

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title:

Great Basin College Student Government Association
Explanation of Constitution Changes
for
February 7-8, 2008 Board of Regents Meeting

Highlighted = Changes

Strike Through = Omit

Brackets = Addition

Preamble – Sentence Structure

Article III (A)(1) – Omitted. Duplicate, stated in Article III (A)(7), changed wording

Article III (A)(5) – Changed - 2.5 GPA requirement either cumulative or semester NOT semester only

Article III (A)(11) – Omitted. Moved to Article VII (E)

Article III (B)(1)(e) – Omitted. Duplicate, stated in Article III (A)(8)

Article III (B)(2)(b) – Addition - Further clarified duties of Vice President

Article III (B)(2)(c) – Omitted. Duplicate, stated in Article III (A)(8)

Article III (B)(3)(c)

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

5. The Student Advocate will provide leadership training and guidance.
6. The Student Advocate will appoint and chair an election committee.

Article IV
SGA Elections/Voting Procedures

A. Election Committee

1. The Election Committee will be formed two (2) weeks prior to elections and will be appointed by the Student Advocate. Elections for officers will be held the last week of April. Elections may be held the third week of the fall semester for open senate positions.
2. The Student Advocate and Election Committee will adhere to election rules as stated in the SGA Bylaws.
3. The committee will consist of no more than seven people, including at least one faculty, staff, or administrator of GBC, to be chosen by the current Student Advocate.
- 4.

1. SGA Officers shall be subject to impeachment and removal by the SGA on the grounds of malfeasance wrong doing or misconduct.
2. SGA Officers shall be subject to impeachment and removal by the SGA on the grounds of misfeasance the doing of a lawful act in an unlawful or improper manner, so that there is an infringement on the rights of another or others.
3. SGA Officers shall be subject to impeachment and removal by the SGA on the grounds of nonfeasance, failure to do what duty requires to be done.
4. Any member of the SGA or the Student Body may bring impeachment charges against any Officer or Senator. [The charges shall be leveled during Public Comment at a regularly scheduled SGA meeting.] At the time the charges are leveled, the SGA shall hear the charges, and then allow the officer involved six days to respond to such charges, either in person or writing. The SGA shall then determine, by a majority vote with a quorum present, whether there is just cause to initiate impeachment procedures. If so, the Impeachment Committee shall be immediately activated.

B. Impeachment Committee Structure:

1. The Impeachment Committee shall be composed of all SGA officers and the Vice President for Student Services, who will chair the meeting to maintain order.
2. The Impeachment Committee shall be permitted a maximum of fourteen (14) days to initiate a committee meeting and make a decision. During this committee meeting each side will be permitted 15 minutes to present their case. The chair will call for discussion, and then call for a vote by the SGA officers.
3. Sustainment of impeachment by the Impeachment Committee shall cause impeached SGA members to be immediately removed from office and barred from holding further GBC SGA offices for four years.

**Article VII
Procedures of the SGA**

- A. A quorum must be present in order for the SGA to conduct official business. A quorum will be 51% of the SGA Officers.
- B. Any action of the SGA concerning expenditures of funds requires a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
- C. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held each week when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters. ~~Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by a petition of 10 percent of the student body.~~
- D. SGA will meet at least once a month during the summer session.
- E. [All SGA meetings are mandatory for all Officers. Three unexcused absences may result in the removal of office by a vote of the SGA with quorum present at the next regularly scheduled meeting.]
- F. SGA meetings shall be conducted under the procedural rules of Robert's Rules of Order.
- G. SGA officers will adhere to SGA Bylaws. SGA Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote with quorum present.

Article VIII
Finance

- A. The students of Great Basin College hereby grant their representative body, the SGA, the power to enact policies and/or procedures necessary to finance social, education, and recreation programs for the students.
- B. All monies transferred by the Board of Regents to the SGA will be administered by the SGA, in accordance with all the policies and fiscal management procedures established by the Board of Regents and state law and applicable to all units within the NSHE System.
 - 1. The executive board shall develop the SGA budget.
 - 2. The budget should be developed by the beginning of the fiscal year and approved by majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
 - 3. The budget will be submitted to the GBC controller's office for joint review for budget accuracy.

Article IX
Student Organization

- A. The term "student organization" shall apply to all organized groups, which conform to the qualifications of the SGA and meets with its approval and thereby qualify as "on campus organization." Members in these organizations shall be open to all eligible registered students.
- B. Only those organizations shall be recognized which have as a purpose one or more of the following:
 - 1. To increase and stimulate the student's knowledge and interest in his/her curricular field.
 - 2. To promote a feeling of fellowship among students with similar interests.
 - 3. To sponsor educational and recreational activities.
 - 4. To instill in the minds of the student body a feeling of unity and loyalty toward the college.
- C. To be recognized, all organizations must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Identify a GBC faculty or GBC staff member as an advisor for your organization.

Campus.] The SGA shall act on the form and Bylaws after receiving them. Once approved by a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present, the organization retains their approval unless revoked.

~~E. The SGA with a majority vote and quorum present may revoke approval of any organization, which fails to maintain the requirements listed in Section III on this Article and all SGA Bylaws.~~

Article X Amendments

- A. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the SGA with quorum present, followed by a majority vote of the students in an election, presentation to the Administrative Council, and approval of the Board of Regents.
- B. An amendment may be proposed by:
 - 1. Any member of the Student body, with a petition signed by at least ten percent of the students of the Association, as based on enrollment figures obtained from the Vice President for Student Services.
 - 2. An amendment may be proposed by any member of the SGA.
- C. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the SGA no later than the next regular election following the filing of the petitions, and all proposed amendments shall be made public at least ten (10) business days prior to elections.

Article XI Enabling Clause

- A. This Constitution shall be in effect when it has been approved by the SGA, a majority vote of the students voting, reviewed and approved by the NSHE General Counsel and the Board of Regents.
- B. In the event of an amendment to the constitution, students in office shall remain in office until their term expires.