

# The Constitution of the Trinity College Student Government Association

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## Preamble

We, the students of Trinity College, to officially represent the voice and concerns of the Student Body; to develop democratic ideals; to promote the academic, cultural, and social welfare of the entire Student Body; to develop responsible student participation in the College's governance and activities; to maintain high standards of cooperation, loyalty, and school spirit, and to teach respect for law and order, ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Government Association of Trinity College.

## Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the 'Trinity College Student Government Association', hereafter referred to as the 'SGA'.

## Article II: Purpose

Section 1. The SGA shall be the official representative voice of the Student Body to the entire Trinity College community.

Section 2. The SGA shall promote communication among the Student Body, administration, faculty, staff, and other members of the Trinity College community.

Section 3. The SGA shall provide an open forum for the Student Body to express their views.

Section 4. The SGA shall act upon the views of the Student Body in an appropriate manner, as determined by the SGA.

Section 5. All members of the SGA shall ensure all procedures as outlined by this constitution are properly followed.

Section 6. All members of the SGA shall communicate regularly with the student body through email, townhall, social media, and attending events hosted by SGA Approved organizations.

Section 7. The business and events of the SGA shall be open on a non-discriminatory basis to members of the Trinity College community. As such, the SGA does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity and expression, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, physical characteristics, or socioeconomic status. To promote and provide for a diverse and inclusive community, this nondiscriminatory clause shall be binding throughout this constitution.

## Article III: Structure and Membership

- Section 1. The SGA shall consist of the Executive Board, Senate, Class Councils, Liaisons, Communications Committee, Budget Committee, Multicultural Affairs Council, Programming Board (“Barnyard”), Student Life Committee, Sustainability Committee, Organizational Oversight Committee, Food Committee, and various ad hoc committees as deemed necessary by the SGA.
- Section 2. All students of Trinity College in good academic and disciplinary standing shall be eligible for membership in the SGA. Special requirements may apply for specific positions, as outlined in this constitution.

## Article IV: The Executive Board

- Section 1. Purpose
- A. The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to oversee and direct the operations of the SGA.
  - B. The Executive Board shall meet weekly to fulfill its purposes, as outlined below.
- Section 2. Members
- A. The members of the Executive Board shall be the:
    - 1. President of the SGA, hereafter referred to as the President, who shall serve as an ex officio and non-voting member, except in the case of a tie
    - 2. Vice President
    - 3. Vice President of Finance
    - 4. Vice President of Communications
    - 5. Vice President of Multicultural Affairs Council
- Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities
- A. The President shall:
    - 1. Serve as the head of the SGA
    - 2. Be present at all Senate and Executive Board meetings
    - 3. Preside over all Senate and Executive Board meetings
    - 4. Maintain regular communication with the Student Body, Office of Student Activities, Involvement, & Leadership, College President, faculty, Dean of Students Office, and other members of the Trinity College community
    - 5. Convene emergency Senate and Executive Board meetings as deemed necessary
    - 6. Create ad hoc committees upon the Senate’s approval
    - 7. Oversee the Senate’s budget

8. Ensure collaboration within the Executive Board to complete projects and gather input
9. Nominate students to serve as representatives and liaisons on school-wide committees
10. Directly communicate with the Student Body via public messages, working with the Communications Committee to develop such messages
11. Submit a report to the Senate and the Vice President, for record-keeping, detailing what they have accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester
12. Conduct Executive Board Meetings at the beginning of each year to look over the notes of past SGA Meetings.

