

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

{Preamble}

An appreciation of the active involvement in the democratic process is a vital part of higher education. Education, which excludes training and the opportunity in the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, is an incomplete education. At Great Basin College, we emphasize the importance of academic excellence and the total involvement of every student in the process of self-government.

The Student Government Association of Great Basin College, in exercising authority granted by this constitution, shall conform to rules, regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If any of the provisions of this constitution are deemed to be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations and policies of the Board of Regents, or applicable statutes of the State of Nevada, those rules, regulations, policies, and statutes shall control. The Board of Regents reserves the right to repeal, modify, or otherwise amend any provision of the constitution as is deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Regents to be in the best interests of the ~~University and Community College System of Nevada.~~ {Nevada System of Higher Education}

Article I

Name {and Purpose}

{Section 1.} The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Great Basin College and it may be known as the Student Government Association (SGA).

{Section 2. The purpose of the SGA shall be to function as the representative body for all students to:

- a. Make recommendations concerning student welfare to those persons responsible for the administration of college policies.
- b. Enact policies and/or procedures concerning students. Such policies and/or procedures should be consistent with rules, regulation and policies adopted by the Board of Regents.
- c. Provide leadership for all SGA meetings of the student body.
- d. Assist the in directing and coordinating student activities.
- e. Support SGA sanctioned student organizations.
- f. Encourage cooperation between students, staff, and faculty.



~~to the Student Advocate to check his or her GPA to confirm the student has maintained a 2.0 GPA. This student must also consent in writing to such review at the end of each semester. A GPA lower than a 2.0 will disqualify the candidate from participating in elections.~~

6. To be eligible to hold the office of President, or Vice-President, the student must maintain at least twelve (12)

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3. Secretary

- a. The Secretary will record {and} prepare {the SGA minutes and will then ensure that they are posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law,} ~~and post minutes of all SGA Meetings in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.~~
- b.

- a. The Student Advocate will be a pr

~~11. Each Senator will receive regular reports from SGA representatives to campus committees.~~

~~12. Senators will serve a minimum of three (3) office hours per week.~~

D. {C. Duties of Student Advocate

a. (1) The Student Advocate will be a professional position attached to the Office of Student Services.

h. (2) The Student Advocate will make recommendations to the SGA concerning

4. No member of the committee will be eligible to run for any SGA position.
5. The responsibility of the Election Committee will be to oversee election procedure and enforce rules pertaining to elections.

B. Infractions Committee

1. An Infractions Committee will be formed prior to elections by the Student Advocate consisting of three faculty ~~or staff~~ members and two students not seeking a SGA office.
2. The committee will be responsible for investigations and determining the course of action to be taken in the event of violations of ~~all~~ {any} elections rule as determined by the Election Committee during or after an election.

~~C.~~ All potential candidates will abide by {all election} rules ~~constructed by the Election Committee~~ {stated in the SGA Bylaws}. These rules will be distributed to each candidate and each candidate will sign the rules, indicating that they understand them. ~~In addition to the rules, candidates will be responsible for the following:~~

- ~~1. Mandatory attendance at no less than two (2) SGA meetings prior to the election date.~~
- ~~2. Must meet all GPA requirements as found in Article III. A. 5. and 6.~~
- ~~3. Must prepare and present a speech in forum type setting prior to the elections.~~
- ~~4. Must be enrolled as a student as outlined in Article II. A.~~
- ~~5. Candidates for President or Vice-President positions must have completed thirty (30) GBC credit hours or previously held the position of Senator or other executive office for the term of one (1) academic year. Previous credit hours are not required for candidates of the Senator position or other executive positions.~~

~~D.~~ All campaign materials, banners, signs, posters, etc. must be approved by the Student Advocate or Campus Director.

