitution

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ARTICLE I: Name

The organization shall be known as the Student Government Association of the College of Coastal Georgia, hereafter referred to as SGA.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The Student Government Association of the College of Coastal Georgia has been formed under this constitution for the following purposes:

1. To ensure democratic representation and governance
2. To act as the voice for student concerns through service on college committees
3. To disseminate valuable information to the College of Coastal Georgia students
4. To assist in the allocation and approval of student activity funds
5. To promote campus pride and spirit on campus and in the local communities around the college

ARTICLE III: Membership

All students registered at the College of Coastal Georgia are members of the Student Government Association. They are entitled to vote in special and general elections of the Student Government Association of the College of Coastal Georgia as outlined in the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association and are subject to this constitution.

No organization may restrict membership based on characteristics of a student, which are intrinsic to the identity of that student, and are not essential to the potential value of that student as a member of that organization and the College of Coastal Georgia community at large. The College of Coastal Georgia prohibits discrimination and harassment against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status. Discrimination or harassment against faculty, staff or students will not be tolerated at the College of Coastal Georgia.

All members, including new members and recruits, reserve the right to refrain from participating in any activities based on personal/religious beliefs, personal values, or moral reserve as defined by the member. All interaction/activity between members and/or new members will be limited to guidelines stated in college policy, as well as local, state, and federal laws.



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ARTICLE IV: Officers

The elected officers of the Student Government Association shall be a President, Vice President, and Treasurer elected in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association. The President shall appoint a slate of officers to assist in carrying out the duties of the organization. The officers will be installed in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association. The elected and appointed officers shall serve as the Executive Cabinet for the Student Government Association. Members of the Executive Cabinet must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, must meet requirements for satisfactory academic progress (SAP), and must not be on academic or judicial probation.

ARTICLE V: Senate

The Senate shall be elected in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association. Senate membership shall include representation of a student's classification, housing status, degree, and class standing. The Senators will be installed in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association. Members of the Senate must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, must meet requirements for satisfactory academic progress (SAP), and must not be on academic or judicial probation.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

The Executive Cabinet and the Senate shall meet regularly during the academic year or as deemed necessary by the President. The Executive Cabinet and the Senate meetings will include other meetings called by the President that are not regularly scheduled. The Executive Cabinet and Senate meetings shall be open to the public but may be called into Executive Session by a 2/3 majority vote of the body.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

The Committees of the Student Government Association are formed by elected members of the Senate, appointed members of the Executive Cabinet, members of the faculty and staff, and members of the student body at large as needed. Members of these committees will be appointed and removed if necessary, according to the Student Government Association's By-Laws and Operating Manual.

ARTICLE VIII: Finances

All organizational funds shall be handled exclusively through the Business Office and the Office of Student Affairs. The SGA will not have an off-campus account. Payment of dues is not a necessary condition for membership of the SGA. Additionally, in recognition of receiving funds from the Student Activity Fee budget, the Student Government Association will participate as an organization in at least one (1) community service event per semester.



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ARTICLE IX: Procedure

All meetings of the Student Government Association will be conducted in the spirit of the accepted parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE X: Advisor(s)

The advisor(s) to the Student Government Association shall be a full-time faculty or staff member at the College of Coastal Georgia. The advisor(s) shall be appointed by the President of the College or his/her designee. The Student Government Association may petition the College President in the event the organization wishes the President to appoint a new advisor(s).

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended with approval of the SGA Senate and by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all students who cast a vote during an election conducted in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Manual of the Student Government Association. Amendments are subject to the approval of the Student Affairs Council.

ARTICLE XII: By-Laws

By-Laws may be prescribed consistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE XIII: Policies and Procedures Manual

A Policies and Procedures Manual may be prescribed consistent with this constitution and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV: Ratification

This constitution shall take effect immediately upon the approval of the Student Affairs Council of the College of Coastal Georgia and ratification by the President of the College of Coastal Georgia.

ARTICLE XV: Scope

By law, the University System of Georgia is the governing body of the College of Coastal Georgia, and this constitution in no way abrogates or limits the system in matters of governance.