B. The Vice President shall:

1. Serve as the head of the SGA in the President's absence
2. Be present at all Senate and Executive Board meetings
3. Maintain regular communication with the Student Body, Office of Student Activities, Involvement, & Leadership (S.A.I.L.), College President, faculty, Dean of Students Office, and other members of the Trinity College community
4. Oversee the Senate's budget
5. Ensure collaboration within the Executive Board to complete projects and gather input
6. Oversee the ad hoc and standing committees of the SGA, including the Class Councils by providing them with necessary guidance and support to ensure the committees are well-equipped, working toward a vision, and functioning efficiently
7. Meet regularly with the Chairs to provide support and guidance
8. Submit a report to the Senate and the Vice President, for record-keeping, detailing what they have accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester
9. Take notes at all SGA Senate meetings and submit them promptly following the meeting to the President

C. The VP of Communications shall:

1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Communications Committee meetings
2. Serve as the head of the Communications Committee
3. Maintain regular communication with the Office of Communications and all other relevant members of the Trinity College community
4. Facilitate all meetings of the Communications Committee
5. Develop a course of action for the Committee, which shall contain the Committee's goals for the term
6. Delegate duties amongst all Committee members
7. Ensure all Committee members are equally active participants and fulfilling their designated responsibilities

8. Approve all communications materials for distribution
9. Update the Senate and Executive Board regarding the Communications Committee's activities
10. Use the SGA Social Media pages to promote SGA and SGA approved organizations.
11. Collaborate with other Chairs to complete projects and gather input
12. Submit a report to the Senate and the Vice President, for record-keeping, detailing what the Communications Committee has accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester

D. The VP of Finance shall:

1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Budget Committee meetings
2. Serve as the head of the Budget Committee
3. Maintain regular communication with Trinity College's Chief Financial Officer and all other relevant members of the Trinity College community
4. Facilitate all meetings of the Budget Committee
5. Develop a course of action for the Committee, which shall contain the Committee's goals for the term
6. Delegate duties amongst all Committee members
7. Ensure all Committee members are equally active participants and fulfilling their designated responsibilities
8. Update the Senate and Executive Board regarding the Budget Committee's activities
9. Collaborate with other Chairs to complete projects and gather input
10. Submit a report to the Senate and the Vice President, for record-keeping, detailing what the Budget Committee has accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester

E. The VP of Multicultural Affairs Council shall:

1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Multicultural Affairs Council meetings
2. Serve as the head of the Multicultural Affairs Council
3. Maintain regular communication with the Multicultural Affairs Office and all other relevant members of the Trinity College community
4. Facilitate all meetings of the Multicultural Affairs Council
5. Develop a course of action for the Council, which shall contain the Council's goals for the term
6. Delegate duties amongst all Council members
7. Ensure all Council members are equally active participants and fulfilling their designated responsibilities
8. Update the Senate and Executive Board regarding the Multicultural Affairs Council's activities
9. Collaborate with other Chairs to complete projects and gather input

## Article V: The Senate

### Section 1. Purpose

- A. The Senate shall meet weekly to fulfill its purposes, as outlined below
- B. The purpose of the Senate shall be to officially represent the interests of the Student Body to the greater Trinity College community and to act on those interests as the Senate deems appropriate, by:
  - 1. Representing the Student Body through the Senate's representatives
  - 2. Bringing resolutions and/or petitions before the administration, faculty, trustees, and other members of the Trinity College community
  - 3. Discussing and making recommendations to the College on matters pertaining to the Student Body
- C. The purpose of the Senate shall be to handle all legislative business pertaining to the SGA and the Student Body. This includes the power to:
  - 1. Recognize and derecognize student organizations
  - 2. Develop school-wide policies for the Student Body
  - 3. Create ad hoc committees, bylaws, SGA offices, or subsidiary groups by a simple majority vote as deemed necessary
  - 4. Approve minutes from and the agenda for all Senate meetings
  - 5. Consider and recommend the amount of the Student Activities Fee (SAF) to the administration, upon recommendation from the Budget Committee
  - 6. Approve the SGA's annual budget by a simple majority vote
  - 7. Hold student elections and fill position vacancies
  - 8. Take steps deemed necessary and proper for the Student Body's general welfare

### Section 2. Structure

- A. The members of the Senate shall be the:
  - 1. Executive Board
  - 2. Four (4) representatives from each undergraduate class
  - 3. President from each undergraduate class, who shall serve in the same capacity as a representative within the Senate
  - 4. Two (2) representatives from the Individualized Degree Program (IDP)
  - 5. Parliamentarian

### Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Each Class Representative, including each Class President and each shall:
  - 1. Be present at all Senate and Committee meetings, including Class Council meetings
  - 2. Serve on two (2) Committees