E. (C.) Locked/secure boxes and/or voting booths will be used to secure all votes.

F. (D.) Voting Procedures {will be followed as stated in the SGA Bylaws}.

- ~~1. Times will be allocated to ensure all students receive ample time to cast their vote(s). As most classes are held during the week, times will be for one week: Monday-Thursday, according to campus hours.~~
- ~~2. SGA Officers, Senators, Election Committee, and appointed persons will work shifts to keep the voting booths open. Candidates are not to work booths.~~



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G. (F.) ~~Scholarship~~ Payment for Officers and/or Senators serving during the summer term shall be \$100.00.

G. {Officers impeached or removed from office will not be entitled to payment.}

## Article VI

### Impeachment and Removal of the

majority vote with a quorum present, whether there is just cause to initiate

- a. ~~Promote desirable college public relations.~~
- b. ~~Develop institutional morale.~~
- c. ~~Encourage cooperation between students, staff, and faculty.~~
- d. ~~Welcome and assist campus visitors in conjunction with other student organizations.~~
- e. ~~Assist with any all college activity, when requested.~~

Article VIII  
Procedures of the SGA

- A. A quorum must be present in order for the SGA to conduct official business. A quorum will be ~~majority of senators and two (2) Executive Officers~~ {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. ~~The Student Advocate, or Campus Director, or his/her Student Services/Faculty Senate appointed representatives, shall serve as an advisor to the SGA.~~
- D. (C.) Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held each week when ~~school is~~ {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.
- E. (D.) {SGA will meet at least once a month during the summer session. }
- F. ~~The privilege of the floor at meetings of the SGA shall be granted to any faculty member, administrative officer of the college, student organization representative, member of the Student body, or visitors upon proper request.~~
- G. (E.) SGA meetings shall be conducted under the procedural rules of Robert's Rules of Order.
- H. (F.) {SGA officers will adhere to SGA Bylaws. SGA Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote with quorum present. }

## Article IX

### 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 UCCSN {NSHE} System.
1. The executive board shall develop the SGA budget.
  2. The budget shall {should} be developed by the first week {beginning} of the fall semester {fiscal year} and approved by majority vote of the SGA with quorum present ~~one week after fall senator elections. See election procedures in Article IV for monthly dates.~~
  3. The budget, ~~upon approval of the SGA,~~ will be submitted to the Great Basin College President and the Vice President for Student Services, for their approval {GBC controller's office for joint review for budget accuracy.}
  4. ~~Any over expenditures in the approved budget must be approved by a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present and approval by the Great Basin College President and Vice President of Student Services.~~
  5. ~~The Budget committee shall allocate funds into the following major divisions: SGA related projects and activities, student activities and contingencies and investments.~~
    - a. ~~Investments of the \$15,000.00 Barnes and Noble gift shall remain in an endowment account for the period of twenty (20) years (to end in 2019.)~~
    - b. ~~Interest gained on the endowment is to be spent on two annual SGA scholarships of at least half the interest not to exceed the total amount of \$800, with funds in excess of the \$800.00 to be put back into the principle.~~
    - c. ~~Changes on any of the investment accounts can be made by 2/3 of a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.~~

## Article X

### Student Organization

A. The term “student organization” shall appl

8. (6.) A student organization shall, when requesting money for an all-college activity, present to the SGA all information regarding the activity for which approval is requested at least two (2) ~~weeks~~ {SGA meetings} prior to the activity.
  9. (7.) The SGA may extend approval to temporary groups or committees, as it deems necessary.
  10. (8.) Funds per academic year may be given to each recognized club on an as-needed basis. Funds may be approved only by a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
- D. A student organization must file a ~~petition~~ {new club/organization form} along with a written ~~constitution~~ {Bylaws} stating the guidelines of their organization for approval with the SGA. The SGA shall act on the ~~petition and constitution~~ {form and bylaws} ~~within fourteen days~~ 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 }
- ~~F. A student organization shall, when making plans for an all-college activity, present to the SGA all information regarding the activity, at the SGA meeting at least two weeks prior to the activity.~~

## Article XI 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.
- D.

Article XII  
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. ~~Students in office at that time shall remain in office until their term expires.~~ {In the event of an amendment to the constitution, students in office shall remain in office until their term expires.}