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**PREAMBLE**

SECTION 1: We, the students of Southern Utah University (or SUU), to create a fair and representative student government, do hereby establish this constitution (herein "Constitution") for the Southern Utah University Student Association (or SUUSA) (see Article I for the definition of SUUSA).

SECTION 2: The purpose of Student Government inside SUUSA (See Article II Section 1 for definition) is to:

- A. Represent the student body in the decision-making and policy-development processes as prescribed in University policy;
- B. Voice student concerns to SUU Administration;
- C. Promote unity within SUUSA;
- D. Review and make recommendations concerning student fees;
- E. Support student involvement and activities;
- F. Promote quality education in all aspects of stud (t)--2 (s 22c) students.

**ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP**

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the authority to act in any official capacity until the Student Senate has approved the appointment and the officer has taken the Oath of Office.

SECTION 7: The Oath of Office for all SUUSA Student Government officers must be administered by the Chief Justice. The Oath of Office is administered at an inaugural event that must take place no later than the last day of the spring semester. The Oath of Office will first be administered to all elected SUUSA officers. The newly sworn-in Student Senate will then

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B. Preside over the Student Life Enhancement Committee;

1. Train Student Life Enhancement Committee members;

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- E. Assume additional duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Student Body President, Executive Council, and Student Senate; and
- F. Assume the office of Student Bo4ent6 -1.11r(F.)Tj /TT2 1 Tf 0 Tc 0 Tw 0.8l6 St , Ent6 -1.11r(F.)
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1. If the office of Student Body President is vacated, the Vice President of Academics shall assume the office of Student Body President and the remaining Executive Council shall recommend a new Vice President of Academics according to the requirements of the position. This recommendation shall be made by the Executive Council to the Student Body President. The Student Body President shall have the final authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the Executive Council. The Student Body President shall have the final authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the Executive Council.



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- C. Coordinate with the Deans Council to set and achieve goals; and
- D. Ensure that Senators are properly representing their constituents.

SECTION 4: Special Interest Representatives shall be appointed by the Interest Group they represent and ratified by the Executive Council. Each Representative shall also serve on one (1) of three (3) SUUSA Committees as appointed by the Executive Council.

SECTION 5: The Student Senate shall meet once a week during the fall and spring semesters and as prescribed by the Student Body President. All voting must be conducted within this allotted time period.

SECTION 6: The Student Senate is to:

- A. Commit to at least one Senate meeting a week as prescribed by the Student Body President as well as one meeting a week within their appointed Committees;
- B. Vet, review, and discuss all bills sent by the three (3) Committees and Academic Senate. Once the review process is over the Student Senate shall vote to ratify or reject the reviewed bill. If a bill does not meet the requisite votes from the Student Senate it is sent back to the Committees for revision.
- C. Approve all implemented policies and procedures for the fair and orderly use of identified student space, equipment, and resources within SUUSA jurisdiction.
- D. Ratify all SUUSA budgets at the beginning of each fall semester for the next academic year.
- E. Approve funding requests from SUUSA student clubs and organizations that are above \$200.
- F. All funding requests from non-registered student groups or individuals must be brought to the Student Senate.
- G. Ratify all appointed Executive Council members in the event of a vacancy.
- H. Participate in campus-wide committees, as needed.

SECTION 7: In order for the Student Senate to have quorum, they must have two-thirds ( ) of the standing Student Senate present during the scheduled weekly meeting. If the Student Senate

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does not obtain quorum, they will be unable to vote on any bills. In special circumstances, the Student Senate may utilize an online vote/conference to conduct business. Votes for the Student Senate meetings may not be submitted via proxy.

SECTION 8: During the Student Senate meetings each bill will be read by an appointed representative of the committee sponsoring the bill. A bill must have two-thirds ( ) majority vote in order to pass. When passed, a bill shall have all the privileges and authority written within its presented format.

SECTION 9: The Assistant to the Senate will take role during all Student Senate meetings, and will notify all organizations and advisors of any absences. The Chief Justice shall serve as Parliamentarian of the Student Senate.

SECTION 10: The Student Body President can veto any approved bill according to Article X.

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**ARTICLE VI: SPECIAL INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES**

SECTION 1: The Special Interest Representatives are comprised of seven (7) students appointed from designated Student Organizations to be a member of the Student Senate for the academic year. Each representative will be a voting member of the Student Senate.

SECTION 2: The Executive Council will select the designated Student Organizations and number of representatives. The selected Student Organization shall then choose a representative(s). All Representatives



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- C. Serve on either the Clubs and Organizations Committee or the Budget and

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SECTION 2: The Student Body President has the authority to veto any bill, resolution, budget



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- f. All votes will be collected and the presiding officer will announce the result of the vote. Only a vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the votes cast in the Student Senate hearing will result in the removal of the impeached officer.
- 8. All proceedings of the Student Senate's removal hearings are confidential. Only the Student Senate's decision will be made public.
- B. Official Notice of the Student Senate's Decision
  - 1. The presiding officer shall draft a letter and provide a copy of the hearing minutes to the impeached officer regardless of the outcome.
  - 2. When the Student Senate's decision results in removal, the letter will also include notice of an opportunity to appeal.

**SECTION 4: The Appeal Process**

- A. An impeached and removed officer of SUUSA may appeal the Senate's decision to the Dean of Students. Appeals must be filed within one week of the Student Senate's decision.
- B. The impeached and removed officer may only appeal the Student Senate's decision to the Dean of Students.

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SECTION 7:



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SECTION 3: The entire SUUSA Constitution shall undergo an official review by the officers of SUUSA every three (3) years following its ratification. During a review year:

- A. The Student Body President shall appoint a committee of four (4) members from the Student Senate: two (2) from the previous Student Senate and two (2) from the