- a. Each representative, including Class Presidents, shall serve on each respective class' Council
    - b. The Committees Class Representatives, may sit on are the Academic Affairs Committee, Budget Committee, Communications Committee, Inter-Organizational Council, and Student Life Committee, and any other ad hoc committees created by the SGA
  - 3. Be active participants in all SGA meetings
  - 4. Represent their respective class' interests in all SGA meetings and matters
- B. Each Class President shall:
  - 1. Serve as a Class Representative in all Senate meetings
  - 2. Adhere to the same responsibilities for Class Representatives, as outlined above
  - 3. Facilitate Class Council meetings
  - 4. Oversee their respective Class Council's financial account.
  - 5. Develop a course of action, outlining their respective Class Council's goals
  - 6. Oversee the planning and execution of class-specific events
    - a. The Senior Class President is responsible for overseeing the planning and execution of Senior Snowball, and Senior Week activities
  - 7. Submit a report to the Senate for record-keeping, detailing what their Class Council has accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester
- C. Each representative of the Individualized Degree Program (IDP) shall:
  - 1. Serve as representatives for all IDP students in all Senate meetings
  - 2. Adhere to the same responsibilities for Class Representatives, as outlined above
  - 3. Serve on the Individualized Degree Program Council
- D. Parliamentarian
  - 1. The Parliamentarian will be elected internally by the senate, from its voting members
  - 2. The Parliamentarian shall Chair the Judicial Commision and serve as a voting member
  - 3. The Parliamentarian shall ensure that proper procedures and rules are observed during SGA Senate meetings by offering non binding opinions

## Article VI: Liaisons

- A. The Greek Affairs Liaison shall:
  - 1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Inter-Greek Council meetings
  - 2. Serve as the liaison between the SGA and Greek Life on-campus
  - 3. Collaborate with other Chairs to ensure collaboration between Greek Life and the SGA

4. Submit a report to the Senate and the Vice President, for record-keeping, detailing what the Greek Affairs Chair has accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester
- B. The Programming (Barnyard) Liaison shall:
1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Programming Board meetings
  2. Serve as the head of the Programming Board
  3. Maintain regular communication with the Office of Student Activities, Involvement, & Leadership, and all other relevant members of the Trinity College community
  4. Facilitate all meetings of the Programming Board
  5. Develop a course of action for the Board, which shall contain the Board's goals for the term
  6. Delegate duties amongst all Board members
  7. Ensure all Board members are equally active participants and fulfilling their designated responsibilities
  8. Update the Senate and Executive Board regarding the Programming Board's activities
  9. Collaborate with other Chairs to complete projects and gather input
  10. Submit a report detailing what the Programming Board has accomplished mid-semester and at the conclusion of each semester
- C. The Sustainability Liaison shall:
1. Be present at all Senate, Executive Board, and Sustainability Committee meetings
  2. Serve as the head of the Sustainability Committee
- D. The Women Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC) Liaison Shall
1. Be present at all Senate and WGRAC staff meetings
  2. Maintain communication between SGA and WGRAC
  3. Give updates to SGA on WGRAC updates
  4. Give updates to WGRAC on SGA updates

## Article VII: Standing Committees

### Section 1. Academic Affairs Committee

- A. The purpose of the Academic Affairs Committee shall be to:
1. Meet weekly to discuss its course of action and to gather input regarding the Committee's activities
  2. Communicate regularly with the Office of the Dean of the Faculty, other members of the faculty, administration, and other relevant members of the Trinity College community regarding student perspectives on academic policies
  3. Honor student achievement
  4. Propose new academic policies or changes reflecting student interests



5. Provide suggestions for action and programming pertaining to academic departments' activities
  6. Host regular academic events on-campus
- B. The Academic Affairs Committee shall consist of:
1. The Academic Affairs Chair
  2. 3 (3) representatives from the Senate

Section 2. Budget Committee

- A. The purpose of the Budget Committee shall be to:
1. Meet weekly to discuss funding requests from students and student organizations, to discuss its course of action, and to gather input regarding the Committee's activities
  2. Oversee the distribution of the Student Activities Fee (SAF) allocated to the SGA to fund SGA-approved student organizations, trips, conferences, etc. as outlined by the Budget Committee's bylaws
  3. Discuss and create new policies for the SAF and allocations from the Budget Committee yearly allocation.
  4. Guide students and student organizations through the budgeting process, such as requesting funds, creating proposals, funding appeals, and efficient budgeting
  5. Ensure confidentiality among its membership regarding financial and allocation decisions
    - a. These meetings will be closed so that committee members can be open regarding opinions and experiences.
  6. Collaborate with the Senate and the Inter-Organizational Council to ensure student interests are reflected in the SGA's financial matters
  7. Be fiscally responsible in the distribution of the Student Activities Fee (SAF) allocated to the SGA at the beginning of the year.
- B. The Budget Committee shall consist of:
1. The VP of Finance
  2. The four (4) Class Representatives
  3. The IDP representative.
  4. Nine (9) at-large representatives from each undergraduate class

Section 3. Class Councils

- A. The purpose of the Class Councils shall be to:
1. Plan and execute class-specific programming
    - a. The Senior Class Council shall be responsible for planning and executing Senior Snowball, and Senior Week activities
  2. Promote school spirit and camaraderie
  3. Hold at least one (1) class-specific program per semester

4. Provide a forum in Class Council meetings for students in each class to voice their concerns
- B. The Class Councils shall consist of:
1. The Class President
  2. Four (4) Class Representatives, as elected by the Student Body
  3. Non-SGA students from the class, acting as non-voting members
- C. The IDP Council shall consist of:
1. Two (2) IDP representatives
  2. Non-SGA IDP students

Section 4. Communications Committee

- A. The purpose of the Communications Committee shall be to:
1. Meet weekly to discuss its course of action and to gather input regarding the Committee's activities
  2. Communicate regularly with the Office of Communications
  3. Ensure the SGA and Student Body are well-connected
  4. Oversee the exchange of information between the SGA and the Student Body
  5. Manage the SGA's communication outlets such as the website, social media platforms, emails, SGA app, and postings regarding all SGA matters
  6. Provide an open forum, physical and/or virtual, for students to express their views
  7. Poll the Student Body on relevant issues
  8. Handle all publicity matters for the SGA
- B. The Communications Committee shall consist of:
1. The VP of Communications
  2. Five (5) representatives from the Senate

Section 5. Multicultural Affairs Council

- A. The purpose of the Multicultural Affairs Council shall be to:
1. Meet weekly to ensure cross-cultural collaboration, ensure each organization has the resources it needs to operate, and to gather input
  2. Communicate regularly with the Office of Multicultural Affairs
  3. Encourage and develop regular cross-cultural programming
  4. Raise awareness regarding multicultural issues on-campus
  5. Work with student organizations to bridge racial, gender, ethnic, religious, and other social divides on-campus
  6. Promote respect and diversity on-campus
- B. The Multicultural Affairs Council shall consist of:
1. VP of Multicultural Affairs Council
  2. Steering Board, which exists to function as the official Multicultural Affairs Council body for delegation.

3. One (1) student leader from each cultural, themed, and other student organizations funded by the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Section 6. Programming Board

- A. The purpose of the Programming Board shall be to:
  1. Meet weekly to plan and execute school-wide programming
  2. Communicate regularly with the Office of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership
  3. Promote school spirit and camaraderie
  4. Gather input from the Senate regarding programming
  5. Ensure school-wide programming is diverse and engages the entire campus community
  6. Ensure confidentiality among its membership regarding the planning and execution of events
  7. Have a rotating membership such that no student organizations are represented in consecutive years

Section 8. Sustainability Committee

- A. The purpose of the Sustainability Committee shall be to:
  - a. Meet bi-weekly to discuss Sustainability at Trinity College
  - b. Make actionable changes towards sustainability on Trinity's campus and to complete goals related to these efforts
  - c. Composed of SGA members and is open to the student body
  - d. Aims to support the Summit Sustainability Committee as well as the Faculty's goals of making Trinity a greener college

Section 9. Student Life Committee

- A. The purpose of the Student Life Committee shall be to: The Constitution of the Trinity College Student Government Association (SGA).
  1. Meet weekly to discuss student concerns about student life and to develop a course of action regarding those concerns
  2. Communicate regularly with the Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership.
  3. Advocate and act on student interests
  4. Oversee student-to-student interactions regarding racism, sexism, homophobia, sexual assault, religion, etc., collaborating with the Multicultural Affairs Council
  5. The Student Life Committee shall consist of:
    - i. The Internally Elected Student Life Chair.

- ii. Five (5) representatives from the Senate.

Section 9. The Housing Committee

1. Shall operate during the spring semester of each academic year
2. Shall consist of the Student Life Committee and members from the Office of Residential Life
3. Shall oversee the housing lottery process
4. Shall determine lottery numbers by determining the ratings of various on-campus dormitories
5. Shall oversee housing appeals from the Student Body
6. Shall organize the day-of system for the housing lottery process

Section 10 Student Organization Oversight Committee

The Student Organization Oversight Committee has the following responsibilities:

A. To develop criteria and guidelines for the recognition of student organizations at Trinity. The criteria and guidelines must be approved by the Dean of Students office, SAIL, and SGA. The criteria and guidelines shall be reviewed annually and shared with the student body.

a. Criteria as of October 2019 includes:

1. Submission of a completed proposal packet to the S.A.I.L. Office
2. Confirmation that there is not an existing organization on campus
3. Confirmation that the group agrees to abide by the non-discrimination policy set forth by the college.
4. Consideration given to funding aspects of the organization. Does the group receive external funding? Will they require funds from the SAF?

B. To approve or deny applications from students seeking to form a new student led organization.

a. Approval - Club proposal advances to Senate for recognition decision

b. Denial - the SOOC will provide the reason for the denial of recognition. In some cases, groups will be granted the opportunity to make corrections in their proposal and resubmit. Group will be limited to ONE re-submittal per semester.

C. To periodically correspond with organizations about club-related activities/requirements in partnership with S.A.I.L. (re-registering in the fall semester, updating rosters on Bantam Link, etc.)

D. Hold organizations accountable to the requirements/expectations set forth by the SGA and the College.

E. To request a formal disciplinary review by the College if there is good reason to believe that a student organization has potentially violated College policy. This process is outlined in the Student Handbook. The SOOC will be given a report of a disciplinary decision involving a student organization following the completion of the disciplinary process.

F. Please note: SOOC does not have oversight for Greek Letter Organizations. Greek Letter Organizations are supervised by the Director of Campus Life Initiatives. A separate policy exists to recognize Greek Letter Organizations at Trinity. The SOOC also does not have oversight over student organizations affiliated with campus departments/academic departments.

#### Section 11. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Ad hoc committees shall be created by the President as deemed necessary, upon approval by the Senate
- B. Ad hoc committees shall dissolve once the task(s) for which they were created have been completed
- C. The Housing Committee
  - 7. Shall operate during the spring semester of each academic year
  - 8. Shall consist of the Student Life Committee and members from the Office of Residential Life
  - 9. Shall oversee the housing lottery process
  - 10. Shall determine lottery numbers by determining the ratings of various on-campus dormitories
  - 11. Shall oversee housing appeals from the Student Body
  - 12. Shall organize the day-of system for the housing lottery process
- D. The Elections Committee
  - 1. Shall operate during the election seasons of each academic year, which are at the beginning of the fall semester for first-years, mid-year to fill any vacancies, and at the end of the academic year
  - 2. Shall consist of the senior members of the Senate and Executive Board for that academic year
  - 3. Shall organize and execute student elections for the following academic year, which entails:
    - a. Collaborating with the Office of Student Activities, Involvement, & Leadership to set up the elections process
    - b. Determining and publicizing the guidelines for elections
    - c. Publicizing the eligibility requirements for candidates
    - d. Overseeing the publicity for elections by candidates

- e. Ensuring elections occur properly and efficiently
- f. Releasing election results

## Article VIII: The Judicial Commission

### Section 1. Purpose

- A. The Commission will meet as needed to fulfill its purposes as outlined below
- B. The purpose of the Judicial Commission shall be to safeguard the rules and procedures of SGA, by:

- 1. Consulting with the Parliamentarian as needed to make appropriate, non-binding opinions on SGA procedures
- 2. When requested by an SGA member and following a full meeting of the Commission, offering binding opinions on the interpretation of the SGA Constitution and other rules and procedures
- 3. Making recommendations from time to time regarding potential revisions of the Constitution and other rules and procedures, which shall be given to the Constitutional Revisions Committee

### Section 2. Structure

- A. The members of the Judicial Commission shall be
  - 1. The Parliamentarian, who shall also be *ex officio* chair
  - 2. Two (2) voting SGA members elected by the Executive Board
  - 3. Two (2) voting SGA members elected by the Senate
    - I. The duration of these terms will be the duration of the academic year to which they are appointed in
- B. Every member of the Commission as above-referenced shall have one (1) vote in issuing a nonbonding or binding decision
- C. A binding decision requires a majority of members to affix their signature to the decision, indicating their respective support for it

## Article IX: Elections

Section 1. Elections shall occur in the Spring of each academic year to elect representatives to the SGA Executive Board and Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Presidents.

Section 2. Elections shall occur in September of each academic year for first-years and class senators

Section 5. Eligibility Requirements

- A. Certain Executive Board positions shall require at least one (1) year of SGA experience to run.
  - 1. The position of President shall require at least one (1) full year of experience in the SGA
  - 2. The position of Vice President of Finance requires one year of experience in Budget Committee, and the position of Vice President of Multicultural Affairs Council requires one year of experience on the Multicultural Affairs Council
  - 3. VP of EAC Barnyard, Greek Life Affairs Chair, SAAC Chair will be elected internally by the student organizations involved.
- B. Students may only run for one SGA position per voting session.
- C. Students who are planning to go abroad during one of the semesters of the upcoming academic year must run with a running mate who will be present for the semester that they will be absent.

Section 6. Voting

- A. The following positions shall be elected by the Student Body in April of each academic year:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice President
  - 3. VP of Finance
  - 4. VP of Communication
  - 5. VP of Multicultural Affairs Committee
  
  - 6. Class Presidents
- B. The Class Presidents shall be elected by their class year in April of each academic year.
  - D. The Finance Secretary shall be internally elected by the Budget Committee in April of each academic year.
  - E. The Class Senators and First Year Class President will be elected in September of each academic year. The Student Body will be able to vote for 4 Senators each.

Section 7. Method of Voting

- A. Executive Board positions, and Class Presidents shall be elected via a ranked choice ballot
  - a. Students shall rank their choice of candidates in order from most favorable to least
  - b. To win a candidate needs half plus one of the total votes

Section 8. Special Elections

- A. Once an office is deemed vacant, and the next regular election is at least 15 days away, then a special election shall be called.
- B. The voting members of the SGA will decide the style of ballot for the special election.

## Article X: Voting Powers

- Section 1. Each representative in the Senate shall have one (1) vote
- Section 2. Each member of the Executive Board, excluding the President shall have one (1) vote
- Section 3. The President shall only vote in the event of a tie
- Section 4. Liaisons do not have the right to vote.
- Section 6. SGA will reserve the right to have a closed vote. Any member of the Senate or Executive board may make a motion to have a closed vote. If this motion is seconded, SGA may conduct an informal simple majority vote to close the vote in question.
- Section 7. All votes will allow the options of “Yes”, “No”, and “Abstain”. In order for the vote to count, two thirds of voting members must participate.

## Article XI: Attendance Policy

- Section 1. The SGA shall implement a three-strike policy on a per semester basis
- Section 2. Excused and unexcused absences for all Senate, Executive Board, Class Council, and Committee meetings shall be treated in the same manner
- Section 3. After a second absence, SGA members shall receive a written warning from the Vice President, also notifying the President, Vice President, necessary Chair(s), and the Director of S.A.I.L.
- Section 4. After a third absence, SGA members shall be temporarily suspended from all SGA activities
- Section 5. If members are terminated due to failure in attendance within the first semester, a replacement will be formally elected by the student body for the following semester.

## Article XII: Vote of Confidence

- Section 1. The vote of confidence allows the Senate and/or Committee members to affirm or deny support for the members of the Executive Board for the remainder of the academic year



- Section 2. The vote of confidence shall occur at the last meeting of the fall semester, via a secret ballot for each Executive Board position within the Senate or within the Chairs' respective Committees
- Section 3. The vote of confidence shall be conducted by the Senior Class President for all Executive Board positions
- Section 4. The vote of confidence shall occur within the Senate for the President, Vice President, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Multicultural Affairs Council
- Section 5. The vote of confidence shall occur within their respective Committees for the Chairs
- Section 6. If the vote of confidence is not conducted at the last meeting of the fall semester, then no business of the SGA shall resume for the spring semester until such a vote is conducted, which includes suspending all accounts related to the SGA, no SGA meetings, no voting on resolutions, etc.
- Section 7. The results of the vote of confidence shall be recorded and archived by the Vice President
- Section 8. The results of the vote of confidence for the Chairs shall be distributed to the President, and Vice President including feedback from the Committees about the Chairs' activities
- Section 9. In the event that a Committee denies support for a Chair or the Senate denies support for the President, Vice President, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Multicultural Affairs Council, a Judicial Committee shall form to investigate the matter and the judicial procedures shall proceed
- Section 10. Any SGA member may bring forward a Vote of Confidence and must provide just reasoning and recorded Misconduct of the position in question. After deliberation, an absolute majority vote via a secret ballot is required to remove the position from office.

### Article XIII: Resolutions and Amendments to the Constitution

- Section 1. The Senate shall have the power to review, amend, or create a new constitution when the Senate agrees by two-thirds (2/3) majority that the existing document is no longer sufficient in providing for the general welfare of the Trinity College student body. All amendments made to this constitution or the proposal of a new constitution shall be presented, in writing, to the Executive Board no less than one (1) week prior to the consideration of the proposed amendment or new constitution in the Senate.
- Section 2. A resolution/referendum shall be presented to the Senate at least one (1) week prior to the Senate's vote on such legislation

- Section 3. Resolutions shall require a simple majority vote of the senate to pass
- Section 4. Referendums shall require a  $2/3$  vote in favor of the referendum by the Voting Members of the SGA and a majority vote of the voting student body
- Section 5. Amendments to the constitution require a  $2/3$  vote in favor of the amendments by voting members of the SGA and a majority vote of the voting student body
- Section 6. In person and electronically, two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the voting membership of the SGA shall constitute a quorum

#### Article XIV: Bylaws, and Amendments to Standing Bylaws

- Section 1. Bylaws shall require a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) vote by voting members of the SGA to pass
- Section 2. Bylaws shall be presented to the SGA executive board at least one (1) week prior to the SGA's vote on said bylaws
- A. A resolution proposed by a student outside SGA shall be cosponsored by at least one (1) member of the Senate

#### Article XV: Referendums to the Constitution

- Section 1. A Referendum shall be presented to the SGA Executive Board at least one (1) week prior to the Senate's vote on such legislation
- Section 2. Resolutions shall require a simple majority vote of the voting members of the SGA to pass
- Section 3. Referendums shall require a  $2/3$  vote of the voting members of the SGA to be presented to the student body
- Section 4. Referendums shall require a  $2/3$  vote in favor of the referendum by the voting members of the SGA and a majority vote of the voting student body in order to pass

#### Article XVI: Line of Succession

- Section 1. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the powers of the President if the Vice President agrees, and the Vice President of Communications agrees, they shall assume the powers of the Vice President.

Section 2. Any member of SGA may recuse themselves from a discussion or vote if there is a conflict of interest. If a member of the SGA believes another member should recuse themselves, this concern may be brought to a member of the Executive Board, who will contact the member in question and bring the concern forward to the Senate and the rest of the Executive Board.